

out pursuing administrative remedies, a claimant often lacks evidence that a statute has the requisite economic impact on his or her property.<sup>758</sup>

The requirement that state remedies be exhausted before bringing a federal taking claim to federal court has occasioned countless dismissals of takings claims brought initially in federal court, while at the same time posing a bar under doctrines of preclusion to filing first in state court, per *Williamson County*, then relitigating in federal court. The effect in many cases is to keep federal takings claims out of federal court entirely—a consequence the plaintiffs' bar has long argued could not have been intended by the Court. In *San Remo Hotel, L.P. v. City and County of San Francisco*,<sup>759</sup> the Court unanimously declined to create an exception to the federal full faith and credit statute<sup>760</sup> that would allow relitigation of federal takings claims in federal court. Nor, said the Court, may an *England* reservation of the federal taking claim in state court<sup>761</sup> be used to require a federal court to review the reserved claim, regardless of what issues the state court may have decided. While concurring in the judgment, four justices asserted that the state-exhaustion prong of *Williamson County* “may have been mistaken.”<sup>762</sup>

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<sup>758</sup> See, e.g., *Hodel v. Virginia Surface Mining & Recl. Ass'n*, 452 U.S. 264, 295–97 (1981) (facial challenge to surface mining law rejected); *United States v. Riverside Bayview Homes*, 474 U.S. 121, 127 (1985) (mere permit requirement does not itself take property); *Keystone Bituminous Coal Ass'n v. DeBenedictis*, 480 U.S. 470, 493–502 (1987) (facial challenge to anti-subsidence mining law rejected).

<sup>759</sup> 545 U.S. 323 (2005).

<sup>760</sup> 28 U.S.C. § 1738. The statute commands that “judicial proceedings . . . shall have the same full faith and credit in every court within the United States . . . as they have by law or usage in the courts of such State . . . .” The statute has been held to encompass the doctrines of claim and issue preclusion.

<sup>761</sup> See *England v. Louisiana Bd. of Medical Examiners*, 375 U.S. 411 (1964).

<sup>762</sup> *San Remo Hotel*, 545 U.S. at 348 (Chief Justice Rehnquist, and Justices O'Connor, Kennedy, and Thomas).