October Argument Session (13 Cases)

Case No.	Case	Status	Court	Argued	Opinion	Author	Vote	Judgment
08-680	Maryland v. Shatzer	Decided	ST	10/5/09	2/24/10	Scalia	9-0	Reversed and Remanded
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-	Arizona does not apply to suppress a confession.	, or mile mad prome	acij acitea i	o. a.a, o		ay idete illere tildir		outroon mishoganone, me desicion
08-678	Mohawk Industries v. Carpenter	Decided	CA11	10/5/09	12/8/09	Sotomayor	9-0	Affirmed
folding: The S	Supreme Court held that a party cannot immediately appeal from	a federal trial judge	e's ruling tha	it a he must turr	over evidence	because it is not pro	otected by	the attorney-client privilege.
08-769	US v. Stevens	Decided	CA3	10/6/09	4/20/10	Roberts	8-1	Affirmed
•	v that makes it a crime to create or sell depictions of animal cruelt s) that it violates the First Amendment right to free speech.	y (including, in this	s case, dogfi	ghting videos), a	applies to such a	a broad spectrum of	f expressio	n (including, for example,
08-6925	Johnson v. US	Decided	CA11	10/6/09	3/2/10	Scalia	7-2	Reversed and Remanded
olding: The F	Florida felony offense of battery does not require physical force be	etween two people	and therefo	re does not cor	nstitute a "violen	t felony" for the purp	ooses of fe	deral sentencing guidelines.
08-728	Bloate v. US	Decided	CA8	10/6/09	3/8/10	Thomas	7-2	Reversed and Remanded
lolding: The t	time granted to prepare pretrial motions is not automatically exclu	ded from the 70-d	ay limit unde	er the Speedy T	rial Act of 1974.			
08-472	Salazar v. Buono	Decided	CA9	10/7/09	4/28/10	Kennedy	5-4	Reversed and Remanded
lolding: After	he received a court order in a previous case, the petitioner had st	tanding to request	that a cross	place in a fede	ral park be remo	ved. However, the [District Cou	urt was wrong to block the
overnment's	land transfer to a group who wanted to maintain the cross.							
08-103	Reed Elsevier v. Muchnick	Decided	CA2	10/7/09	3/2/10	Thomas	8-0	Reversed and Remanded
	pyright must be registered before one may file an infringement cla ng works that are not registered.	ilm, but the failure	of a copyrigi	nt noider to nav	e a registration of	does not restrict a te	ederai cour	t's power to decide intringement
08-604	Union Pacific Rail v. Locomotive Eng.	Decided	CA7	10/7/09	12/8/09	Ginsburg	9-0	Affirmed
lolding: Fede	eral law provides for the binding arbitration of labor disputes involv	ring railroads. The	Court had a	greed to decide	whether (i) a co	urt may overturn an	arbitration	award on the ground that it was
nconstitution	nal, and (ii) the arbitration ruling in this case was in fact unconstitut	tionally retroactive.	. But it did n	ot rule on those	issues because	it concluded that th	ne arbitration	on violated the relevant federal statute
08-651	Padilla v. Kentucky	Decided	ST - KY	10/13/09	3/31/10	Stevens	7-2	Reversed and Remanded
_	n counseling a client on whether or not to plead guilty to a crime, onsequences.	a defense attorney	has a respo	onsibility to tell h	nis client if the gu	uilty plea will cause t	the client t	o be deported or have other
08-724	Smith v. Spisak	Decided	CA6	10/13/09	1/12/10	Breyer	9-0	Reversed
lolding: Instr	ructing a jury to consider only mitigating facts that were clearly mit	tigating is not a vic	plation of "cle	early establishe	d Federal law." 7	he defendant's law	yer's closir	ng argument - poor or not - did not
early influen	ce the outcome of the case.							
138, Orig.	South Carolina v. North Carolina	Decided	Original	10/13/09	1/20/10	Alito	5-4	Reversed
-	n states participate in litigation, private parties may intervene only but non-unique interest.	if they show a unio	que and con	npelling interest	. Here, two parti	es were permitted to	o intervene	but a third party was shown to have
08-351	Alvarez v. Smith	Decided	CA7	10/14/09	12/8/09	Breyer	8-1	Vacated and Remanded
olding: A cha	allenge to an Illinois statute authorizing forfeiture of personal prop	erty used to facilita	ate drug crim	nes was mooted	d when parties re	esolved underlying d	lisputes as	to ownership of the property.
08-970	Perdue v. Kenny A.	Decided	CA11	10/14/09	4/21/10	Alito	5-4	Reversed and Remanded
lolding: A fed	deral court can award larger-than-usual attorney's fees to a civil rig	ghts lawyer who gi	ves an espe	cially strong per	rformance in a p	articular case, but o	nly in "exti	raordinary circumstances."
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Case No.	Case	Status	Court	Argued	Opinion	Author	Vote	Judgment
08-586	Jones v. Harris Associates LP.	Decided	CA7	11/2/09	3/30/10	Alito	9-0	Vacated and Remanded
	ual fund shareholders may challenge the amount of fees the fund?							
	In deciding whether the fees are excessive, courts must consider		circumstance	es, including how	w much the advi	sors charge other c	lients for si	milar services and whether
he board of c	directors engaged in a fully-informed and disinterested review of t	he fees.						
08-1008	Shady Grove v. Allstate Ins. Co.	Decided	CA2	11/2/09	3/31/10	Scalia	5-4	Reversed and Remanded
	ntiffs may sometimes sue for violations of state law in federal cour							
be decided.	The Court held that a state law forbidding that certain state claims	s be decided in a c	lass action g	overned proced	dure, and therefo	ore did not apply in t	federal cou	rt.
08-992	Beard v. Kindler	Decided	CA3	11/2/09	12/8/09	Roberts	8-0	Vacated and Remanded
lolding: A de	fendant convicted in state court cannot challenge his conviction i	n a federal "habea	s corpus" pe	tition if there is	an "independen	t and adequate" bas	sis in state	law for rejecting his claims - for
xample, if the	e defendant missed a deadline created by state law. The Suprem	e Court ruled that	state law is n	ot "inadequate	" merely becaus	e state court judges	have discr	retion whether to apply or ignore it.
08-674	NRG Power v. Maine Pub. Util. Comm'n	Decided	CADC	11/3/09	1/13/10	Ginsburg	8-1	Reversed and Remanded
Holding: Whe	n a third party challenges an agreement between an energy comp	pany and a utility of	ver the rate t	he utility will pa	y for electricity,	federal law presume	es that rate	is legal.
08-538	Schwab v. Reilly	Argued	CA3	11/3/09				
	sented: When a debtor files for bankruptcy, she must declare the				or to whom she	is indebted can obje	act to this o	declared amount. The question
	if the creditor does not object, and the debtor later realizes that the							
8-969	Hemi Group, LLC v. City of New York	Decided	CA2	11/3/09	1/25/10	Roberts	5-3	Reversed and Remanded
Holding: If a c	city cannot show that it lost revenue because of a crime under the	federal Racketeer	Influenced a	and Corrupt Org	janizations Act (l	RICO), it cannot use	that statut	e to recover unpaid taxes.
8-1065	Pottawattami County v. McGhee	Dismissed	CA8	11/4/09				
Dismissed follows	lowing settlement between parties							
8-9156	Wood v. Allen	Decided	CA11	11/4/09	1/20/10	Sotomayor	7-2	Affirmed
lolding: Defe	endant's sentence should not be overruled because his attorney d	id not make an "ur	reasonable o	decision" to wit	hhold evidence	of his mental deficie	encies.	
08-7412	Graham v. Florida	Decided	ST-KY	11/9/09	5/17/10	Kennedy	6-3	Reversed and Remanded
lolding: It is	unconstitutional to sentence a juvenile offender to life in prison w	ithout parole when	the crime do	oes not involve	murder, given th	ne Eighth Amendme	nt's ban on	"cruel and unusual" punishment.
8-7621	Sullivan v. Florida	DIG	ST-KY	11/9/09	5/17/10	Per Curiam	9-0	-
ismissed as	Improvidently Granted				•			
8-964	Bilski v. Kappos	Argued	CA-FED	11/9/09				
Question pres	sented: When can a patent be issued for a method of doing busin	ess?						
8-911	Kucana v. Holder	Decided	CA7	11/10/09	1/20/10	Ginsburg	9-0	Reversed and Remanded
Holding: Disci	retionary determinations by the Board of Immigration Appeals, su	ch as whether or n	ot to "reoper	n" a previous ru	lling, cannot be	appealed to a feder	al appeals	court.
8-1107	Hertz Corp. v. Friend	Decided	CA9	11/10/09	2/23/10	Breyer	9-0	Vacated and Remanded
Joldina: The	"principal place of business" of a corporation is the place where i	ts high level officer	e direct con	trol and coordi	nate its activities	which will usually	he its corn	orate headquarters

December Argument Session (10 Cases)

Case No.	Case	Status	Court	Argued	Opinion	Author	Vote	Judgment
08-304	Graham County v. US ex rel. Wilson	Decided	CA4	11/30/09	3/30/10	Stevens	7-2	Reversed and Remanded
Holding: Laws Judits.	suits under the Federal False Claims Act seeking to recover feder	ral funds that have t	oeen misspe	nt are barred if	the information ι	used in the lawsuits	s came from	n state or local agencies' reports or
08-905	Merck v. Reynolds	Decided	CA3	11/30/09	4/27/10	Breyer	9-0	Affirmed
-	time for a plaintiff to file a federal securities fraud lawsuit begins defendant's intent to defraud.	to run as soon as a	plaintiff disc	overs, or reasor	nably should hav	e discovered, all o	f the facts t	hat make up the violation,
08-1119	Milavetz v. US	Decided	CA8	12/1/09	3/8/10	Sotomayor	9-0	Reversed and Remanded
olding: Fede	eral bankruptcy law prohibits lawyers from advising a debtor to ta	ake on more debt w	hen filing for	bankruptcy and	d certain disclos	ure requirements d	o not violat	e the attorney's free speech rights.
08-1134	US Aid Funds v. Espinosa	Decided	CA9	12/1/09	3/23/10	Thomas	9-0	Affirmed
olding: A bar	nkruptcy court has the authority to discharge a student loan deb	t even if the student	has not file	d a claim of und	ue hardship.			
08-1151	Stop the Beach v. Florida	Argued	ST-FL	12/2/09				
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132, Orig	Alabama v. North Carolina	Decided	Original	1/11/10	6/1/10	Scalia	9-0	-
lolding: The C	Court adopts the Special Master's recommendations and overrule	es all nine exceptio	ons presented	d by the plaintiff	s.			
07-11191	Briscoe v. Virginia	Decided	ST-VA	1/11/10	1/25/10	Per Curiam	9-0	Vacated and Remanded
olding: Vaca	ated and Remanded in light of the Court's decision in Melendez-D	Diaz v. Massachuset	tts (2009).					
08-1224	US v. Comstock	Decided	CA4	1/12/10	5/17/10	Breyer	7-2	Reversed and Remanded
•	Court upholds the law passed by Congress to order the civil comuld be released.	mitment of a menta	ally ill federal	prisoner who is	s a sex offender	with the commitmer	nt to contin	ue beyond the date the inmate
08-645	Abbott v. Abbott	Decided	CA5	1/12/10	5/17/10	Kennedy	6-3	Reversed and Remanded
om the coun	rent has a right of custody under the Hague convention on child a try where the child is living.				_			
08-661	American Needle v. NFL	Decided	CA7	1/13/10	5/24/10	Stevens	9-0	Reversed
hallenged un	federal antitrust laws prohibit some "collective" action by "separa nder the Sherman Antitrust Act.	_					_	
08-1200	Jerman v. Carlisle	Decided	CA6	1/13/10	4/21/10	Sotomayor	7-2	Reversed and Remanded
olding: Debt	collectors are liable for violating the Fair Debt Collection Practice	es Act even if they	did not know	that their cond	uct violated the	statute.		
08-240	Mac's Shell Serv. v. Shell Oil Products, Co.	Decided	CA1	1/19/10	3/2/10	Alito	9-0	Reversed and Remanded
olding: A gas	s station may not sue a former franchisor for "constructive termin	nation" under the Pe	etroleum Mai	rketing Practice	s Act.			
08-1214	Granite Rock v. Teamsters	Argued	CA9	1/19/10				
uestion pres	sented: In this case, the employer wants to sue over a collective b	pargaining agreeme	ent signed by	a local union ra	ather than its inte	ernational. The ques	tions are, u	under federal labor law, whether (1) a
deral court c	or instead an arbitrator should decide whether there is an actual a	agreement, and (2)	the employe	r should sue the	e international or	instead the local.		
08-1402	Berghius v. Smith	Decided	CA6	1/20/10	3/30/10	Ginsburg	9-0	Reversed and Remanded
-	endants have the right to a trial by a jury selected from a fair cross tained a very small percentage of African Americans, the Court he violation.		-				-	
08-810	Conkright v. Frommert	Decided	CA2	1/20/10	4/21/10	Roberts	5-3	Reversed and Remanded
	n an employee health plan gives the plan administrator the power administrator's right to deference is not lost simply because the a							

February Argument Session (12 Cases)

Case No.	Case	Status	Court	Argued	Opinion	Author	Vote	Judgment
08-1322	Astrue v. Ratliff	Argued	CA8	2/22/10				
	ented: When a party wins a lawsuit against the government and i				rst go to the par	ty or instead straight	t to the law	yer? The question matters because if
they go to the	party, the government can deduct money the party owes it (for e	xample, to pay off I	back taxes)					
08-974	Lewis v. City of Chicago	Decided	CA7	2/22/10	5/24/10	Scalia	9-0	Reversed and Remanded
	ral law sets a short deadline to file a "charge" with the Equal Emp							
court. A plaint	iff who does not file a timely charge following the adoption of an	allegedly discrimina	atory practic	e may still file a	timely charge cl	hallenging the applic	ation of th	e practice.
08-1498	Holder v. Humanitarian Law Project	Argued	CA9	2/23/10				
Question pres	ented: Is the federal law criminalizing providing support for terror	ist groups unconsti	tutional bed	ause it is either	too vague or vic	lates the right to free	e speech?	
08-1569	US v. O'Brien	Decided	CA1	2/23/10	5/24/10	Kennedy	9-0	Affirmed
Holding: The c	question of whether or not a firearm is a machine gun must be de	cided unanimously	by a jury, n	ot by a judge du	iring sentencing.			
08-1301	Carr v. US	Decided	CA7	2/24/10	6/1/10	Sotomayor	6-3	Reversed and Remanded
Holding: The fe	ederal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) re	equires defendants	who commi	it certain sex-rel	ated offenses to	register with state a	and federal	databases. The Court held that a
defendant who	o committed a sex-related offense before SORNA became law is	not required to reg	ister under t	the statute.				
08-1341	US v. Marcus	Decided	CA2	2/24/10	5/24/10	Breyer	7-1	Reversed and Remanded
	n a defendant raises an issue on appeal that he did not raise in th							
	ne on appeal that he had been unconstitutionally convicted for co						neld that th	is error did not "affec[t] the
appellant's sul	bstantial rights" or "seriously affec[t] the fairness, integrity or pub	lic reputation of jud	licial procee	dings" and ther	efore did not wa	rrant a new trial.		
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08-1470	Berghuis v. Thompkins	Decided	CA6	3/1/10	6/1/10	Kennedy	5-4	Reversed and Remanded
Holding: In ord	der to invoke his Miranda rights, a suspect must "unambiguously	request counsel. I	t a detenda	nt simply remair	is silent, police o	micers may continue	e to ask qu	lestions.
09-5327	Holland v. Florida	Argued	CA11	3/1/10				
Question pres	ented: Can the fact that a defendant missed the one-year deadlir	ne to file a "habeas	corpus" pet	tition challenging	g his conviction	be forgiven because	it resulted	from his lawyer's inexcusable
mistake?								
08-1394	Skilling v. US	Argued	CA5	3/1/10				
	ented: The case raises two issues regarding the "honest services					elf? Second, is the s	tatute unco	onstitutionally vague? The case also
raises a separa	ate issue: what legal standard governs a claim that prejudice in the	ne community preve	ented him fr	om receiving a	fair trial?			
08-1521	McDonald v. City of Chicago	Argued	CA7	3/2/10				
Question pres	ented: Does the constitutional right to bear arms apply to state a	nd local gun laws?						
08-1529	Hui v. Castaneda	Decided	CA9	3/2/10	5/3/10	Sotomayor	9-0	Reversed and Remanded
Holding: Publi	c health service officers and employees are immune from Bivens	actions for constitu	utional harm	s committed in	the line of duty.			
08-1555	Samantar v. Yousuf	Decided	CA4	3/3/10	6/1/10	Stevens	9-0	Affirmed and Remanded
Holding: The F	oreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FISA) does not determine whe	ther or not a foreign	n official qua	alifies for immun	ity from suit.			
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March Argument Session (11 Cases)

Case No.	Case	Status	Court	Argued	Opinion	Author	Vote	Judgment
08-998	Hamilton v. Lanning	Argued	CA10	3/22/10				
	sented: Federal law requires that a debtor in a Chapter 13 bankru						er bankrup	otcy plan. The question presented is
how to calcul	late "projected disposable income" when it is known that the debt	tor's future income v	will be subst	tantially higher of	or lower than he	r past income.		
09-223	Levin v. Commerce Energy	Decided	CA6	3/22/10	6/1/10	Ginsburg	9-0	Reversed and Remanded
Holding: Und	ler the doctrine of comity, a tax payer's lawsuit claiming discrimina	atory state taxation i	must procee	ed originally in s	state court, even	when it is a request	to increa	se the tax burden on a competitor.
08-1457	New Process Steel v. NLRB	Argued	CA7	3/23/10				
Question pre	sented: An administrative body known as the National Labor Rela	tions Board makes r	rulings on fe	ederal labor law	. The question is	whether a Board ru	ling issue	d by only two board members is legal.
08-1553	Kawasaki v. Regal-Beloit Corp.	Argued	CA9	3/24/10				
Question pre	sented: Does a federal law holding shippers liable for damage to d	certain shipments ap	oply to dama	age during the I	rail portion of an	international shipme	ent that ha	as no domestic bill of lading?
09-158	Magwood v. Patterson	Argued	CA11	3/24/10				
	sented: A state defendant is generally not permitted to file a "second							
	nd won a right to a reconsideration of his sentence. After the state						This time,	, he raised a new argument that could
have been in	his initial application but was not. The question presented is whet	her the latter petitio	n is "second	d or successive	and therefore	forbidden.		
09-338	Renico v. Lett	Decided	CA6	3/29/10	5/3/10	Roberts	6-3	Reversed and Remanded
Holding: The	Michigan Supreme Court decision in the case was "reasonable" u	under federal habeas	s law, and th	nerefore the Six	th Circuit was w	rong in granting hab	eas relief	to Reginald Lett.
08-1191	Morrison v. National Australia Bank	Argued	CA2	3/29/10				
Question pres States?	sented: When may federal courts hear a suit by foreign plaintiffs a	lleging that they we	re harmed b	y securities fra	ud in a transacti	on conducted overse	eas but th	at nonetheless has ties to the United
09-6338	Dillon v. US	Argued	CA3	3/30/10				
Question pre-	sented: When a defendant seeks to modify his sentence in light of	f a revision to the fed	deral Senter	ncing Guideline	s, is the trial jud	ge bound by the Gui	delines or	may he impose a different sentence?
09-5201	Barber v. Thomas	Argued	CA9	3/30/10				
Question pre-	sented: Did the federal Bureau of Prisons properly adopt a rule that	at inmates receive "	good-time"	credit based or	n their time serve	ed rather than the ler	ngth of the	e sentence (which would provide
greater credit	ts)?							
09-60	Carachuri-Rosendo v. Holder	Argued	CA5	3/31/10				
Question pre	sented: Federal law forbids a lawful permanent resident who has l	been convicted of a	n "aggravate	ed felony" from	asking an immig	gration judge to cand	cel his dep	portation. A defendant who is
	ultiple times for drug offenses can be deemed to have committed		y. The ques	tion presented	is whether the s	uccessive drug conv	viction is a	in aggravated felony automatically or
instead only i	if the court specifically finds that the defendant is a repeat offende	er.						
08-6261	Robertson v. US ex rel. Watson	DIG	ST-DC	3/31/10	5/24/10	Per Curiam	5-4	-
Dismissed as	Improvidently Granted							

April Argument Session (8 Cases)

Case No.	Case	Status	Court	Argued	Opinion	Author	Vote	Judgment
08-1371	Christian Legal Society v. Martinez	Argued	CA9	4/19/10				
Question pres	sented: Does the First Amendment permit a state university to der	ny recognition and f	unds to a re	ligious group th	at requires its m	embers and leaders	to share	the organization's values, which
conflict with t	he university's non-discrimination rules?							
08-1332	City of Ontario v. Quon	Argued	CA9	4/19/10				
Question pres	sented: Does the Constitution prevent the government from review	ving text messages	sent by an	employee on a (government dev	ice.		
09-367	Dolan v. US	Argued	CA10	4/20/10				
Question Pres	sented: Whether a district court decision to enter a restitution order	er beyond the ninet	y-day time li	imit prescribed i	n 18 U.S.C. § 30	664(d)(5) must be va	cated.	
09-337	Krupski v. Costa Crociere	Argued	CA11	4/21/10				
Question Pre	sented: Whether Fed. R. Cir. P. 15(c)(1)(C) - which permits an ame	ended complaint to	"relate back	k," for limitation	purposes, when	the amendment cor	rects a "r	mistake concerning the proper party's
dentity" – pe	rmits "mistakes" where the plaintiff had imputed knowledge of the	e identity of the add	ed defendar	nt prior to filing	suit.			
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09-497	Rent-A-Center v. Jackson	Argued	CA9	4/26/10			A #D 1	
	sented: Whether the district court is in all cases required to determ			igreement subje	ct to the Federa	Arbitration Act ("FA	A") is und	conscionable, even when the parties to
ine contract r	nave clearly and unmistakably assigned this "gateway" issue to the	e arbitrator for deci	sion.					
09-448	Hardt v. Reliance Standard Life Ins.	Decided	CA4	4/26/10	5/24/10	Thomas	9-0	Reversed and Remanded
Holding: A fee	1:							i neverseu and nemanded
	e claimant need not prevail to recover attorney's fees under ERIS/	4 & 502(a)(1). A disti	rict court ma	av award feeds	and costs as lon	g as a claimant has	achieved	
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Scheduled	0
Argued	27
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Dismissed	1
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Total Dismissed	3
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Roberts	5
Stevens	4
Scalia	5
Kennedy	5
Thomas	4
Ginsburg	6
Breyer	6
Alito	5
Sotomayor	6
Per Curiam	3
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