

# Attempting to Insert New Term into Collective Bargaining Agreement Not Agreed to in Negotiations Violates the Law

## *Insight*

A signed agreement serves as an absolute bar to employees filing a decertification petition during the term of the agreement, while an unsigned agreement does not bar such a petition.

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# Hunton & Williams Adds Team to National Labor and Employment Practice

## *News*

Hunton & Williams LLP announces the expansion of its national labor and employment practice with the addition of partners Michele J. Beilke and Julia Y. Trankiem and two associates in Los Angeles.

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# Will the Supreme Court Deal a Blow to Trade Unions?

## *News*

The case asks whether public employees who choose not to join their designated union may nevertheless be charged “agency fees” to support collective bargaining.

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# Employer’s Notice of Mandatory Arbitration Program May Be Insufficient to Compel Arbitration

## *Insight*

Something more is required in order to be able to infer the employee’s knowing assent to the new term of employment, the Sixth Circuit ruled.

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# Tech Start-Up Fires Engineers Amid Union Organizing Effort

## *News*

The move came less than two weeks after the workers filed a petition to join a CWA unit and days before a union election

hearing scheduled for Jan 31,” according to Bloomberg.

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## **Workplace Litigation Report: The Good and the Bad**

### ***News***

Employers can find good news and some bad news in Seyfarth Shaw’s 14th Annual Workplace Class Action Litigation, which analyzes 1,408 rulings.

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## **New Labor Board GC’s Restructuring Plan Worries Senior Officials**

### ***News***

Senior officials with the National Labor Relations Board have expressed concern over a plan outlined by the board’s new general counsel to demote the senior civil servants who resolve most labor cases, reports *The New York Times*.

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# Workplace Lawyers Race Against the Trump Clock

## **News**

Labor lawyers rush to lock in payouts ahead of a shifting legal landscape, according to a Bloomberg report.

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# Labor Board Burns Through Obama-Era Rules

## **News**

In recent days, the independent board tasked with enforcing fair labor practices and collective bargaining rights overruled three Obama-era rules in a series of 3-2 rulings, *The Hill* reports.

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# Can You Really Shut Down Your Company a Week After Your Workers Unionize?

## **News**

If lawyers decide to pursue a case charging that Ricketts acted illegally, they'll have to prove that some part of the business is still operating, according to the *Pacific Standard*.

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# **Billionaire CEO Shuts Down Publications After Vote to Unionize**

## **News**

The CEO of a group of digital local news sites shut down the publications a week after reporters and editors in the combined newsroom of DNAinfo and Gothamist voted to join a union, reports *The New York Times*.

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# **NFL Players May Have an Ally in Their Protests: Labor Law**

## **News**

“If they’re standing up for other players’ rights to kneel in the context of their job and keep their job, it seems to me to be protected concerted activity,” law professor Matthew Bodie said.

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# **Trump’s Impact Felt in**

# Supreme Court Labor Rights Cases

## *News*

When the Supreme Court opens its 2017 term on the first Monday in October, its very first cases will serve as a stark reminder of why elections matter, predicts *USA Today*.

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# Littler Adds Renowned Global Employment Lawyer

## *News*

Employment and labor law firm Littler has added Donald C. Dowling Jr. as a shareholder in the New York office.

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# Ex-Fiat Chrysler Executive Charged in Union Official Payoff

## *News*

A former Fiat Chrysler executive has been charged with looting a training center for blue-collar workers by giving \$1.2 million through a variety of ways to a UAW leader, his wife and other senior union officials, according to an Associated Press report.

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# Labor & Employment PAGA Attorney Joins Blank Rome in Los Angeles

## *News*

Blank Rome LLP announces that Laura Reathaford has joined the firm as a partner in the Labor and Employment group in the Los Angeles office.

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# Michael Best Adds Labor & Employment Lawyer in Milwaukee

## *News*

Bethany McCurdy has recently joined Michael Best's Milwaukee office in the firm's Labor & Employment Practice Group. She will focus her practice on management side employment law.

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# Indiana Senate Chief ff

# Staff, Legal Counsel Rejoins Barnes & Thornburg

## *News*

Jeffrey L. Papa, has rejoined Barnes & Thornburg LLP as a partner in the firm's Labor & Employment Law Department.

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# Akerman Labor & Employment Partners in New York, Denver, Miami, and DC

## *News*

Akerman LLP has expanded its Labor & Employment Practice Group with partners Angela Hart-Edwards in Washington, D.C., Colin Barnacle in Denver, Denise Gavica Perez in Miami and Rory McEvoy in New York.

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# After N.F.L. Concussion Settlement, Feeding Frenzy of Lawyers and Lender

## *News*

Some of the ex-players with severe neurological disorders are cognitively impaired and may not understand the terms used by

the lawyers who make the pitches, reports *The New York Times*.