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Datronic Rental Corp. v. LeProvost

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A lessor of computer equipment obtained a default judgment in Connecticut against its lessee, a resident of Massachusetts. When the lessor tried to enforce the judgment in Massachusetts, the lessee argued that it was unenforceable on the ground the Connecticut court lacked personal and subject matter jurisdiction. A Massachusetts appeals court affirmed a lower court's grant of summary judgment in favor of the lessor. The court found that the lessee had agreed to submit to the jurisdiction of the foreign court under the terms of the lease which provided that the lease was to be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut. Additionally, the court found that lessee's conduct, such as signing a lease governed by Connecticut law and sending lease payments to a Connecticut address, was enough to come within the definition of "transacting business within the State" under Connecticut's long-arm statute.

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