

THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA WILL HEAR THE VIVENDI CASE

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On August 9, 2012, the Supreme Court of Canada granted the application for leave to appeal filed by Vivendi Canada Inc. against the decision rendered in February 2012 by the Québec Court of Appeal. This decision authorized Mr. Michel Dell’Aniello to bring a class action against Vivendi Canada Inc. in connection with revisions made unilaterally by Vivendi Canada Inc. to the group medical insurance benefits plan for retirees.

To know more about this case, please consult our publication pertaining to the Court of Appeal judgment by [clicking here](#).

Canada’s highest court will therefore render an important judgment on both class action matters and post-retirement group insurance plans. Considering that the Supreme Court rarely accepts to hear such cases, it will be interesting to see if it will confirm the recent trend of the Court of Appeal liberalizing class action requirements or rather tighten up these requirements, as was the case before 2011.

We will continue to monitor this case and keep you informed of any new development in that regard.

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