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INTERPRETATION BY EXAMPLE

On April 14, the Los Angeles Daily Journal published an article written by Richard Kellner and Jon Atabek entitled "Interpretation by Example." The article focused on the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in FCC v. AT&T. The decision involved a corporate defendant that had argued that it deserved "personal privacy" based on the individual definitions of those words. The Supreme Court disagreed and decided that corporations can not claim the privilege of personal privacy.

"The Court reminds us that we should exercise some caution when parsing out language because the technician often loses sight of the true operation of the words," Kellner and Atabek wrote. "Indeed, as the Court notes, sometimes phrases themselves have independent meaning that are not amenable to parsing."