**Guided Practice Case Assessment**

**Case:** Matt, age 17, entered into a contract with Professional Scuba Diving, Inc. Matt signed a release form,releasing Professional Scuba Diving from liability for negligence arising out of injury to Matt while he was participating in Professional Scuba Diving’s training or other services contemplated by the agreement. Eight months after Matt’s 18th birthday, he was injured in a scuba diving lesson. Matt sued Professional Scuba Diving alleging that the contract he signed with them was void because he was under 18 years old when he signed it. Will Matt be able to get out of the contract? Explain.

**Answer:** Matt is responsible for the contract. While minors have the right to void contracts they enter into asminors, they must do so either while they are minors or within a short time period after reaching the age of majority. Eight months is too long, and Matt will be held liable on the contract.