



Local 1000 presses furlough suit to high court

Our attorneys argue against illegal furloughs

In the culmination of our 21-month legal fight against furloughs, our attorneys will ask the state Supreme Court to declare that the governor's furloughs are illegal for all state workers represented by Local 1000.

Our lawyers will argue that the governor exceeded his legal authority by implementing mandatory unpaid furloughs in February of 2009, asserting that the governor's 2009 executive order on furloughs violated the state constitution and various California statutes. The lawsuit, which was originally filed in January of 2009, has been working its way through the appeals process.

Among other arguments, our attorneys assert that Gov. Schwarzenegger violated the separation of powers by using furloughs as a means to cut employee salaries, which is purely a legislative function.

This lawsuit, one of eight pieces of litigation that our attorneys have filed to stop furloughs, is the first such case to make it all the way to the Supreme Court. At each stage of the litigation, our attorneys have maintained that because furloughs were imposed illegally our members are entitled to back pay.

In other separate lawsuits, superior court judges in San Francisco and Oakland have ruled against furloughs at non-General Fund agencies and at the State Compensation Insurance Fund. Those cases are not yet before the Supreme Court.

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Judge blocks minimum wage

Superior Court sides with Chiang, delays final ruling

The Sacramento County Superior Court effectively blocked the governor's bid to impose minimum wage – at least for the next few months.

Judge Patrick Marlette sided with State Controller John Chiang and issued a ruling that Chiang's challenge to the governor's latest minimum wage order has enough merit to require a full hearing.

Our attorneys estimate the hearing will not take place before November. The next step is to move into the discovery period of the case, which includes testimonials and interviews with key experts and witnesses, and a review of all evidence on the challenges raised by the state controller.

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