

# What Are the Implications of *Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum?*

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This article examines analyzes the effect of *Kiobel v. Royal Dutch Petroleum* on corporate liability under the Alien Tort Statute (ATS). The authors explain the ATS, providing historical context. The article describes the facts of *Kiobel* and analyzes whether the jurisdiction granted by the ATS extends to civil actions brought against corporations under the law of nations. It sets forth what this case means to multi-national corporations and reviews the relevant legal trends.