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TEXAS JUDGE OVERTURNS FTC BAN ON NON-COMPETES

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The Federal Trade Commission's effort to ban non-compete agreements has been upended by a U.S. District Judge in Texas. As a result, the non-compete ban will not go into effect nationwide.

The Judge ruled the Commission lacked authority to write regulations restricting what the law calls "unfair methods of competition." The non-compete ban, issued in April, was part of the Commission's effort to eliminate agreements that restrict the ability of workers to switch jobs.

The Texas judge ruled the agency lacked the authority to enforce the ban, which was planned to take effect on September 4.

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