
SCOTUS: Class Arbitration Waiver Enforceable Under Federal Arbitration Act

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On June 20, 2013, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision in *American Express Co. et al. v. Italian Colors Restaurant et al*, ruling, in a 5-3 decision, that neither the Federal Arbitration Act nor the “effective vindication doctrine”, permits courts to invalidate contractual waivers of class arbitration provisions when a plaintiff’s cost of pursuing an individual claim is prohibitively expensive.

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