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Landmark Case on Fiduciary Role in 401(k) Plans



On August 16, after a nearly ten year journey through the courts, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California reversed an earlier decision on a landmark case and ruled that plan fiduciaries continue to have responsibility for employee benefit plans (such as 401(k) plans) even after initial investment decisions have been made.

Plan fiduciaries (typically the business or business owner) will now have to spend more time and become more actively involved in the management of investments, including decision making regarding the share class of investments in the portfolio.

This presents a significant challenge to plan fiduciaries, many of whom have traditionally trusted an outside plan advisor or manager to make investment choices. The court's ruling means that plan fiduciaries must remain more fully engaged in investment decisions in order to fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities. Read more here.

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