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Law360 Pro Say: High Court Surprises On DACA, LGBT Rights

Law360 (June 19, 2020, 8:16 PM EDT) -- The U.S. Supreme Court issued two big rulings this week, first handing down a landmark opinion protecting LGBTQ workers' rights, and then blocking the Trump administration from rolling back protections for young immigrants.

On this week's episode of Pro Say we're breaking down both, including an interview with former employment watchdog Chai R. Feldblum about the long-awaited Title VII decision.

Each week on Pro Say, Law360 staffers Amber McKinney, Bill Donahue and Alex Lawson bring you inside the newsroom and explain what you need to know about key legal developments.

Gay and transgender workers won a long-fought battle on Monday after a 6-3 Supreme Court majority led by Justice Neil Gorsuch decided that Title VII, the federal law banning gender bias, protects workers from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Feldblum, who previously served as a commissioner at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, joins the show to explain how the high court victory for LGBTQ workers came to be and what it means for the workplace moving forward.

The Supreme Court wasn't finished with its bombshell week though. On Thursday morning the justices issued a fractured opinion that, at least for now, preserved protections for hundreds of thousands of young immigrants under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

We dive into how the slim 5-4 majority came to find that the Trump administration's decision to terminate the program was arbitrary and capricious, and how the court left open a door for the administration to redo its reasoning.

Also this week, we talk about a government lawsuit aimed at blocking the release of a book written by former National Security Advisor John Bolton that is critical of the president, but which the administration claims contains classified information.

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