

# For the Third Time, Supreme Court to Hear Mandatory Union Dues Arguments

Next week the Supreme Court will hear oral argument on whether to reverse a 41-year-old ruling that allows states to require government employees to pay union dues even though they don't want to be union members.

"It's a familiar question for eight of the nine justices, who have already heard oral argument on the issue twice," writes **Amy Howe** in **SCOTUSblog**. "The court did not resolve the issue the first time; the second time, in the wake of the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, they deadlocked. This means that the outcome in [petitioner Mark] Janus' case could hinge on the vote of the court's newest justice, Neil Gorsuch."

The case, appealed by Janus, an employee of the state of Illinois, comes after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit rejected his argument that the agency fee violated his rights under the First Amendment.

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