

## M.C. Sungaila in Law360: Lawyers Weigh In On High Court's Class Action Ruling

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The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that defendants facing a Telephone Consumer Protection Act suit couldn't escape a class action by making a settlement offer to individual plaintiffs, a decision that has wide ramifications for all class actions. Here, attorneys tell Law360 why the decision is momentous...

M.C. Sungaila, Haynes Boone LLP: "Campbell-Ewald may have taken an arrow out of the quiver for class action defendants, but it has not thoroughly disarmed them. As Chief Justice Roberts notes in his dissent: 'The good news is that this case is limited to its facts. The majority holds that an offer of complete relief is insufficient to moot a case. The majority does not say that payment of complete relief leads to the same result.' In other words, echoing a point Justice Breyer focused on at oral argument, the case might have come out differently if the defendant had deposited the offered amount with the district court in a dedicated account. A defendant who does that may well end up presenting that next incremental issue in this area to the Supreme Court."

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