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Employment Arbitration Agreements: Recent Supreme Court Cases and the Current Legal Landscape in California

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- 1. Some employers use arbitration agreements to avoid class action litigation and require individual arbitration of claims.
 - a. True b. False
- 2. Over the last decade, the United States Supreme Court's majority opinions showed a general opposition to enforcement of arbitration agreements.
 - a. True b. False
- 3. In *AT&T Mobility LLC v. Concepcion,* the U.S. Supreme Court held that the FAA preempts the "Discover Bank rule."
 - a. True b. False
- 4. In *Epic Systems Corp. v. Lewis*, the U.S. Supreme Court held that the NLRA conflicts with the FAA, rendering employment agreements with class action waivers unenforceable.
 - a. True b. False
- 5. Justice Gorsuch authored the majority opinion in *Lamps Plus, Inc. v. Varela.*
 - a. True b. False
- 6. 5. The Epic Systems Corp. v. Lewis U.S. Supreme Court decision was a unanimous opinion.
 - a. True b. False

- 7. Some employers have voluntarily stopped using employment arbitration agreements.
 - a. True b. False
- 8. Governor Brown vetoed a 2018 bill prohibiting California employers from requiring employees to sign arbitration agreements.
 - a. True b. False
- 9. Assembly Bill 51 seeks to prohibit the use of mandatory employment arbitration agreements.
 - a. True b. False
- 10. Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 51 into law.
 - a. True b. False
- 11. AB 51 adds two sections to the California Code.
 - a. True b. False
- 12. Assembly Bill 51 applies to employment contracts entered into before January 1, 2020.
 - a. True b. False
- 13. California began enforcing Assembly Bill 51 on January 1, 2020.
 - a. True b. False

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- 14. Assembly Bill 51 has already been challenged in the courts.
 - a. True b. False
- 15. In January 2020, a federal district court granted a preliminary injunction, prohibiting enforcement of Assembly Bill 51.

a. True b. False

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