

Supreme Court Issues Rare Rebuke to Meddling Bush Lawyers

Administration lawyer will not have time during oral argument to parrot union arguments

WASHINGTON, DC – A bit of good news came in the door as Foundation attorneys prepare for oral arguments before the United States Supreme Court on October 6 in *Locke v. Karass*.

In an extremely rare move, the High Court denied a motion by Bush Administration lawyers seeking to force their way into the oral arguments, even though no federal statute or federal agency is implicated in the case.



Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao should pull the plug on her pro-forced unionism legal brief filed in the Foundation's U.S. Supreme court case.

Foundation Supreme Court case examines forced dues assessments

As reported in the June/July issue of *Foundation Action*, U.S. Solicitor General Paul Clement submitted a controversial legal brief in *Locke* before resigning in May. If adopted, the federal

government's position would allow union officials to charge employees who exercise their right to refrain from formal union membership for union activism nationwide. Clement's successor

Gregory Garre, Acting Solicitor General, filed a motion to grab part of Foundation attorneys' limited oral argument time to repeat these detrimental arguments before the Court.

Supporters ask Bush Administration to withdraw from case

National Right to Work Foundation President Mark Mix – joined by thousands of Right to Work supporters who have mailed and called the White House and the Department of Labor – has repeatedly asked the Bush Administration to withdraw its shameful legal brief. At press time, it has not done so. But this rare rebuke by the Supreme Court underscores what Foundation attorneys have argued all along: The federal government has absolutely no business nosing into the *Locke* case, particularly since it wishes to tear down First Amendment protections.

For continuing updates on *Locke* and the Foundation's hundreds of other cases, check out the Foundation's blog, *Freedom @ Work*, at <http://www.nrtw.org/blog>. 

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