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PLAINTIFFS' BAR TARGETS ARBITRATION LAW

On December 28, 2011, the Daily Journal reported that the Consumer Attorneys of California were hoping to reintroduce a bill in 2012 that would make the denial of sending a lawsuit to arbitration not worthy of a mandatory appeal. Currently, the law results in long delays for plaintiffs. "It's a very unusual issue because it's a complete one-way street," said Brian Kabateck, a consumer rights attorney in Los Angeles with Kabateck Brown Kellner and the president-elect of the Consumer Attorneys of California. "It effectively does what [the defense] wants anyway and holds up the case."

Kabateck added that he's "optimistic we can get it out and get it voted on."