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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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
folding: 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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November Argument Session (13 Cases)

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		
of directors. In	Holding: Mutual fund shareholders may challenge the amount of fees the fund's investment advisors charge for their services, even if the fee was fully disclosed to, and approved by, the fund's board of directors. In deciding whether the fees are excessive, courts must consider the totality of the circumstances, including how much the advisors charge other clients for similar services and whether he board of directors engaged in a fully-informed and disinterested review of the fees.									
08-1008	Shady Grove v. Allstate Ins. Co.	Decided	CA2	11/2/09	3/31/10	Scalia	5-4	Reversed and Remanded		
	tiffs may sometimes sue for violations of state law in federal cour The Court held that a state law forbidding that certain state claims									
08-992	Beard v. Kindler	Decided	CA3	11/2/09	12/8/09	Roberts	8-0	Vacated and Remanded		
	fendant convicted in state court cannot challenge his conviction in a defendant missed a deadline created by state law. The Supremo									
08-674	NRG Power v. Maine Pub. Util. Comm'n	Decided	CADC	11/3/09	1/13/10	Ginsburg	8-1	Reversed and Remanded		
	n a third party challenges an agreement between an energy comp				y for electricity,	federal law presumes	that rate	is legal.		
08-538	Schwab v. Reilly	Argued	CA3	11/3/09						
	ented: When a debtor files for bankruptcy, she must declare the value of the creditor does not object, and the debtor later realizes that the									
08-969	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 ci	ity cannot show that it lost revenue because of a crime under the	federal Racketeer	Influenced a	nd Corrupt Org	anizations Act (I	RICO), it cannot use t	that statut	te to recover unpaid taxes.		
08-1065	Pottawattami County v. McGhee	Dismissed	CA8	11/4/09						
Dismissed follo	owing settlement between parties									
08-9156	Wood v. Allen	Decided	CA11	11/4/09	1/20/10	Sotomayor	7-2	Affirmed		
Holding: Defer	ndant's sentence should not be overruled because his attorney d	id not make an "un	reasonable o	decision" to with	hhold evidence	of his mental deficien	icies.			
08-7412	Graham v. Florida	Decided	ST-KY	11/9/09	5/17/10	Kennedy	6-3	Reversed and Remanded		
Holding: It is a	unconstitutional to sentence a juvenile offender to life in prison w	thout parole when	the crime do	es not involve	murder, given th	ne Eighth Amendmen	t's ban or	n "cruel and unusual" punishment.		
08-7621	Sullivan v. Florida	DIG	ST-KY	11/9/09	5/17/10	Per Curiam	9-0	-		
Dismissed as I	Improvidently Granted									
08-964	Bilski v. Kappos	Argued	CA-FED	11/9/09						
Question pres	ented: When can a patent be issued for a method of doing busine	ess?								
08-911	Kucana v. Holder	Decided	CA7	11/10/09	1/20/10	Ginsburg	9-0	Reversed and Remanded		
Holding: Discr	etionary determinations by the Board of Immigration Appeals, su	ch as whether or n	ot to "reoper	n" a previous ru	ling, cannot be	appealed to a federa	l appeals	court.		
08-1107	Hertz Corp. v. Friend	Decided	CA9	11/10/09	2/23/10	Breyer	9-0	Vacated and Remanded		
Holding: The "	'principal place of business" of a corporation is the place where it	s high level officers	s direct, con	trol, and coordi	nate its activities		e its corp	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 audits.	uits under the Federal False Claims Act seeking to recover federa	al funds that have b	een misspe	nt are barred if	the information	used in the lawsuits	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
Holding: The ti	ime for a plaintiff to file a federal securities fraud lawsuit begins to	run as soon as a p	plaintiff disc	overs, or reasor	nably should hav	e discovered, all of	the facts tl	hat make up the violation,
ncluding the c	defendant's intent to defraud.							
08-1119	Milavetz v. US	Decided	CA8	12/1/09	3/8/10	Sotomayor	9-0	Reversed and Remanded
Holding: Feder	ral bankruptcy law prohibits lawyers from advising a debtor to tal	ke on more debt wh	nen filing for	bankruptcy and	d certain disclos	ure requirements do	not violate	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
Holding: A bar	hkruptcy court has the authority to discharge a student loan debt	even if the student	has not file	d a claim of unc	due hardship.			
08-1151	Stop the Beach v. Florida	Argued	ST-FL	12/2/09				
Question prese	ented: The Florida Supreme Court held that when the state depos	sited sand to stop	erosion, that	land became t	he state's prope	rty. The question pr	esented is	whether that ruling violated the
ederal Constit	tution, including because it constituted a "taking" of private prope	erty without compe	ensation.					
08-861	Free Ent. Fund v. PCAOB	Argued	CADC	12/7/09				
	ented: The Public Company Accounting Oversight Board has var ecause the President does not have the direct power to appoint of a point of the President does not have the direct power to appoint of the President Resident Reside					ion presented is wh	ether the E	Soard's structure violates the
08-1175	Florida v. Powell	Decided	ST-FL	12/7/09	2/23/10	Ginsburg	7-2	Reversed and Remanded
Holding: Police	e satisfy the requirements of Miranda v. Arizona when they advise	a suspect that the	ey have the r	right to talk to a	lawyer before a	nswering questions	and that th	ney can request a lawyer at any point
luring questio	ning.							
08-876	Black v. US	Argued	CA7	12/8/09				
Question prese	ented: Federal law makes it a crime to deprive your employer of	our "honest servic	es." One qu	estion presente	d by this case is	whether an employ	ee of a priv	vate company violate the statute if
here is no risk	that his employer will be harmed? The case also presents an un	related question re	garding wha	at a defendant n	nust do to objec	t to an erroneous ju	ry instruction	on.
08-1196	Weyhrauch v. US	Argued	CA9	12/8/09				
Question prese	ented: Can a state government official be convicted under the ho	nest services statu	te for condu	ict that is not ille	egal under state	law?		
08-1198	Stolt-Nielsen S.A. v. AnimalFeeds	Decided	CA2	12/9/09	4/27/10	Alito	5-3	Reversed and Remanded
Holding: When	a defendant is alleged to have violated many people's rights, the	e victims can some	times bring	their claims in c	court as a group	through a "class ac	ction" laws	uit. At the same time, rather
	sputes in courts, people sometimes agree to arbitration. In this c							
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January Argument Session (10 Cases)

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Case No.	Case	Status	Court	Argued	Opinion	Author	Vote	Judgment
132, Orig	Alabama v. North Carolina	Decided	Original	1/11/10	6/1/10	Scalia	9-0	-
olding: The C	Court adopts the Special Master's recommendations and overrule	es all nine exception	ns presente	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	ted and Remanded in light of the Court's decision in Melendez-D	iaz v. Massachuset	ts (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 comulate be released.	mitment of a menta	ally ill federal	prisoner who is	s a sex offender	with the commitmen	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
08-1200	Jerman v. Carlisle collectors are liable for violating the Fair Debt Collection Practice	Decided es Act even if they o	CA6	1/13/10 that their cond	4/21/10 uct violated the	Sotomayor statute.	7-2	Reversed and Remanded
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
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08-1214	Granite Rock v. Teamsters	Argued	CA9	1/19/10				
	sented: In this case, the employer wants to sue over a collective bor instead an arbitrator should decide whether there is an actual a						tions are, ι	under federal labor law, whether (1)
08-1402	Berghius v. Smith	Decided	CA6	1/20/10	3/30/10	Ginsburg	9-0	Reversed and Remanded
olding: Defer	ndants have the right to a trial by a jury selected from a fair cross	-section of the com	nmunity. In t	this case, in whi	ch an African-Ar	merican man convict	ted by an a	all-white jury selected from a
ool that containstitutional	ained a very small percentage of African Americans, the Court he violation.	eld that there was n	ot enough e	vidence of syste	ematic exclusion	of African-Americar	n jurors fro	m the pool to establish a
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 aby a court.							

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)

Be-988 Hamilton v. Lanning	Case No.	Case	Status	Court	Argued	Opinion	Author	Vote	Judgment
locoking approach and consider "known or virtually certain" events to decided future disposable income. 99-223 Levin v. Commerce Energy Decided CA6 3/22/10 6/1/10 Ginsburg 9-0 Reversed and Remanded	08-998	Hamilton v. Lanning	Decided	CA10	3/22/10	6/7/10	Alito	8-1	Affirmed
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	08-6261	Robertson v. US ex rel. Watson	DIG	ST-DC	3/31/10	5/24/10	Per Curiam	5-4	-
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08-1371	Christian Legal Society v. Martinez	Argued	CA9	4/19/10				
•	ented: Does the First Amendment permit a state university to der ne university's non-discrimination rules?	ny recognition and fo	unds to a re	eligious group th	at requires its m	embers and leaders	to share	the organization's values, which
08-1332	City of Ontario v. Quon	Argued	CA9	4/19/10				
Question pres	ented: Does the Constitution prevent the government from review	wing text messages	sent by an	employee on a g	government devi	ce.		
09-367	Dolan v. US	Argued	CA10	4/20/10				
Question Pres	ented: Whether a district court decision to enter a restitution order	er beyond the ninety	y-day time l	imit prescribed i	n 18 U.S.C. § 36	664(d)(5) must be va	cated.	
09-337	Krupski v. Costa Crociere	Decided	CA11	4/21/10	6/7/10	Sotomayor	6-3	Reversed and Remanded
	Rent-A-Center v. Jackson ented: Whether the district court is in all cases required to deterr ave clearly and unmistakably assigned this "gateway" issue to the			4/26/10 agreement subje	ct to the Federa	Arbitration Act ("FA	A") is und	conscionable, even when the parties to
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 claimant need not prevail to recover attorney's fees under ERISA § 502(g)(1). A district court may award feeds and costs as long as a claimant has achieved "some degree of success on the merits."								
09-475	Monsanto v. Geertson Seed Farms	Argued	CA9	4/27/10				
Question Presented: (1) Whether plaintiffs under the National Environmental Policy Act are specially exempt from the requirement of showing a likelihood of irreparable harm to obtain an injunction; (2) whether a district court may enter an injunction sought to remedy a NEPA violation without conducting an evidentiary hearing sought by a party to resolve genuinely disputed facts directly relevant to the appropriate scope of the requested injunction; and (3) whether the Ninth Circuit erred when it affirmed a nationwide injunction that sought to remedy a NEPA violation based on only a remote possibility of reparable harm.								
09-559	Doe #1 v. Reed	Argued	CA9	4/28/10				
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