

## SCOTUS Rejects Negligence Standard in ‘Pill Mill’ Cases

SCOTUS in *Ruan* sided with doctors seeking a burden of proof higher than mere negligence in prosecutions for unlawful distribution of controlled substances. Markus Funk and Sean B. Solis argue that the decision represents a significant win for those worried about overcriminalization, excessive prosecutorial discretion, and the associated risk of losing the criminal law's critical stigmatic impact.

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