

## CLIENT ALERT

### Supremes Allow Paralegal Fees Recovery At Market Rates

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Reversing contrary Board and Federal Circuit rulings, the Supreme Court in *Richlin Sec. Serv. Co. v. Chertoff* (June 2, 2008, <http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/07pdf/06-1717.pdf>) unanimously ruled that the Equal Access to Justice Act allows a client to recover market rate paralegal fees charged to the client, not just the cost of the paralegal to the attorney retained by the client. The Supreme Court ruled that paralegal fees are implied in the term "attorneys fees" in the statute and are subject to the same per-hour limitations.

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