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Supreme Court Says 'No-Instructions' Note Isn't a Withdrawal of Appearance

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In a crisp course-correction, the Supreme Court has held that an advocate's simple announcement of having "no instructions" is not the same as walking away from a case — and therefore does not trigger the Bombay High Court Appellate Side Rules that require a seven-day notice before withdrawing a vakalatnama.

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