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## **FEDERAL LAW TRUMPS STATE CLASS ACTION RULES**

On April 7, the Los Angeles Daily Journal published an article entitled "Federal Law Trumps State Class Action Rules," by Brian Kabateck and Evan Zucker on the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in *Shady Grove v. Allstate Insurance*. In that decision, the court ruled that litigants could rely on federal court rules in procedural disputes in class actions.

"In the future, counsel must closely consider the effects of federal procedural rules in diversity cases with a particular eye on how state court limitations might be superseded in order to avoid being blindsided," according to Kabateck and Zucker.