

## Irvine Attorney Addresses Ninth Circuit Ruling to Unravel Uber Class Action

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In the *Daily Journal* article titled "9th Circuit unravels class of Uber drivers suing over misclassification," Irvine Partner John Skousen discusses the Ninth Circuit's decision to decertify a class of Uber drivers in a lawsuit that turned on the issue of arbitration. The panel reversed the district court's order denying Uber's motion to compel arbitration on the basis of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Epic Systems Corp. v. Lewis*, which reinforced employers' ability to compel arbitration.

The *Epic Systems* decision, as well as the Ninth Circuit's *Mohamed v. Uber* decision that held enforceability of arbitration agreements should be decided by the arbitrator, was a game changer on the arbitration front. As John says, these decisions are "catching up with the law, allowing the arbitrators to get the issues."

To read the full article, visit the <u>Daily Journal</u> (subscription required).

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