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In a dispute involving allegedly fraudulent tax shelters, trial court's denial of defendant's motion to compel arbitration is affirmed where the doctrine of equitable estoppel has no application in these cases as the contractual obligations in the operating agreements were unrelated to the plaintiffs' claims against the nonsignatory accountants and lawyers, and thus, there is no basis in equity for preventing the plaintiffs from suing the accountants and lawyers in court.

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RUBIN, Acting P.J.

#### Court

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#### Counsel

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