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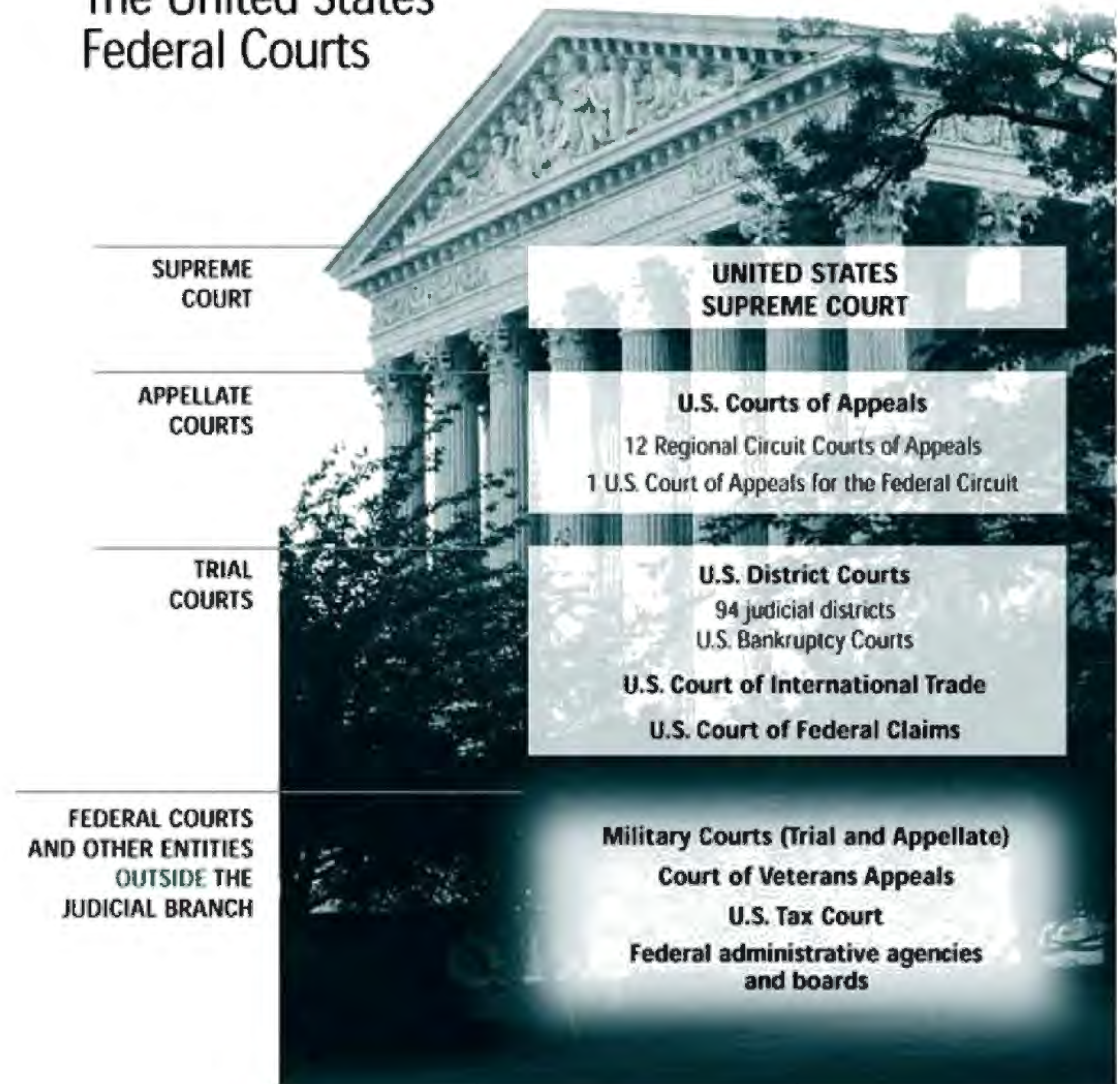
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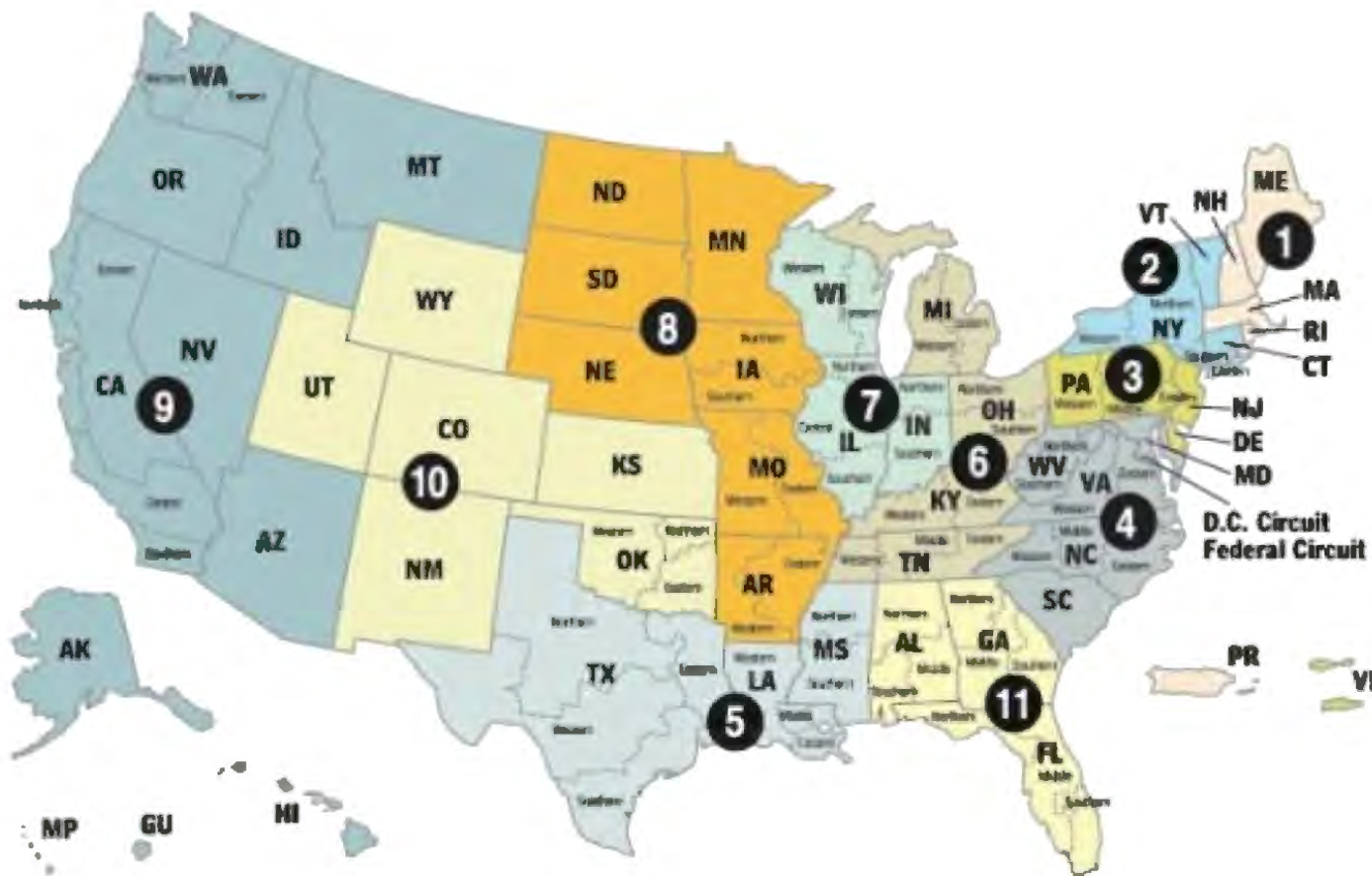
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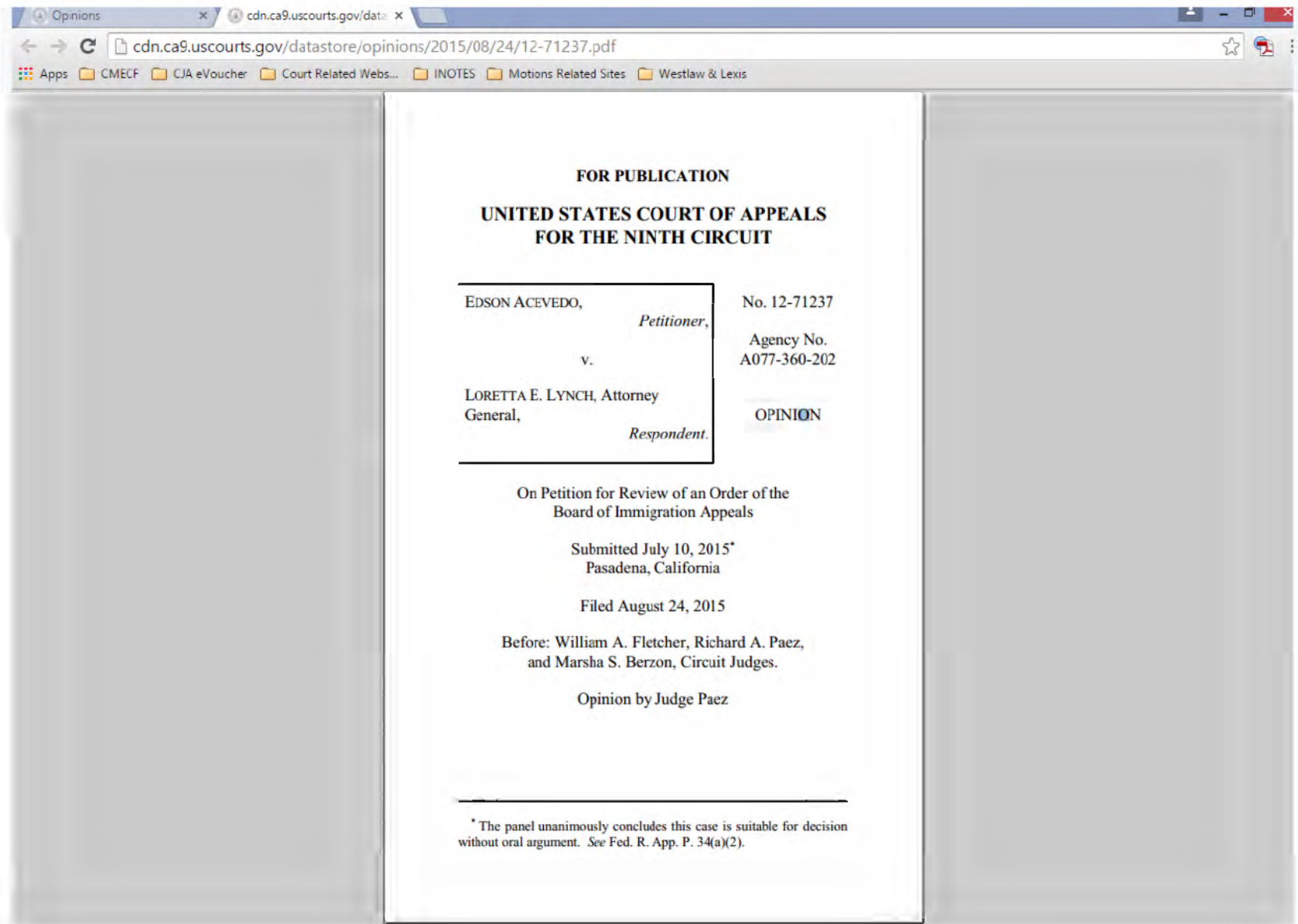
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ONRC ACTION V. U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION	12-35831	Medford District Court	CLIFTON, Richard	Civil		08/21/2015
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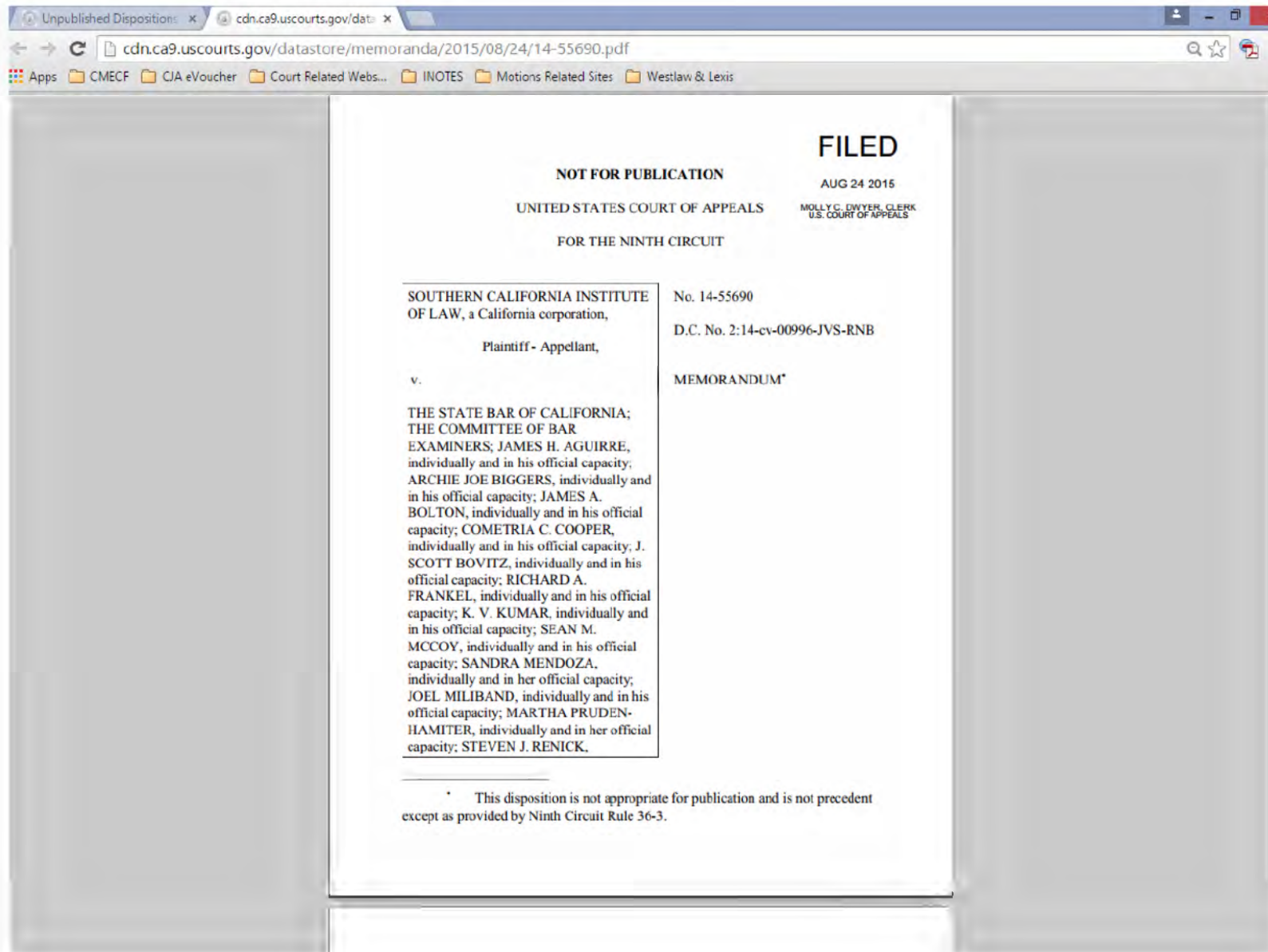
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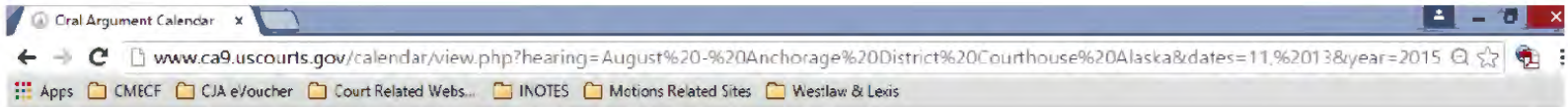
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**August 11, 2015
August 13, 2015**

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2015-08-11 9:00 am Courtroom 2, Anchorage District Courthouse Alaska Before: SCHROEDER, RAWLINSON and MURGUIA, Circuit Judges				
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13-35759	KONIAG, INC. v. Kurt Kaana - An appeal from the district court's partial summary judgment and injunction regarding tribal court matters. [3:12-cv-00077-SLG]	Civil	AK	Subm.
13-36014	Sabir Mujahid v. Debbie Miller - Federal prisoner Sabir Mujahid appeals the district court's dismissal of his 28 U.S.C. § 2241 habeas corpus petition challenging a disciplinary proceeding in which he was found guilty of disobeying a direct order to cease talking with another inmate. [3:13-cv-00186-TMB]	Habeas	AK	10 min
14-30061	USA v. Clariza Natera - Clariza Natera appeals the restitution order imposed following her guilty plea to conspiracy to commit international money laundering. [3:13-cr-00019-TMB-1]	Criminal	AK	10 min
13-35613 13-35612 13-35616 13-35617 13-35619	Alaska Oil and Gas Association v. Sally Jewell - The Secretary of the Interior and intervenor environmental groups appeal the district court's judgment vacating the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Final Rule designating critical habitat for the polar bear; and other parties cross appeal. [3:11-cv-00025-RRB]	Civil	AK	20 min
2015-08-13 9:00 am Courtroom 2, Anchorage District Courthouse Alaska Before: SCHROEDER, RAWLINSON and MURGUIA, Circuit Judges				
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14-30117	USA v. Michael Carroll - Michael Carroll appeals his sentence for advertising and distributing child pornography. [3:12-cr-00021-RRB-1]	Criminal	AK	10 min
14-30128	USA v. Richard Corum - Richard Corum appeals his jury conviction for drug trafficking and tampering with a witness. [1:12-cr-00001-TMB-1]	Criminal	AK	10 min
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14-38777	Mun Seifert v. Eskimos, Inc. - Mun Seifert appeals the district court's Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6) dismissal of a diversity action brought against Eskimos, Inc., alleging wrongful eviction and other claims, arising out of a disputed lease extension for the Brower's Cafe restaurant. [3:13-cv-00080-TMB]	Civil	AK	10 min

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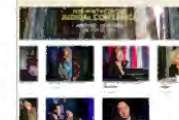
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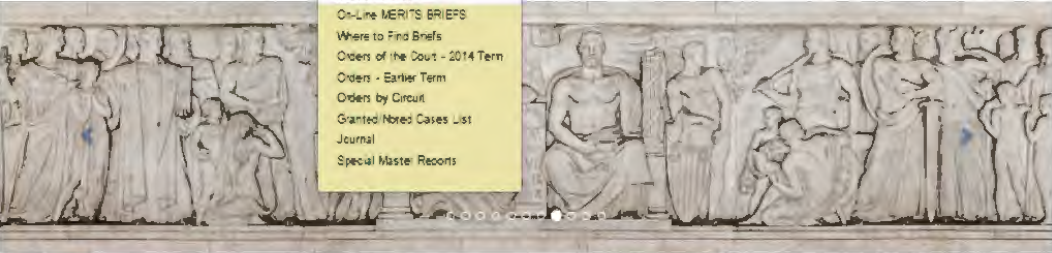
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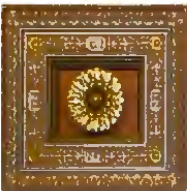
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Symposium: Will the Court continue to recognize a distinction between bargaining with government and lobbying the government?

By [Bill Messenger](#) on Aug 25, 2015 at 2:04 pm

William Messenger is an attorney with the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation. He argued on behalf of the petitioners in Harris v. Quinn.

The First Amendment generally forbids the government from forcing citizens to support a private organization's speech and expressive activities. Yet, roughly forty years ago, the Supreme Court held in *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education* that the government can force public employees to financially support some types of union speech, but not other types. Specifically, *Abood* held that employees could be forced to subsidize union collective bargaining with the government, but not union political activities intended to influence governmental policy.

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Symposium: Public-sector unions, labor relations, and free speech

By [Ann Hodges](#) on Aug 25, 2015 at 10:15 am

Ann C. Hodges is a Professor of Law at the University of Richmond School of Law.

As every first-year law student learns, the First Amendment is not absolute because the government can restrict speech with adequate justification. When the government acts as employer, the burden of justification is reduced because it has a strong interest in controlling the speech of its employees to provide effective services to the citizens.

The case of [Friedrich v. California Teachers Association](#) involves a First Amendment challenge to laws affecting employee speech. The plaintiffs complain that requiring them to pay the cost of the representation that the union is mandated to provide forces them to subsidize speech with which they disagree. The Supreme Court upheld this practice against the same constitutional challenge in 1977 in *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education*. *Friedrich* requires no different result. Congress, in the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), and the states that have similar statutes, adopted the existing labor relations systems to balance the rights of employers, employees, unions, and the public. "Fair share" fees are an integral part of these carefully constructed systems, insuring the effective functioning of the systems to achieve the goal of orderly labor relations. That interest outweighs the objecting employees' far weaker interest in not paying for collective representation when they do not agree with bargaining goals of the majority of their fellow employees. The Court should leave well enough alone.

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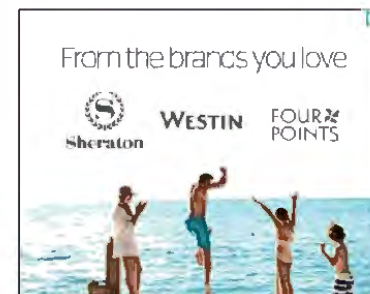
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