U.S. Supreme Court Hears Union Case That Could Have Significant Implications for Towns and Cities

On January 11, 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments concerning Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association. The case was brought by 10 California teachers who said that the requirement to financially support a union they declined to join violated their First Amendment rights. More than 20 states have such laws. A ruling on the case is expected by late June.

CCM will keep you apprised of developments.

NLC Webinar on Case

The National League of Cities (NLC) and the State & Local Legal Center sponsored a webinar on Tuesday, January 12, to discuss the legal issues in Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association and what’s at stake for state and local governments if the Supreme Court rules that public-sector “agency shop” arrangements are unconstitutional with Attorneys Michael Carvin and Jones Day, who argued this case on behalf of the teachers objecting to fair share.

The link to access the webinar is here: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3118656251480797185

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