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We've added two new pages to our website that we hope will give you some important tools and resources to help you make the best arguments on *AT&T v. Concepcion* in your cases:

[How Courts Can and Should Limit *AT&T Mobility v. Concepcion*](#)

- and -

[Concepcion -- Briefs and Resources](#)



In late April, as you know, the U.S. Supreme Court held 5 to 4 in *AT&T Mobility v. Concepcion* that the Federal Arbitration Act preempts California's *Discover Bank* rule, potentially making it easier for corporations to ban class actions in the fine print of their consumer contracts. Since that decision, many folks have contacted us with questions about what this means going forward -- and in particular, how to make sure they make the right arguments in their cases. As part of our efforts to answer those questions, we're urging people to click on the links above.

To be clear, *AT&T Mobility v. Concepcion* will certainly benefit some corporations and hurt some consumers and workers. But there are strong arguments that the decision will not apply in many cases. We believe that the facts of cases are critically important. And on a case-by-case basis, there are many arguments that can and should be made to properly limit the scope and impact of the *Concepcion* decision.

Please share this with your colleagues -- and check back frequently, as we will continue to update these pages with new resources as we get them. Also, if you know of a good decision or brief that you think we should consider adding to our website, please let us know by contacting Staff Attorney Leslie Bailey at lbailey@publicjustice.net.

At Public Justice, we are fighting to prove that class actions will continue to be available to vindicate the rights of Americans. Thank you so much for joining us in preserving access to justice for all.

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