

Supreme Court Holds Unaccepted Offers for Full Relief Do Not Moot Class Actions

Relying on “basic principles of contract law,” the Supreme Court has held that an unaccepted settlement offer and offer of judgment under Rule 68 are “legal nullit[ies]” that have no effect on whether a live controversy remains between the parties, according to **an analysis** written by BakerHostetler’s **Jacqueline Matthews** and **Rand McClellan** and published on **JDSupra.com**.

The case is *Campbell-Ewald Co. v. Gomez*, No. 14-857.

“The upshot of the Court’s decision is that a defendant cannot moot a putative class action by merely *offering* full relief to the named plaintiff on his or her individual claims,” the authors write. “The Court, however, expressly left open the question of whether *payment* of full individual relief could moot the case.”

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