

## Sales/Use/Indirect:

### California Lower Court Says Streaming Entertainment Companies Don't Owe Local Franchise Fees

*Case No. 21STCV01881*, Cal. Super. Ct., Los Angeles County (9/20/21). In a class action lawsuit filed by a California city against various streaming entertainment companies claiming that they owed local video service provider fees imposed under California's Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act (Act), a California superior court held, among other conclusions, that i) the local video service provider fees imposed by the Act do *not* apply to the streaming companies, and ii) the California localities do *not* have a private right of action under the Act to bring the lawsuit against them. Please contact us with any questions.

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