Supreme Court Weighs Google Settlement That Paid Class Members Nothing

The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments this week on whether it should place limits on class-action settlements in which the plaintiffs' lawyers receive millions and their clients get nothing, reports ***The New York Times***.

"The case arose from an $8.5 million settlement between Google and class-action lawyers who said the company had violated its users' privacy rights," writes *Times* reporter **Adam Liptak**. "Under the settlement, the lawyers were paid more than $2 million, but members of the class received no money."

As a part of the settlement, Google agreed to contribute to institutions concerned with privacy on the internet, including centers at Harvard, Stanford and Chicago-Kent College of Law, and AARP.

"How can you say that it makes any sense?" Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. asked a lawyer for the members of the class.

Read the *NY Times* article.