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1	IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
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3	BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY, :
4	Petitioner : No. 16-466
5	v. :
6	SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, :
7	SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY, ET AL., :
8	Respondents. :
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1	PROCEEDINGS
2	(10:08 a.m.)
3	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: We will hear
4	argument first this morning in Case 16-466,
5	Bristol-Myers Squibb Company v. The Superior Court of
6	California.
7	Mr. Katyal.
8	ORAL ARGUMENT OF NEAL K. KATYAL
9	ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER
10	MR. KATYAL: Thank you, Mr. Chief Justice,
11	and may it please the Court:
12	The California Supreme Court ruled that
13	hundreds of plaintiffs who were not prescribed a drug in
14	California, who did not take it in California, who
15	lacked any injury in California, and who had no other
16	connection to California could sue in California.
17	The court reasoned there was a sliding scale
18	whereby the defendant's other conduct with other
19	Californians could establish specific jurisdiction.
20	Those concepts have some footing in the law, but that
21	footing is limited to general jurisdiction, which is
22	lacking here, and this Court has never permitted
23	specific jurisdiction in such circumstances, which is
24	presumably why Respondents don't bother defending the
25	California Supreme Court.

- 1 Instead, they mint a whole new test, never
- 2 before seen by any court whereby an ad hoc
- 3 reasonableness inquiry with any number of undetermined
- 4 balancing factors will create jurisdiction.
- 5 JUSTICE KENNEDY: You've conceded that
- 6 there's fair play and substantial justice. That almost,
- 7 not quite, perhaps, takes away the due process argument,
- 8 which basically has to be the argument that you're
- 9 making here.
- 10 MR. KATYAL: Justice Kennedy, I don't think
- 11 that's actually what we conceded. What we did say is
- 12 that the reasonability -- reasonableness inquiry is with
- 13 respect to the third kind of safety valve factor. We
- 14 didn't make the argument with respect to the third
- 15 prong, but we absolutely did make the argument that
- 16 jurisdiction here was unreasonable below.
- 17 At pages 4 and 18 in the court of -- in the
- 18 California Supreme Court brief, we made very clear. We
- 19 said it would, quote, "Offend basic notions of
- 20 federalism and fairness" at page 4. At page 18, we
- 21 said, "Instead of achieving jurisdictional fairness,
- 22 their rule would distribute their burden of defending
- 23 mass torts in a lopsided way."
- JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: I'm sorry.
- MR. KATYAL: But we absolutely did.

1 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: How is it 2 unreasonable --3 MR. KATYAL: How to --JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: -- to have -- yes. 4 5 Now, you're not fighting that pending 6 jurisdiction permits a court to take multiple claims of 7 damages nationwide, or even worldwide, and even 8 unrelated causes of action and bring them to a 9 jurisdiction, correct, by one plaintiff? So you're not 10 -- you're not claiming that that offends due process. MR. KATYAL: Pending jurisdiction, at least 11 12 personal jurisdiction, is only applied in some Federal 13 courts by dint of common law. We're absolutely fighting. I mean, it's not the law in any court -- any 14 State court anywhere that pendent personal jurisdiction. 15 16 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: So how do you deal -- so 17 you're saying that pendent jurisdiction for claims that, in some way, are connected violates due process? 18 19 MR. KATYAL: We're saying --20 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Do you go any further? 21 MR. KATYAL: We're saying that there has to 22 be a causation between the underlying cause of action. 2.3 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: With every single individual action. And so you're destroying pendent 24 jurisdiction on every level. 25

- 1 MR. KATYAL: We're not destroying it. There
- 2 is no -- there is no pendent jurisdiction for State
- 3 claims as it exists right now. This Court has said time
- 4 and again, starting with International Shoe, the
- 5 relevant locus of analysis, Justice Sotomayor --
- JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: That's assuming I buy
- 7 your argument.
- 8 MR. KATYAL: -- is always --
- 9 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Let's put it aside.
- 10 MR. KATYAL: But I'm just saying that that
- 11 has been the law, and always is --
- 12 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: But your position right
- 13 now is that in no suit will one court, State court, ever
- 14 be able to hear the entire controversy between a
- 15 plaintiff and a defendant.
- MR. KATYAL: Oh, definitely not. Heavens be
- 17 that is not our position at all, Justice Sotomayor. So,
- 18 for example, every place in which there was general
- 19 jurisdiction, you can have that court hear it --
- JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Only when that's general
- 21 jurisdiction.
- MR. KATYAL: No, not -- again, that's one
- 23 place. So Delaware, for example, here. But there's
- 24 also the ability for specific jurisdiction in places in
- 25 which the underlying activity was launched. So here

- 1 they have --
- 2 JUSTICE GINSBURG: If --
- 3 MR. KATYAL: -- for example, effective
- 4 marketing --
- 5 JUSTICE GINSBURG: If, for example, the
- 6 drugs that -- that everyone bought all over the country
- 7 was manufactured in one place, even though it wasn't
- 8 the -- the place of business or the place of
- 9 incorporation?
- 10 MR. KATYAL: Right. It may be that that's
- 11 enough for specific jurisdiction, depending on what the
- 12 underlying claim is. Exactly, Justice Ginsburg.
- The question here is can they glom on to the
- 14 180 million pills that had -- that Bristol-Myers has
- 15 sold in California? That's the --
- 16 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: What's efficient about
- 17 having piecemeal litigations across the country?
- 18 MR. KATYAL: Well --
- 19 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: For years we've been
- 20 approving pendent jurisdiction, or at least not taking
- 21 any case that disturbed it, and there are cases in which
- 22 we've just assumed it. What's the efficiency there?
- 23 And what's the reasonableness there?
- 24 MR. KATYAL: So -- so first of all, Justice
- 25 Sotomayor, I disagree with the premise. I don't know

- 1 this Court has ever accepted the idea of pendant
- 2 jurisdiction of State court claims that are -- are
- 3 without causality. Indeed, our brief, at pages 19 to
- 4 21, explains every precedent of this Court winds up on
- 5 the causality principle. And your most reason decisions
- 6 in Goodyear and Daimler, I think, make this very clear.
- Now, with respect to the reasonability --
- 8 the efficiency, I think the first thing to say is their
- 9 rule doesn't create any efficiency at all. That is,
- 10 just take a look at the facts of this case. Even after
- 11 the California Supreme Court ruled, you already -- you
- 12 still have action going on in New York, coordinated
- 13 actions, you have law of MDL in New Jersey, and you have
- 14 lawsuits in Delaware. Petition Appendix page 72 says
- 15 before you had lawsuits in Arizona, Illinois, Hawaii --
- 16 JUSTICE KENNEDY: If -- if this suit went
- 17 forward just with the California plaintiffs and
- 18 Bristol-Myers did not prevail, would there be issue
- 19 preclusion in other States, assuming that judgment was
- 20 final?
- 21 MR. KATYAL: I don't think so. And -- and
- 22 our brief -- our reply brief does -- you know, cites a
- 23 bunch of, you know, literature on this that, basically,
- 24 because there's no much divergence in the underlying
- 25 causes of action, collateral estoppel just doesn't work.

- 1 JUSTICE GINSBURG: But if they all -- if
- 2 they -- if they all allege the same basic flaw in the
- 3 drug, the -- the drug was defective but cost, and that's
- 4 determined in suit number 1, I take it that would be
- 5 issue preclusion.
- 6 MR. KATYAL: But the -- the problem is there
- 7 are so many different substantive standards as a matter
- 8 of actual reality as opposed to, you know, kind of a
- 9 theory about deceptive marketing or something. They do
- 10 differ so much from State to State.
- 11 JUSTICE KENNEDY: Well, let's -- let's
- 12 assume that New York and California are basically the
- 13 same, the facts are basically the same. If there's a
- 14 California judgment that's valid, I assume, the
- 15 plaintiff is going to argue for issue preclusion. And
- 16 it -- it seems to me that actually helps you because --
- 17 because it shows that this rule that you're proposing is
- 18 not so inefficient as the Respondent would say.
- 19 MR. KATYAL: Absolutely, Justice Kennedy.
- 20 There's no -- there's no -- you know, we can, of course,
- 21 waive -- waive that and -- and seek collateral estoppel.
- 22 But to go back to --
- JUSTICE KAGAN: Mr. Katyal, could we go back
- 24 to a form of Justice Kennedy's first question, which is,
- 25 just could you explain what defendant's interests are at

- 1 stake here? In other words, you know, usually we've
- 2 looked to fairness for the defendant when we make the
- 3 due process inquiry. So what is the unfairness here,
- 4 given that there is another suit that's going to be
- 5 going forward in California, and what Mr. Goldstein
- 6 wants is just for additional claims of the exact same
- 7 kind to be joined to that suit?
- 8 MR. KATYAL: Exactly. So there's three
- 9 values this Court's isolated: Federalism,
- 10 predictability, and fairness. The fact that we --
- 11 JUSTICE KAGAN: So could we just start with
- 12 the fairness?
- MR. KATYAL: Absolutely. So the fairness
- 14 concern -- and this is going to take me about 45 seconds
- 15 to walk through the lifecycle of --
- JUSTICE KAGAN: You've timed it.
- 17 MR. KATYAL: -- but -- I have.
- 18 (Laughter.)
- 19 MR. KATYAL: And -- but our view is to
- 20 affirm Bristol-Myers in -- to affirm the judgment below
- 21 or to accept his theory is going to be -- you know, be
- 22 complex, it's going to be inefficient and unfair, and do
- 23 something this Court has never blessed before internally
- 24 that Bristol-Myers didn't open itself up to.
- So the first thing that would happen in this

- 1 lawsuit is a determination of choice of laws he
- 2 acknowledges. There are 575 out-of-State plaintiffs
- 3 from 33 States. So the California court's going to have
- 4 to first figure that out.
- 5 Second, it's then going to have to apply
- 6 California procedure to all of these cases, which is
- 7 markedly different than the procedure in the places in
- 8 which Bristol-Myers sold the drugs as to which caused
- 9 the underlying injury.
- 10 So, for example, California has different
- 11 rules about summary judgment. It's really hard to get
- 12 summary judgment, very easy to go to trial. It's
- 13 also -- they don't have a Daubert rule, so they have
- 14 very lenient permissive testimony with respect to
- 15 experts. That isn't something Bristol-Myers bought into
- 16 when they sold, for example, a drug in Ohio to an Ohio
- 17 plaintiff.
- Then you get to the trial. And this is, I
- 19 think, the most important part, because their reply --
- 20 because their brief points it out as, oh, this is
- 21 efficient and it's coordinating all of these actions.
- 22 Take a look at Joint Appendix page 74, which is their
- 23 jury trial demand. This is not one jury trial. They
- 24 are seeking 661 individual jury trials, and in each of
- 25 those jury trials, the court is going to have to

- 1 determine a whole variety of things which are going to
- 2 diverge from case to case; things about different rules
- 3 about -- legally, different States have different rules
- 4 on contributory negligence, they ever different rules on
- 5 the learned intermediary doctrine, which is a critical
- 6 doctrine in failure to warn cases. Some States don't
- 7 have it at all. Others restrict it in all sorts of
- 8 various ways. Could be fact determinations about what
- 9 is specific injury or not. And that is why this
- 10 Court --
- 11 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: I'm sorry. Don't all
- 12 those issues have to be decided in the 600 individual
- 13 cases anyhow?
- MR. KATYAL: Oh, they do.
- JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: The question is what's
- 16 the unfairness of coordinating the common questions in
- 17 one place when there is so much overlap in the essence
- 18 of the claim, which is false marketing?
- 19 MR. KATYAL: So -- so, Justice Sotomayor,
- 20 first of all, I don't think that they would be
- 21 coordinated. They would be decided at individual trial
- 22 by trial. I don't think they would be coordinated. To
- 23 the extent you wanted coordination, the Federal system,
- obviously, has a way to do that from the perspective
- 25 of --

- 1 JUSTICE KAGAN: But it seems you're
- 2 conflating two things, Mr. Katyal. I mean,
- 3 individual -- a lot of individual California claims can
- 4 be joined, and then we can have an argument about what
- 5 should probably be joined and what can go off
- 6 individually. But -- but that's a different question
- 7 than the question in this case, which is, why is it
- 8 unfair to glom on Texas claims and New York claims to
- 9 the California claims, once we already have a mass
- 10 action which will have multiple injury trials?
- 11 MR. KATYAL: So -- and the reasons are both
- 12 procedure and substance. So procedurally, you'll be
- 13 playing by different rules than what the defendant has
- 14 accepted, and this Court's always said, one of the goals
- 15 in specific jurisdiction litigation is to make sure and
- 16 tee up to businesses, particularly small businesses,
- 17 like the Plack brief points out, look, if you are enter
- 18 a jurisdiction, here's what you're going to face. And
- 19 Bristol-Myers doesn't disagree. When they sold the
- 20 180 million pills in California, they opened themselves
- 21 up to the jurisdiction for those pills. The question
- 22 is, can the folks from the 33 other States sue on that?
- 23 And then it does create substantive unfairness for
- 24 different juries. There's all sorts of things that
- 25 happen.

- 1 And if I could, Justice Kagan, just return
- 2 to the first two values. Predictability is really
- 3 important. There are 4 million people who take Plavix
- 4 in -- in America. If you accept their rule, it's not as
- 5 if they have to sue in California. Each of those people
- 6 can sue in any of the 50 States. That's 200 million
- 7 possibilities. That is the --
- 8 JUSTICE KAGAN: But you already know because
- 9 this is a nationwide marketing that you do, nationwide
- 10 drug, you already know that you're subject to
- 11 jurisdiction in any of the 50 States and have to be
- 12 prepared to confront jurisdiction in any of the 50
- 13 States.
- 14 MR. KATYAL: But -- but Justice Kagan,
- 15 critically, we know that we confronted with respect to
- 16 each individual State's procedure and substance. We
- 17 don't accept the idea that plaintiffs can play by least
- 18 common denominator rules and file Ohio claims in
- 19 California or Alaska.
- JUSTICE KAGAN: Well, I guess what I'm
- 21 saying is that I -- the unfairness aspect of this is
- 22 what I really want to drive at, because predictability
- 23 just honestly doesn't seem like what's at issue here
- 24 given that you know it's perfectly predictable to have
- 25 litigation in any of the 50 States.

- 1 So the question is, why is it unfair to have
- 2 more litigation than you would in one of those States
- 3 rather than another?
- 4 MR. KATYAL: Justice Kagan, it's not a
- 5 numbers game. It's not the amount of litigation. It's
- 6 the way in which the litigation unfolds, both
- 7 procedurally and substantively. And this Court's
- 8 specific jurisdiction jurisprudence has always tried to
- 9 say to defendants, look, we want you to know the
- 10 consequences that follow when you enter into a new
- 11 market. And when Bristol-Myers, for example, sells in
- 12 Ohio to an Ohio plaintiff, I don't think they sit there
- 13 and think, oh, that allows me to be sued in California.
- 14 Of course they can be sued in --
- 15 JUSTICE KAGAN: Could you make this as
- 16 concrete as you can for me? And I -- I'm assuming that
- 17 your interests are the flip side to the plaintiffs'
- 18 interests. So why is it that a person would choose to
- 19 sue in California, and why is it that Bristol-Squibb
- does not want more suits than necessary to happen in
- 21 California?
- MR. KATYAL: Well, I suppose one thing, the
- 23 plaintiffs only have one thing to think about, which is
- 24 what's kind of jurisdictionally advantageous for them,
- 25 either procedurally or substantively. You know, for us,

- 1 when we're, for example, thinking about where to
- 2 incorporate and set up our principal place of operations
- 3 in New Jersey. I mean, nobody could say New Jersey is
- 4 kind of a defendant-friendly State. It's done so for
- 5 all sorts of reasons about employment and things like
- 6 that.
- 7 And so I do think this Court has identified
- 8 a concern in this area about forum shopping. We do
- 9 think that concern exist -- exists here. But I think
- 10 that kind of underlying this is a notion about
- 11 predictability and what their rule does, fairness, and
- 12 then federalism, which I'd like to get to, because this
- 13 Court's identified it, starting in World-Wide
- 14 Volkswagen, as a critical thing.
- 15 And the idea that the Ohio plaintiffs -- or
- 16 that the State of Ohio can't adjudicate these cases
- 17 because they're grabbed by California is something,
- 18 again, that this Court hasn't --
- 19 JUSTICE KAGAN: I quess -- I quess I'm --
- 20 I'm feeling a little bit stymied here because I thought
- 21 you were going to come at me with saying, look, the
- 22 juries in California are different or there's punitive
- 23 damages in California when there's not someplace else or
- 24 the substantive rules might be different. And I'm not
- 25 hearing any of that.

- 1 MR. KATYAL: All of the above,
- 2 Justice Kagan. There's a bunch of stuff wrong with this
- 3 rule --
- 4 JUSTICE BREYER: All of those things. Now,
- 5 I'm starting here; this is my problem.
- 6 Before International Shoe, I think basic
- 7 rule with qualifications, et cetera, a State is a
- 8 sovereign and can open its doors to whom it wants. End
- 9 of the matter. No. That isn't quite, but basic rule.
- 10 Now, along comes International Shoe, no, you can't, not
- 11 if it's unfair. Hence the questions.
- Now, if that's what it is, if that's the
- 13 basic way to look at it -- and I hear the answers you've
- 14 given. Many, but not all, of those answers I could, I
- 15 think, have said the same thing in respect to
- 16 multidistrict litigation. And -- and so it sounds to
- 17 me, if I'm right on that -- which I might not be, you'd
- 18 have to say which ones aren't -- that what we need here
- 19 is a rule. We need a panel. We need Congress. We need
- 20 the multidistrict panel. But that isn't the
- 21 Constitution.
- 22 And then what I fear is if we say it's the
- 23 Constitution, what do we do to either the class actions
- 24 or maybe even multidistrict litigation? I think you
- 25 could solve that problem by putting the jurisdiction

- 1 transfer our court. But -- but you see, that's why I
- 2 think, what is it specifically that's special -- sorry,
- 3 but --
- 4 MR. KATYAL: So, Justice Breyer, we -- we
- 5 think you should write an opinion for us that doesn't
- 6 deal with multidistrict litigation or class actions, and
- 7 that's easy to do. The first thing to do is do what
- 8 this Court did in Omni Capital, footnote 5, and say
- 9 Federal is different than States, that the due process
- 10 quaranties apply differently, precisely because --
- 11 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: I have no idea how you
- 12 draw that line.
- MR. KATYAL: Because there's not
- 14 rivalrous --
- 15 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: If it is due process,
- 16 then -- and how do you say that it's not due process
- 17 merely because it's Federal?
- 18 MR. KATYAL: For two reasons: Because it's
- 19 not rivalrous jurisdiction, it's not Ohio versus
- 20 California and every State in between; and because the
- 21 whole question in due process is minimal contacts, and
- 22 people are deemed to have minimal contacts with the
- 23 Federal government as a sovereign. That's why this
- 24 Court has always bracketed --
- 25 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: But that is not a

- 1 Federal claim in -- that is a State law claim that would
- 2 be brought in -- in Federal court.
- 3 MR. KATYAL: But -- but the --
- 4 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Why would due process be
- 5 different?
- 6 MR. KATYAL: The constitutional rule that
- 7 Justice Breyer was asking would apply differently.
- 8 That's why this Court's always reserved it.
- 9 And multidistrict litigation, of course,
- 10 operates very differently. It's only pretrial
- 11 coordination, it's not trial, and so it's a very, very
- 12 different process.
- JUSTICE GINSBURG: But could Congress make
- 14 it for trial? Right now, the multidistrict litigation
- 15 panels is only for pretrial. It can be a trial if
- 16 everyone consents. But absent consent, you have to go
- 17 back to where you began.
- But would there be any constitutional
- 19 impediment to having a multidistrict statute amended so
- 20 that the -- the forum in which the cases are
- 21 consolidated could go on to the merits?
- MR. KATYAL: Justice Ginsburg, I certainly
- 23 think the Court could write an opinion which says that
- 24 that is perfectly permissible and still reject
- 25 Mr. Goldstein's theory 100 percent, which is what this

- 1 Court has done time and again.
 2 May I reserve?
- 3 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you, counsel.
- 4 Ms. Kovner.
- 5 ORAL ARGUMENT OF RACHEL P. KOVNER
- 6 FOR UNITED STATES, AS AMICUS CURIAE,
- 7 SUPPORTING THE PETITIONER
- 8 MS. KOVNER: Mr. Chief Justice, and may it
- 9 please the Court:
- 10 This Court in Goodyear and Daimler rejected
- 11 approaches to general jurisdiction that would allow
- 12 plaintiff in one State to sue a national company for
- 13 product liability in all of the other 49 States, calling
- 14 those approaches exorbitant and unacceptably grasping.
- 15 The California Supreme Court misunderstood this Court's
- 16 decisions when it allowed that same result under the
- 17 label of specific jurisdiction.
- 18 As this Court explained in Goodyear,
- 19 specific jurisdiction lets a State exercise authority
- 20 over activity within its borders, which it has a strong
- 21 interest in controlling. But a State lacks a comparable
- 22 interest in exercising authority over out-of-State
- 23 defendants for entirely out-of-State conduct.
- JUSTICE GINSBURG: But if this were -- if
- 25 this were a case where the nonresident plaintiffs were

- 1 suing Bristol-Myer in California, then everything you
- 2 say follows. But that's -- no one is urging that
- 3 California could assert jurisdiction against
- 4 Bristol-Myers on behalf of out-of State plaintiffs.
- 5 It's -- essential to this case is that there be a case
- 6 of Californians against Bristol-Myers, and this is
- 7 tagged on to it.
- 8 MS. KOVNER: That's right, Your Honor. So I
- 9 agree that the question here is whether the fact that
- 10 the out-of State plaintiffs have joined their claims in
- 11 a single lawsuit with California plaintiffs makes a
- 12 difference. And I don't think that it does, if you
- 13 looked at the interest that the Court has considered in
- 14 its specific and its general jurisdiction decisions.
- 15 Because I don't think that California has a greater
- 16 interest in exercising control over the conduct of
- 17 out-of-State defendants in another State just because
- 18 those claims have been joined with in-State plaintiffs.
- I think the principal reason that
- 20 respondents suggest that California does have that
- 21 interest is an efficiency interest. But this Court has
- 22 defined general jurisdiction in a way that allows
- 23 plaintiffs to bring their suit together in a single
- 24 forum for efficiency purposes --
- 25 JUSTICE GINSBURG: What about McKesson?

- 1 There -- there are two defendants here. McKesson is a
- 2 California corporation or principal place. Is there
- 3 another place where these plaintiffs could sue McKesson
- 4 as well as Bristol-Myers?
- 5 MS. KOVNER: So I think it's not -- it's not
- 6 clear. We agree that personal jurisdiction is defendant
- 7 by defendant. So there may be some cases -- and this
- 8 may be such a case -- in which there's not one place
- 9 where any group of defendants can be joined together.
- 10 We think generally, there will be, because if the
- 11 allegation is that two defendants have engaged in a
- 12 course of conduct together, there's going to be some
- 13 place where those defendants engaged in that course of
- 14 conduct --
- 15 JUSTICE KENNEDY: Could the plaintiffs here
- 16 have filed against McKesson and then, under California
- 17 procedure, added Bristol-Myers as a necessary party?
- 18 MS. KOVNER: I'm not -- I'm not sure as a
- 19 matter of California law. We don't --
- 20 JUSTICE KENNEDY: Assume California law will
- 21 have that. Would that be -- would that be consistent
- 22 with due process?
- 23 MS. KOVNER: No. We don't think that the --
- 24 the procedure that was used would make a difference. We
- 25 think that the problem with McKesson here -- and I think

- 1 page 59A to 60A of the opinion below makes -- makes it
- 2 clear is, is it's not clear what the Respondents are
- 3 alleging that McKesson did. They're not alleging that
- 4 McKesson distributed the drugs that plaintiffs received.
- 5 If McKesson did, then there would obviously be some
- 6 conduct that occurred in California that was connected
- 7 to both plaintiffs that would make a lawsuit --
- 8 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Can we go to the logic
- 9 of your position? Assume a foreign corporation. Under
- 10 your theory, that foreign corporation might be sued in
- 11 the particular State in which an injury occurred. But
- 12 since it has no home State in the United States, that
- 13 means that in that situation, there's no place for
- 14 plaintiffs to come together and sue that person;
- 15 correct?
- 16 MS. KOVNER: I think that it might not be in
- 17 the United States. There will not be a general
- 18 jurisdiction location for international defendants --
- 19 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Products are sold here
- 20 across the United States. All the marketing, everything
- 21 is the same. The theory is the same. But because it's
- 22 a foreign State, there's no one jurisdiction -- a
- 23 foreign company, there's no one jurisdiction in the
- 24 United States now under your theory.
- MS. KOVNER: That's true for some.

- 1 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: There is an amicus brief
- 2 here that talked about all of the criminal laws that
- 3 would be subject to questioning under your theory of --
- 4 of constitutional due process.
- 5 What is your response to them? Is it the
- 6 same as Mr. Katyal's? We'll face that when we get to
- 7 it?
- 8 MS. KOVNER: No. I don't think that the --
- 9 this Court has applied its civil personal jurisdiction
- 10 cases in the same way in a criminal context. The United
- 11 States has a strong sovereign interest in regulating
- 12 certain conduct when it occurs overseas --
- 13 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: If due process says that
- 14 you can't hail someone into a court with which they've
- 15 had no contacts, how do you justify the many criminal
- 16 statutes we have -- RICO, CERCLA, there's a whole bunch
- 17 of them -- that permit the joinder of all of these
- 18 defendants in one indictment?
- MS. KOVNER: Well, Your Honor, if we're
- 20 talking about criminal statutes, these are statutes that
- 21 are based on the idea that this is conduct that
- 22 exercises some --
- 23 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: All of them have a civil
- 24 component.
- 25 MS. KOVNER: Yes. And with respect to the

- 1 civil component, I mean, courts have looked to personal
- 2 jurisdiction considerations. We think if it's a Federal
- 3 statute, the relevant question would be a Fifth
- 4 Amendment analysis. But if you look to the statutes
- 5 that -- that Respondent cites, we're talking about
- 6 statutes that exert some kind of -- that involve conduct
- 7 that exert some kind of effect on US citizens or -- or
- 8 the United States.
- 9 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Counsel, one thing we
- 10 haven't talked about, we've talked a fair amount about
- 11 fairness and predictability, but we haven't talked about
- 12 federalism. I know Mr. Katyal was trying to get to
- 13 that. I was hoping you might just give us a couple of
- 14 words about what implications there are for the
- interests, say, of Ohio in administering its own
- 16 procedures with respect to its own citizens for torts
- 17 that occur in its own State.
- 18 MS. KOVNER: Yes, Your Honor. So going back
- 19 to World-Wide Volkswagen and continuing --
- 20 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Or -- or McIntyre, maybe?
- MS. KOVNER: Yes, and continuing through
- 22 McIntyre, this Court has made clear that specific
- 23 jurisdiction needs to be defined with -- with an eye to
- 24 the view that there are 50 different States, and that
- 25 other States are also going to have an interest in

- 1 adjudicating conduct that occurs within their borders.
- 2 So if specific jurisdiction is defined in a very
- 3 permissive way that allows States that don't have a
- 4 strong interest in regulating the conduct to --
- 5 JUSTICE KAGAN: So who -- which State are we
- 6 worried about here? Are we worried about the
- 7 plaintiff's State, or are we worried about the
- 8 defendant's State?
- 9 MS. KOVNER: I think there are two States
- 10 that have a very strong interest, at least two States
- 11 that have a very strong interest in providing a forum
- 12 for the conduct at issue here. It's States where the
- 13 plaintiffs were injured, and States where the defendants
- 14 are at home, because States have an interest in
- 15 regulating the conduct of their --
- 16 JUSTICE KAGAN: So on the plaintiff's side,
- 17 that seems a pretty attenuated interest, if -- because
- 18 usually when we say that the State has an interest, it's
- 19 in protecting their own citizens and providing their own
- 20 citizens with a forum. But here the citizen has decided
- 21 he doesn't want that protection, he wants to go
- 22 someplace else. It seems, you know, a little bit weak
- 23 to say that the State has a very strong interest in
- 24 protecting its own citizen that doesn't want to be
- 25 there.

- 1 MS. KOVNER: I don't think so at all. I
- 2 think, Your Honor, that the State has a strong interest
- 3 in regulating the conduct that occurs within its
- 4 borders, and defining what's fair with respect to how
- 5 that conduct is adjudicated. That's --
- 6 JUSTICE KENNEDY: And it's also true, it
- 7 would seem to me, that a State A has a very strong
- 8 interest in confining State B to State B's
- 9 territorial --
- 10 MS. KOVNER: That's right, Your Honor.
- 11 JUSTICE KENNEDY: Which doesn't -- that's
- 12 why due process is the same for Federal and State, but
- there's a different set of criteria to which you apply
- 14 it. The States are limited in their jurisdiction to
- 15 nationwide, the Federal government isn't.
- MS. KOVNER: That's right, Your Honor. And
- 17 that's exactly what this Court has already said in
- 18 World-Wide Volkswagen and Nicastro. And we think if the
- 19 Court applies that principle here, it counsels strongly
- 20 against expanding specific jurisdiction to allow States
- 21 to reach claims in which they don't have an interest,
- 22 because it does tend to crowd out the jurisdiction.
- 23 JUSTICE BREYER: So what -- what is your --
- 24 (Laughter.)
- 25 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Justice Brever.

- 1 JUSTICE BREYER: What is your solution to
- 2 mass torts?
- MS. KOVNER: So we think there are a couple
- 4 solutions. Claims like this, which are, I think, mass
- 5 tort claims can be brought in a jurisdiction of general
- 6 jurisdiction. They can also be brought in Federal
- 7 courts and consolidated for schemes like the MDL scheme.
- 8 These are both solutions that provide efficiency. And,
- 9 of course, Congress can step in, if it sees a particular
- 10 kind of mass tort that it doesn't -- that it wants to
- 11 provide an additional forum for. It's done that for
- 12 specific kinds of -- for instance, mass accidents. So
- 13 that's an additional vehicle. There are forums where
- 14 claims like this can be brought efficiently.
- JUSTICE BREYER: How, if it's
- 16 constitutional?
- MS. KOVNER: I'm sorry?
- 18 JUSTICE BREYER: How? How? How can
- 19 Congress step in if it's constitutional?
- 20 MS. KOVNER: Because Congress is acting
- 21 under the Fifth Amendment. And as this Court indicated
- 22 in Nicastro, it's --
- 23 JUSTICE BREYER: Fifth is different from the
- 24 Fourteenth?
- MS. KOVNER: Well, it's the -- it's

- 1 different in the following sense --
- JUSTICE BREYER: Isn't that what you write?
- 3 MS. KOVNER: It's different in the sense
- 4 that the sovereign is different, and so the kind of
- 5 contexts that you're talking about in the Fifth
- 6 Amendment are contexts with the national sovereign. So
- 7 in that case, you would look to, does this company have
- 8 the relevant minimum context to make it fair for the
- 9 national sovereign --
- 10 JUSTICE GINSBURG: So it's context with the
- 11 United States as opposed to an individual State. So if
- 12 we -- if it's a Federal statute, then that -- and not
- 13 hemmed in by State boundaries, it can create a
- 14 nationwide claim.
- MS. KOVNER: That's right, Your Honor, and
- 16 the court -- courts of appeals have agreed on this.
- 17 There are, you know, nationwide service of process
- 18 provisions in which Congress has exercised that kind of
- 19 authority. And there's been no disagreement in the
- 20 court of appeals -- courts of appeals, although this
- 21 Court has reserved the issue itself in Omni. We think
- 22 it's a different sovereign, and so a different kind of
- 23 context that would be --
- JUSTICE ALITO: Could you say how you would
- 25 phrase the rule that you would like us to apply in this

- 1 situation?
- MS. KOVNER: Yes, Your Honor. I think the
- 3 Court could simply say in this case that for purposes of
- 4 specific jurisdiction, when we're talking about conduct
- 5 that arises out of -- takes activity within the forum,
- 6 there has to be something that's connected to the claim,
- 7 some causal connection between the individual claim
- 8 and -- and the forum, the parties in the forum.
- 9 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you, counsel.
- 10 MS. KOVNER: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 11 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Mr. Goldstein.
- 12 ORAL ARGUMENT OF THOMAS C. GOLDSTEIN
- 13 ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENTS
- 14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Chief Justice, and may
- 15 it please the Court:
- 16 We believe that four facts make -- are
- 17 sufficient to establish specific personal jurisdiction
- 18 in this case. If I could just very briefly summarize
- 19 them.
- The first is that the defendant engaged in
- 21 the systematic and continuous exploitation of this
- 22 market, California, the forum, with respect to the
- 23 matter that gave rise to the claim, so the sale of
- 24 Plavix. The second is the case was decided below, and
- 25 certiorari was granted on the understanding that

- 1 litigating here would not place a significant additional
- 2 burden on BMS, it wouldn't be unfair because the claims
- 3 arise not from parallel activity, but the same activity
- 4 by BMS. It's the same legal theory and the same
- 5 operative facts.
- The third is that there is a significant
- 7 governmental interest that is implicated by this case in
- 8 that the courts are able to bring together a large
- 9 volume of litigation that would otherwise be atomized
- 10 across the States.
- 11 And the fourth is that there is what --
- JUSTICE KENNEDY: The States or the State?
- 13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That would be atomized
- 14 across the States.
- My point is that, you know, we have a large
- 16 number of cases about Plavix, and what's happening here
- 17 for the benefit of the States, this is discussed in
- 18 Keeton, is to bring the cases together so that the
- 19 multistate judicial process can operate more
- 20 efficiently.
- 21 JUSTICE GINSBURG: But that's really not
- 22 possible. And it would be ideal if we could get all the
- 23 Plavix plaintiffs together in one forum. We have no way
- 24 of doing that because plaintiffs have many choices. And
- 25 so some individual plaintiffs chose to hook up with the

- 1 California, but there's lots of -- there's one footnote
- 2 that says all the cases, some are multidistrict cases,
- 3 some are multiple plaintiff cases.
- 4 The -- so whatever we rule in -- in this
- 5 case, there's still going to be a lot of -- a lot of
- 6 Plavix litigation spread around the United States.
- 7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yeah, Justice Ginsburg, if I
- 8 can come back that -- in one second, I -- I think it's a
- 9 fair point. I want to give you my sense of why our rule
- 10 is better with respect to that --
- 11 JUSTICE KENNEDY: And could we have the
- 12 fourth of -- I interrupted --
- 13 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yeah, exactly right. That's
- 14 why I just --
- 15 JUSTICE KENNEDY: I interrupted you at
- 16 first --
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: No, no --
- 18 JUSTICE KENNEDY: But what was the fourth?
- 19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right. The fourth is that
- 20 this case has what Justice Breyer, in Nicastro, talked
- 21 about as a special feature, and that's McKesson. What
- 22 we have here is Bristol-Myers' decision to contract with
- 23 a California company to distribute this drug nationally.
- 24 McKesson distributed 700,000 pills of Plavix outside
- 25 California a week, and we think that's quite significant

- 1 for multiple reasons. It is a choice by BMS, a contact
- 2 that involves California in the nationwide distribution.
- 3 In addition --
- 4 JUSTICE KAGAN: But not necessarily to all
- 5 the plaintiffs here.
- 6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. A -- a couple things
- 7 about that. It is impossible to trace a particular pill
- 8 to a particular person, because what happens is you're
- 9 admitted to a hospital, you're given Plavix, you then go
- 10 see your doctor who gives you a sample, and then
- 11 prescribes it to you, and then you may be in an assisted
- 12 living facility. It's not possible for us to track
- 13 particularly to McKesson.
- My point is simply is that they made a
- 15 choice to contract with a major national distributor of
- 16 the drug located in California, and that has a
- 17 significant point for California-specific interests in
- 18 this litigation.
- 19 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Counsel, I -- I
- 20 think Justice Ginsburg's question is still pending.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Excellent. Thank you.
- 22 And, Justice Ginsburg, you're quite right
- 23 that we don't have a perfect solution, but what we can
- 24 do is aid the States' judicial systems by allowing the
- 25 litigation to be centralized. You just compare our rule

- 1 with theirs. The upshot of their rule, precisely
- 2 because in multi-defendant mass tort actions, you don't
- 3 have a common general jurisdiction, is that there's
- 4 going to be a bunch of litigation in Ohio and Nevada and
- 5 Texas and --
- JUSTICE KENNEDY: But that's a very
- 7 patronizing view of federalism. California will tell
- 8 Ohio, oh, don't worry, Ohio, we'll take care of you.
- 9 That's not -- that's -- that's not the idea of the
- 10 Federal system. The Federal system says that States are
- 11 limited.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Sir, let me just analogize
- 13 this case to Keeton, if I might, because there you have
- 14 a very similar situation. And that is, you have the New
- 15 Hampshire State courts -- or a New Hampshire court, and
- 16 it is adjudicating a claim --
- 17 JUSTICE KENNEDY: There was an injury in New
- 18 Hampshire to that plaintiff.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's --
- JUSTICE KENNEDY: And that's not present
- 21 here.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: That is absolutely correct.
- 23 But what the Court said was that that wasn't the special
- 24 feature of it, and that was that that claim would
- otherwise be litigated in the 50 States, and that the

- 1 States had an interest in centralizing it.
- 2 If I could just make the final point about
- 3 McKesson --
- 4 JUSTICE GINSBURG: That's peculiar to -- to
- 5 libel claims.
- JUSTICE KENNEDY: Right.
- JUSTICE GINSBURG: I mean, they -- what are
- 8 they called, the single --
- 9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Publication.
- 10 JUSTICE KENNEDY: Single publication.
- 11 JUSTICE GINSBURG: Yes, yes.
- 12 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Exactly. And -- and
- 13 that -- that's why, I mean, you've cited Keeton twice,
- 14 it's cited innumerable times in your brief. It is
- 15 completely sui generis in that respect.
- I -- it involved the single publication
- 17 rule, and what that is, it says, this is a restatement,
- 18 as to any single publication, only one action for
- 19 damages can be maintained. All damages suffered in all
- 20 jurisdictions can be recovered in that one action and a
- 21 judgment for or against the plaintiff upon the merits of
- 22 that bars any other action.
- 23 It's a very, very unique situation that --
- 24 that, you know, maps on a position you want to apply
- 25 generally. And -- and it seems to me that that's a real

- 1 overuse of -- of Keeton.
- 2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. If I could just give
- 3 you my thoughts about that.
- 4 It has never been cited subsequently by --
- 5 the Court has cited Keeton multiple times, never limited
- 6 in that sense. And though the single publication rule
- 7 exists in most, not all, States, remember Keeton quite
- 8 clearly says it doesn't exist in every State, but all of
- 9 the claims are allowed in New Hampshire, but it still
- 10 has to be constitutional, is my point. And that is, the
- 11 States can make whatever decisions they like, but Keeton
- 12 makes quite clear that each publication is a separate
- 13 libel, each arises under each individual State's laws.
- 14 My general point is that there are two
- 15 federalism interests here. I quite take the point that
- 16 California doesn't have an interest in adjudicating
- 17 Ohio's claim, and it is territorially limited.
- On the other hand, the Court has recognized
- 19 in cases like Keeton that the States do have an interest
- 20 in trying to make this simpler, not more complicated.
- 21 JUSTICE KAGAN: Well, how about the interest
- 22 of the State that Bristol-Myers resides in? In other
- 23 words, they might have an interest in not having their
- 24 citizens hailed into court against their will in another
- 25 part of the country.

- 1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yeah. I don't think that
- 2 can be right. And I would point out that Mr. Katyal and
- 3 the United States agree that specific personal
- 4 jurisdiction outside the home forum is entirely
- 5 appropriate here. They just want it to be in
- 6 New Jersey.
- 7 I don't understand how any of their
- 8 arguments map onto the concession that a New Jersey
- 9 State court, which is not their home State, could
- 10 adjudicate the claims from Ohio, Nevada, and Texas, just
- 11 like California here, when all of the same things are
- 12 true. That State is adjudicating a claim from another
- 13 place.
- If I could just make the final --
- 15 JUSTICE BREYER: The obvious is that this is
- 16 your home State.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: It isn't, though.
- 18 JUSTICE BREYER: But let's imagine it's a
- 19 home or whatever, and you say that a business is in that
- 20 State. You make it -- you -- you do business here, you
- 21 make things here. I don't care if you're home or not.
- 22 Make things here, do business here, incorporate here.
- Now, you can be sued in any State still,
- 24 under special jurisdiction, where you cause harm, but
- you can't be sued in States where you didn't. Now,

- 1 that, I think, is what -- I think that's what they're
- 2 saying is the special federalism interest of either the
- 3 home State or the State where they did the
- 4 manufacturing, or the State where they, you know,
- 5 whatever the other one is where you count as a home
- 6 State. That does sound special.
- 7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, all I can say is that
- 8 in New -- the example of New Jersey and specific
- 9 jurisdiction, they would be adjudicating the claim of
- 10 somebody who was harmed in Ohio, even though it's not
- 11 their home.
- But I did really want to focus on the -- the
- 13 special interest that California has here because of the
- 14 role of McKesson. You know, the Court is involved in --
- 15 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Well, but, Mr. Goldstein,
- 16 that's a very fact-specific argument. And we took this,
- 17 I thought, to decide the legal question whether we have
- 18 some sort of causation requirement or permit this
- 19 sliding scale business that California engages in, as a
- 20 legal matter. And on that, I just wonder if -- if we
- 21 move to this all-things-considered approach, are we
- 22 collapsing what had been previously two separate due
- 23 process inquiries, one was purposeful availment, and the
- 24 other was fundamental fairness. And as I hear it,
- 25 really, it all just boils down to fundamental fairness.

- 1 And as Judge Silverman said, a length of the
- 2 chancellor's foot.
- 3 So I'm just wondering what happens
- 4 doctrinally to the first test? Does it have any bite?
- 5 And if it doesn't, does that suggest some problem
- 6 doctrinally, formally, with your position?
- 7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: If I could give you a
- 8 narrower answer and then a bigger picture answer.
- 9 The -- the narrow answer is that our view of
- 10 the relatedness inquiry that is articulated in
- 11 International Shoe does require that they engage in what
- 12 Keeton and International Shoe refer to as the continuous
- 13 and systematic exploitation of the market. That's a
- 14 contact. And the relationship has to be that it is the
- 15 same claim on the same operative facts.
- There's no general --
- 17 JUSTICE KAGAN: But that's like saying,
- 18 Mr. Goldstein, that the claim relates to another claim
- 19 that relates to contacts with the forum. I mean, I
- 20 guess I'm -- I'm missing what the relationship is
- 21 between an Ohio plaintiff's claim and the defendant's
- 22 contacts with the forum that doesn't go through another
- 23 claim.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, here is how we
- 25 understand that it would operate, and that is, the

- 1 California court is providing a forum to adjudicate a
- 2 claim about the lawfulness of BMS's design and
- 3 manufacturing and distribution of this drug Plavix.
- 4 That is activity that didn't occur in California. Okay?
- 5 That is activity that they quite clearly say happened in
- 6 New Jersey.
- 7 So the California court is going to make an
- 8 adjudication of that. Our point is simply that when the
- 9 California court has the unquestioned power to determine
- 10 under a legal standard that that was lawful and a set of
- 11 facts, it's not limited --
- 12 JUSTICE KAGAN: No, I understand that that's
- 13 your point. But I guess what I've always thought that
- 14 our personal jurisdiction cases require is somebody to
- 15 state in -- state something like this: The plaintiff's
- 16 claim relates to or arises out of the defendant's
- 17 contacts with the forum State. So here, Bristol-Myers'
- 18 contacts with California. And I just want you to tell
- 19 me how an Ohio plaintiff's claim arises out of or
- 20 relates to the defendant's contacts with California.
- 21 Just it -- it does because why?
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: It does because the relevant
- 23 contact is the nationwide activity. That has to be
- 24 correct, by the way, because just take a company that is
- 25 trying to exploit -- it manufactures something in

- 1 New Jersey, hands it off to a distributor, knowing that
- 2 the distributor will exploit the California market.
- 3 The only thing the defendant does is do
- 4 something in New Jersey, right? It's not activity in
- 5 California that gives rise to specific jurisdiction.
- 6 The California court's jurisdiction attaches to the
- 7 activity outside. It's the same conduct. It is not --
- 8 JUSTICE KAGAN: Let me see if I understand
- 9 that, because you're saying -- usually we say how does
- 10 the claim relate to the contacts in a particular State,
- 11 say in California. Here we can't answer that question,
- 12 really. So we say now the contacts in California are
- 13 nationwide contacts, and the plaintiff's claim relates
- 14 to those nationwide contacts.
- 15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It arises from those same
- 16 nationwide contacts. But I have a second answer --
- 17 JUSTICE KAGAN: Those nationwide contacts
- 18 being a nationwide advertising campaign, a nationwide
- 19 marketing campaign, and so forth.
- 20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right. Exactly. But I have
- 21 a second answer, and that is, there is a critical
- 22 additional contact here that gives rise to a very
- 23 significant interest of California.
- And understanding, Justice Gorsuch, there's
- 25 a big picture question about the standard, but then we

- 1 do have a set of facts here. The California court did
- 2 draw on McKesson's role. It can't just be taken away
- 3 from us, and it would be very confusing to the lower
- 4 courts to simply cast it aside. And that is, California
- 5 has a very significant interest --
- JUSTICE GORSUCH: What's confusing, though,
- 7 about simply saying here's the correct test, reverse,
- 8 remand, go apply the correct test?
- 9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, you're going to have
- 10 to say something about McKesson is all I'm saying.
- 11 The -- the other side really wants to put it entirely to
- 12 the side. And there have been a lot of important
- 13 questions here about the interests of California. And I
- 14 just don't think you can get rid of BMS's most
- 15 significant contacts with California and say that it's
- 16 irrelevant here. And that is, California has a very
- 17 significant interest in providing a complete
- 18 adjudication of this claim, and so do all of the States.
- 19 The problem in mass torts is that you can
- 20 have multi-defendant actions, and you're going to
- 21 require that they be litigated multiple times so that --
- JUSTICE GINSBURG: Could one of these
- 23 Plavix -- could the Plavix claim have been brought as a
- 24 class action?
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: The Plavix claim could

- 1 have -- it depends on who we're talking about, but yes,
- 2 there could have been a class action. And I take the --
- 3 the necessary implication.
- 4 JUSTICE GINSBURG: And where -- if -- if so,
- 5 where could it be brought?
- 6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: The -- it could be
- 7 brought -- depending on whether you think McKesson plays
- 8 a significant role, it would have been brought, I think,
- 9 in California is the place where the class action would
- 10 have been brought. I will -- can I just bracket one
- 11 important thing for you to realize about all of this
- 12 litigation, Justice Ginsburg? It will illustrate, I
- 13 think, how the States do work together.
- 14 You mentioned all of the cases are out
- 15 there, and Mr. Katyal has stressed that. He just
- 16 doesn't mention that there is a special master that --
- 17 who is responsible for disputes relating to all of the
- 18 litigation all around the country, both Federal and
- 19 State. There is a great deal of collaboration here.
- Now, my point about --
- JUSTICE GINSBURG: Special master is where?
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: In New York. It's by
- 23 agreement of the parties. And if there's -- there's --
- 24 discovery is handled through all of the cases in all
- 25 the --

1 JUSTICE KENNEDY: In the State court or the 2 Southern District? 3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It is -- I think it's --JUSTICE KENNEDY: Is it a Federal or State 4 5 master? 6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I don't think it is actually 7 regarded that way. It's probably best regarded as 8 Federal, but it's -- it's a person who resolves by 9 agreement all of the discovery disputes, for example, 10 across all of the litigation. The United States has a 11 discussion of this in its brief about how this is 12 relatively common. 13 But the important thing about McKesson's 14 role in the case is that California does have a significant interest in providing a single forum where 15 this case against McKesson can be resolved, because look 16 17 at the dilemma to McKesson. If McKesson loses the case -- remember, the out-of-State plaintiffs 18 19 unquestionably can sue McKesson in California. If they 20 win against McKesson, what is McKesson supposed to do? 21 It is going to have to go litigate against Bristol-Myers 22 somewhere else and try and get indemnification --2.3 JUSTICE BREYER: Why isn't the answer to this, to my question, your question, which you raise a 24

lot, this is going to be a terrible problem for mass

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- 1 torts. Answer: Bring your case in Federal court. Now
- 2 why couldn't these 572 or whatever people bring their
- 3 cases in Federal court?
- 4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, I -- it would depend
- 5 on things --
- 6 JUSTICE BREYER: Not all can. Not all can.
- 7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right.
- 8 JUSTICE BREYER: But -- but a very large --
- 9 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right.
- 10 JUSTICE BREYER: -- number. And then that
- 11 very large number is no problem. They bring the case in
- 12 the place where there is jurisdiction, it's consolidated
- in a multidistrict panel, and the multidistrict panel
- 14 sends it to that venue for trial, which is convenient
- 15 for all.
- Now, what they'll say, yeah, I'll agree with
- 17 that. And then they'll say, the solution to this great
- 18 mass tort problem is that's what Federal courts are for.
- 19 It doesn't work perfectly, but neither does -- does
- 20 yours work perfectly.
- 21 JUSTICE GINSBURG: Here that's not
- 22 possible --
- 23 JUSTICE BREYER: So what is the response to
- 24 that?
- 25 JUSTICE GINSBURG: This -- the -- this case

- 1 couldn't be in Federal court because there's no complete
- 2 diversity.
- 3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's what --
- 4 JUSTICE GINSBURG: McKesson is California.
- 5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's what --
- 6 JUSTICE BREYER: Well, what you do is --
- 7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Justice Breyer says you
- 8 could redesign the case.
- 9 JUSTICE BREYER: Yeah. Correct.
- 10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Okay. A couple things about
- 11 that -- that's true. Okay? A couple of things about
- 12 that.
- 13 Remember that a bunch of Mr. Katyal's points
- 14 about one forum making choice of law decisions, or
- 15 having its own procedures that are different from the
- 16 home forum are obviously true in MDL litigation. It
- 17 raises the same constitutional question.
- 18 JUSTICE GORSUCH: But in MDL litigation,
- 19 you're in Federal court. So the procedures are common
- 20 across courts, in theory.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well -- but remember --
- JUSTICE GORSUCH: Maybe more in theory than
- 23 in practice.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Maybe so. And also, choice
- 25 of law is the substantive law, is his concern. And

- 1 the -- so I do think there's a lot of --
- 2 But the other thing is this. Two points,
- 3 Justice Breyer. The first is, yes, there are other ways
- 4 to do it, but that doesn't make the way we are doing it
- 5 unconstitutional. What the Court has talked about here
- 6 is minimum due process. Remember this: If Mr. Katyal
- 7 walked up to me in California and handed me a subpoena,
- 8 he could sue me in California on absolutely anything.
- 9 Now, his client sold \$918 million worth of
- 10 Plavix in California and says it violates the
- 11 Constitution. Now, that may not be a lot of money
- 12 necessarily to some people, but it is greater than the
- 13 gross domestic product of 21 countries. But --
- 14 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Counsel, we're
- 15 dealing with the jurisdictional rule, and when we do
- 16 that, we want the rules to be as simple as possible.
- 17 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes.
- 18 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: And you have -- you
- 19 started out with the four different factors and all
- 20 that. But I'm particularly concerned -- your brief at
- 21 page 54, you say, well, if there were only a handful of
- 22 people from California and hundreds from Texas or
- 23 Tennessee, that would be a different case. By which, I
- 24 think, you mean it wouldn't satisfy due process, right?
- 25 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes. And that is --

- 1 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Okay. Well, you
- 2 have 86 in California and 575 elsewhere. And there's a
- 3 difference, I suppose, between handfuls and hundreds and
- 4 86 and 575, but where exactly that difference is, it
- 5 seems to me is going to be impossible to determine.
- 6 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right. So, Mr. Chief
- 7 Justice, it's true.
- 8 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: But that's right.
- 9 You say handful in California, hundreds Tennessee and
- 10 Texas, no good. 86 in California, 575 somewhere else,
- 11 okay.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right. And let me explain
- 13 why that's true. Because I agree that when the Court
- 14 announced International Shoe, it said quite clearly,
- 15 they're not going be formulaic. They are going to be
- 16 case-by-case judgement.
- 17 What happened here is that there were two,
- 18 per se, categorical rules. The first is there used to
- 19 be general jurisdiction because they're doing business,
- 20 and Pennoyer said that we could get any -- that
- 21 California could adjudicate anything in California, and
- 22 with respect -- insofar as they had assets in the State.
- 23 Those were clear, categorical rules. You were convinced
- 24 that those clear, categorical rules could produce some
- 25 unfairness.

- 1 And so the Court announced a rule that is
- 2 much more encompassing of the facts that it accounts
- 3 for. If the Court wanted a clearer rule, clearer rules
- 4 have existed. The Court has abandoned them in fairness
- 5 to defendants. It's very hard, I think, to blame us for
- 6 saying, now we're going to look at the factors
- 7 involved --
- 8 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: I know, but you're
- 9 articulating a rule that requires businesses trying to
- 10 figure out where to do business and plaintiffs where to
- 11 sue and courts whether it's real. Your rule depends
- 12 upon some line between handful and -- and hundreds, and
- 13 86 and 575.
- Where is it, exactly?
- 15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It -- there -- there is no
- 16 precise number. I will say --
- 17 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: If there were 20 in
- 18 California and 575, would that satisfy due process?
- 19 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I think that it is -- I
- 20 cannot answer that question, because --
- 21 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: But it's your case.
- 22 You ought to be able to at least answer --
- 23 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, I know my case is
- 24 Constitutional, Mr. Chief Justice. All I'm saying is
- 25 that -- that when you have the continuous and systematic

- 1 exploitation of the market, when you have the ability to
- 2 bring a bunch of cases together for the benefit of all
- 3 of the States, it is true that there is going to be --
- 4 and the reason that this is not a practical problem, I
- 5 will tell you, is that the bar does what it did here,
- 6 and that is, it tries, for efficiency purposes, even if
- 7 for its own sake, to bring these cases together. So you
- 8 really don't end up in situations where you have five in
- 9 one place, and people try and --
- 10 JUSTICE KAGAN: Mr. Goldstein, it seems to
- 11 me, on your theory, it could be zero California
- 12 plaintiffs, because here's what you told me. You told
- 13 me that the reason that this -- that an Ohio citizen's
- 14 claim arises out of the contacts in California is
- 15 because the contacts in California are really nationwide
- 16 contacts. And if that's so, it's met regardless of
- 17 whether there are any California plaintiffs are not.
- 18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right.
- 19 JUSTICE KAGAN: So if that's your theory, it
- doesn't matter whether there are 86 or 20 or zero,
- 21 because the contacts arise out of the
- 22 nationwide/California contacts.
- 23 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's not correct.
- 24 JUSTICE KAGAN: The claim arises out of
- 25 that.

- 1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That's not correct, because
- 2 your test that you've articulated has two core parts to
- 3 it. The first is, the minimum contacts, the
- 4 relationship between the contacts with the State and the
- 5 litigation. And the second is the fairness of the
- 6 litigation, and what is absolutely critical to our case
- 7 and was critical to the --
- 8 JUSTICE KAGAN: Yeah. I don't think that's
- 9 right, Mr. Goldstein. Our arising out of relating to
- 10 test, has always been about the first part of the
- 11 inquiry, and then all of the four factors is a backstop
- 12 to that. It's an additional test after we decide
- 13 whether your claim arises out of the forum contacts.
- 14 MR. GOLDSTEIN: I agree. But we have to
- 15 satisfy both in order for there to be specific
- 16 jurisdiction. Justice Kagan, remember that it is the
- 17 case that not that much weight in your prior precedents
- 18 has been placed on the reasonableness factors, because
- 19 these have always been general jurisdiction cases.
- 20 These cases have always been brought as we're describing
- 21 them.
- JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Mr. Goldstein, go back
- 23 to articulating for me.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes.
- 25 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: What is your definition

- 1 of "related to"?
- 2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: That is -- it is
- 3 the claim that is the same legal claim arising from the
- 4 same operative facts. And the conduct is the same
- 5 conduct that gives rise to the State litigation. And
- 6 that is, it maps on perfectly. And that is really
- 7 important because it means --
- 8 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: So is that a yes to
- 9 Justice Kagan's question about it wouldn't matter if
- 10 there were no California plaintiffs?
- 11 MR. GOLDSTEIN: It would relate to, but it
- 12 would not be constitutional because it would not be
- 13 reasonable under the second part of the test. Because
- 14 they're already in California, en masse. They are
- 15 facing dozens upon dozens upon dozens of the same claim.
- 16 Remember what the Court said in making the
- 17 move from Pennoyer to International Shoe, which I'd like
- 18 to come back to --
- 19 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Well, if you don't --
- 20 sorry, Mr. Goldstein -- but if you don't need a single
- 21 plaintiff to satisfy the first prong of the due process
- 22 inquiry, again, what function does that first prong have
- 23 left to do? Why doesn't it all just run into the second
- 24 fundamental fairness test?
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well --

1 JUSTICE GORSUCH: What's left? 2 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, because it gives the State the power, the territorial power, because it does 3 4 have the power to adjudicate with respect to that 5 conduct. It is both parts that are important. 6 I had said that I wanted to come back to you 7 about a bigger picture answer a -- a little while ago, and that is, I do think it's really important that this 8 9 may be the beginning or the middle of a multi-decade 10 effort to try and take a look at the original understanding of the due process clause, and do that 11 12 across the Court's body of precedent. 13 And we have urged the Court, if it is 14 serious about that endeavor, to take a look at the relationship of International Shoe and Pennoyer, because 15 16 from the founding of the country up through the adoption 17 of the Fourteenth Amendment, it was perfectly clear and undisputed that California could adjudicate this claim, 18 19 at least up to and including the assets that they have 20 in the State of California. They are within California's territory. There is no dispute about that. 21 22 International Shoe and Shaffer say we are 23 going to modernize our understanding of the Fourteenth 24 Amendment. 25 JUSTICE GORSUCH: Great question.

- 1 presented?
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes, it is. Because we
- 3 affirmatively argue to you that you should overrule this
- 4 Court's precedents or not extend them. We, of course,
- 5 could lay, as an alternative ground for defending the
- 6 judgment below, we specifically urge it in our brief.
- 7 It is squarely in front of you. I do not think you can
- 8 pass it by. And if the -- if the --
- 9 JUSTICE GINSBURG: What you're suggesting is
- 10 that the Court was wrong in -- in Daimler and in the one
- 11 before it --
- 12 JUSTICE ALITO: Goodyear.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Goodyear and Daimler.
- JUSTICE GINSBURG: -- Goodyear in confining
- 15 general jurisdiction. And in this -- this very case, it
- 16 was originally argued as a general jurisdiction case.
- 17 Then we came out with Daimler, and then they said oh,
- 18 no, we know it's not general jurisdiction. It's got to
- 19 be specific.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yes.
- 21 JUSTICE GINSBURG: So one comment that --
- 22 that you, no doubt, know has been made about this case,
- 23 is that it is an attempt to reintroduce general
- 24 jurisdiction, which was lost in Daimler, by the
- 25 backdoor.

- 1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: The backdoor. Yes, exactly.
- 2 So important things about why that can't be right. I do
- 3 think the driving concern in cases like Daimler and
- 4 Goodyear about general jurisdiction is that you can hail
- 5 somebody into the forum and sue them about absolutely
- 6 anything. And this is a world of difference because
- 7 this is being -- this suit is being brought on behalf --
- 8 on the basis of their conduct in the State with respect
- 9 to this drug.
- 10 And the second is, I do think the Court
- 11 recognized in Daimler quite explicitly that the
- 12 retrenchment of general jurisdiction, how these cases
- 13 had always been brought -- and so there's no argument
- 14 that we've -- we're disrupting the legal system -- the
- 15 retrenchment of general jurisdiction was going to induce
- 16 an examination of the Court's specific personal
- 17 jurisdiction to fill in the gaps.
- JUSTICE BREYER: Can you -- this is answer
- 19 this in a sense -- all right. This is -- because you
- 20 just started to with Justice Ginsburg, no general
- 21 jurisdiction. Why am I here, says defendant. Because,
- 22 says the judge, you have enough activity in our State
- 23 for us to call you into court to answer to one of our
- 24 citizens who was hurt. That's special jurisdiction,
- 25 right?

- 1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Specific, yes.
- 2 JUSTICE BREYER: But why am I here in
- 3 respect to Smith? Because, you see, Smith isn't a
- 4 citizen of our State.
- 5 So where that answer sounded -- this is
- 6 logic, and what's bothering about the whole case is its
- 7 logic, and I don't know the practicalities. All right.
- 8 But -- but the -- you see, the logic doesn't seem the
- 9 same.
- 10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right.
- JUSTICE BREYER: I cannot say, because you
- 12 are a citizen of Texas, because that cuts no ice in
- 13 California. So what is it I say in a single sentence
- 14 that does make it clear to that defendant why he is
- 15 here?
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: You're already here on this
- 17 claim, and there is nothing unfair about having you have
- 18 it with respect to another plaintiff, because that
- 19 plaintiff could quite clearly get you estopped on the
- 20 basis of --
- 21 JUSTICE BREYER: I was here for that
- 22 purpose, not --
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: You're here.
- JUSTICE BREYER: So once I'm here, I can now
- 25 sue him. And then --

- 1 MR. GOLDSTEIN: On the exact same.
- JUSTICE BREYER: -- that's when lines -- all
- 3 right.
- 4 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Well, Justice Breyer, all --
- 5 JUSTICE BREYER: I'm not disagreeing with
- 6 you.
- 7 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.
- 8 JUSTICE BREYER: I'm trying to get the
- 9 answer in. I've got it.
- 10 MR. GOLDSTEIN: All right. Well, all I will
- 11 tell you is this point about nonmutual offensive
- 12 collateral estoppel is a big deal. And that is when you
- 13 have the identical claim, identical legal theory,
- 14 identical operative facts, it -- so take away all of his
- it's all very different, the premise of this case is
- 16 that it's all the same.
- 17 JUSTICE KAGAN: Can I take you back?
- 18 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Well, that's the
- 19 same thing applies, just completely flipped. They could
- 20 be doing the same thing in Ohio, saying, we've got a lot
- 21 of plaintiffs here from California, but we're going
- 22 to -- we're going to let them sue in Ohio. And the same
- 23 thing's going to happen in every other State. I don't
- 24 see that it increases the efficiency at all.
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Oh, well, sir, remember,

- 1 the -- the -- an important part of our analysis is that
- 2 there is the governmental interest in that the
- 3 litigation in this forum does consolidate things and
- 4 make it simpler. The State's interest in having 600
- 5 cases litigated together rather than in 50 different
- 6 forums, it's material to our case that it does simplify
- 7 things.
- 8 But at the very least, the role of McKesson
- 9 here does distinguish California from every other State.
- 10 If they contract with a California company for the
- 11 nationwide distribution of this drug so that it's
- 12 perfectly understandable that the legal issues that
- 13 arise from that agreement and the distribution would be
- 14 in this forum, it's completely predictable and does
- 15 distinguish California from everyone else, everywhere
- 16 else.
- 17 JUSTICE KAGAN: Can I take you back to
- 18 Justice Breyer's question about Federal courts --
- MR. GOLDSTEIN: Yeah.
- 20 JUSTICE KAGAN: -- and multidistrict
- 21 litigation? Because you didn't say something that makes
- 22 me think, if you didn't say it, I don't understand.
- 23 Assuming that there was subject matter jurisdiction,
- 24 that there's diversity, it still it seems to me that the
- 25 way -- there's no nationwide service of process here.

- 1 So the Federal courts have to mimic the State courts;
- 2 isn't that correct?
- 3 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Right. Then -- then I can
- 4 get to the end of your question, and that is it's
- 5 generally understood that it's the transfer of court's
- 6 specific personal jurisdiction. So if it's -- what
- 7 would happen, Justice Breyer is saying, is you would
- 8 have a lawsuit, a class action that would be removed to
- 9 Federal court, specific jurisdiction would exist under
- 10 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4K there. Then it would
- 11 be transferred for pretrial purposes to the MDL forum
- 12 and then returned for purposes of trial.
- And so his point, I think, would be that it
- 14 would be okay in Federal court in the -- in the MDL
- 15 system.
- 16 My answer back is that there are still lots
- 17 of other objections about it being inconvenient, it's
- 18 not where he's at, there'd be choice of law issues that
- 19 does really -- a lot of the fairness concerns that
- 20 Mr. Katyal is talking about do arise in MDL, do arise in
- 21 the New Jersey example he gives of specific personal
- 22 jurisdiction. But at the very least, what I would say
- 23 is that the Court can write an opinion that simply says,
- 24 this is not your ordinary case. If it were your
- ordinary case and McKesson wasn't in it, if the members

- of the Court believed it, there wouldn't be
- 2 jurisdiction. But they made this conscious choice to go
- 3 into California with respect to this -- with respect to
- 4 this drug.
- 5 And then the other argument that I do think
- 6 has to be confronted is that, at the very least, the
- 7 Court has to consider that when it went to International
- 8 Shoe, it excluded the Pennoyer basis of jurisdiction,
- 9 which is the traditional power of the States from the
- 10 founding within their territory that always existed. It
- 11 doesn't seem unfair to me to say his clients did almost
- 12 a billion dollars' worth of business in the State of
- 13 California. They have enormous assets that they have
- 14 placed in the State. That they could be held liable up
- 15 to the extent of those assets is not a violation of due
- 16 process.
- 17 JUSTICE ALITO: If -- if I heard you
- 18 correctly, you said something about overruling cases; is
- 19 that right?
- 20 MR. GOLDSTEIN: If it were necessary to. We
- 21 do not think it's necessary to for multiple reasons,
- 22 including that if you just simply say that the Pennoyer
- 23 basis of jurisdiction exists, in addition to, the
- 24 International Shoe basis of jurisdiction, we clearly
- 25 would prevail up to at least being able to get the

- 1 Bristol-Myers assets in California.
- 2 CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you, counsel.
- 3 Three minutes, Mr. Katyal.
- 4 REBUTTAL ARGUMENT OF NEAL K. KATYAL
- 5 ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER
- 6 MR. KATYAL: Thank you, Mr. Chief Justice.
- JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Mr. Katyal, assume a set
- 8 of facts that I know have not been proven.
- 9 Bristol-Myers sells the drugs to McKesson. McKesson
- 10 distributes the drugs to all the other States, and all
- 11 of the plaintiffs have taken McKesson drugs.
- 12 Under your theory, could they sue McKesson
- 13 and Bristol-Myer in California?
- MR. KATYAL: Well, they might or might not.
- 15 That's a purposeful availment stream-of-commerce theory,
- 16 which we're not trying to, you know, push here. That's
- 17 a very different thing.
- 18 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: Articulate --
- MR. KATYAL: But I definitely --
- 20 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: -- your theory in a way
- 21 that it wouldn't implicate -- articulate your --
- MR. KATYAL: So my --
- 23 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: -- proximate cause and
- 24 your causation theories --
- MR. KATYAL: Justice --

- 1 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: -- in a way that
- 2 wouldn't preclude that suit.
- MR. KATYAL: So, Justice Sotomayor, my
- 4 theory is exactly what this Court said in Rush, which is
- 5 why his argument in McKesson doesn't work.
- It's, quote, plainly unconstitutional to
- 7 exert jurisdiction over one defendant based on the
- 8 activities of another. The requirements of
- 9 International Shoe must be met as to each.
- 10 So McKesson doesn't answer -- help him, nor
- 11 does it move the ball. You still have to show that the
- 12 underlying conduct by the defendant did something.
- So, here when he talks about \$918 million,
- 14 we have no problem saying we're liable for the sales
- 15 over there. The question was -- what Justice Breyer was
- 16 asking is, what about Mr. Smith? You know, I'm selling
- 17 to Mr. Smith in Ohio, and, yes, I'm also separately
- 18 selling \$918 million in California, but you can't add
- 19 those two things up together and confer personal
- 20 jurisdiction. This Court has never done that, which is
- 21 why his rule is a novel one.
- So as Justice Kennedy said, I think that one
- 23 of the goals here, here in this jurisprudence, has been
- 24 to stay State A has an interest in combining State B's
- 25 adjudicatory authority.

1 JUSTICE SOTOMAYOR: But -- but my real 2 problem is that -- following your theory, I'm not sure what Bristol-Myers is doing there in the California 3 case. They -- they -- it was McKesson who sold the 4 drugs to the plaintiffs, not Bristol-Myers directly. 5 MR. KATYAL: But I think that when -- when 6 7 they make an arrangement with the distributor to -- to launch drugs in a particular location, they're liable 8 9 for that. That's -- we've done ceded that below. 10 That's, I think, the way specific jurisdiction works. 11 The reason why Federal -- Federal actions 12 are permissible, and they could have been permissible 13 here, Justice Breyer, is because the Fifth Amendment and the Fourteenth Amendment operate differently. Justice 14 Kennedy's point about State A and B doesn't apply to 15 16 Federal government vis-à-vis States. 17 And CAFA allows for jurisdiction right now over these claims. The only reason we're not in Federal 18 19 Court right now, Justice Ginsburg, is because they filed 20 less than a hundred claims in each action. smirked them. But, ordinarily, these would be Federal 21 22 court actions right now. And the rule we are seeking 23 doesn't disturb that in any way, shape, or form. All we are saying is that when they have unrelated claims, 24

uncausal claims in California to -- with respect to the

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Τ	33 other States, that's something as to which the other
2	States have an interest.
3	And the predictability here is incredibly
4	important. Your your opinion in Hertz, for example,
5	picking up on the Chief Justice's question about
6	business predictability, is important. This is a
7	jurisdictional matter and clean rules for businesses to
8	follow are important. They need to know if I sell to
9	Mr. Smith, what happens? Their rule doesn't tell you.
LO	CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS: Thank you, counsel.
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