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Supreme Court Draws Line on Pleading Reversals, Says Additional Written Statements Cannot Rewrite Defence

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A defendant cannot use an additional written statement as a vehicle to abandon an earlier stand and introduce an entirely new and contradictory defence after a civil trial has already begun, the Supreme Court has ruled while overturning a Calcutta High Court order. The judgment came from a Bench of Justice Sanjay Kumar and Justice K. Vinod Chandran, which restored a trial court's decision rejecting an application filed under Order...

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