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When Can a Criminal Trial Be Moved to Another State?

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The Supreme Court has ruled that the inconvenience of an accused person is not a sufficient reason to transfer a criminal trial under Section 406 of the Criminal Procedure Code (now Section 447 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita). The Court emphasized that such transfers should not be granted as a matter of routine but only in exceptional circumstances where justice demands it. A bench comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and...

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