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Webcast: Recent Developments in Arbitration Agreements and Mass Arbitration

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Michael Holecek, DJ Manthripragada, and Madeleine McKenna discuss the latest developments in arbitration agreements and mass arbitration. They discuss recent trends in mass arbitration filings and defenses, recent mass arbitration court cases, changes in arbitration provider rules and fee schedules, and approaches to drafting mass arbitration provisions.

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