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Property Transfer Risks Begin the Moment a Petition Is Filed, Regardless of Court Notice

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In a pivotal interpretation, the Supreme Court has declared that the doctrine of *lis pendens*—which restricts property transfers once a legal action is underway—activates immediately upon the filing of a petition, not when a court issues notice. This ruling underscores the doctrine's role in ensuring ongoing court proceedings aren't sidestepped by asset transfers during litigation. The decision arose as the Court reviewed a 2022 judgment where a property transfer took...

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