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Drone Operators Beware: FAA Drone Regulations Continue to Apply to "Commercial" Uses

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The Circuit Court ruled the Registration Rule invalid only as it applies to recreational or hobbyist users, finding that an existing statute contained an explicit prohibition on the creation of new regulations directed at "model aircraft." Since the court found that drones operated for recreational purposes are "model aircraft" under the statute, the FAA's Registration Rule was illegal as it applied to the recreational use of those aircraft. Nevertheless, the Registration Rule continues to apply to "commercial" uses of sUAS aircraft.

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