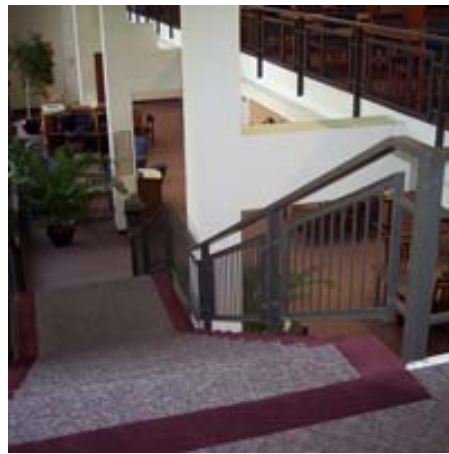


# Finding Recent Case Filings in the U.S. Supreme Court

(Alternatives to Lexis & Westlaw)



A  
DCLI/ACLL  
Quick Guide



# Research Questions

- What new cases have been filed in the United States Supreme Court?
- What questions are being presented to the court this term?

# Three Recommended Online Sources

1. *Supreme Court Today* – part of *United States Law Week*\*
2. U. S. Supreme Court Web Site
3. Oyez Web Site

\* Access restrictions may apply

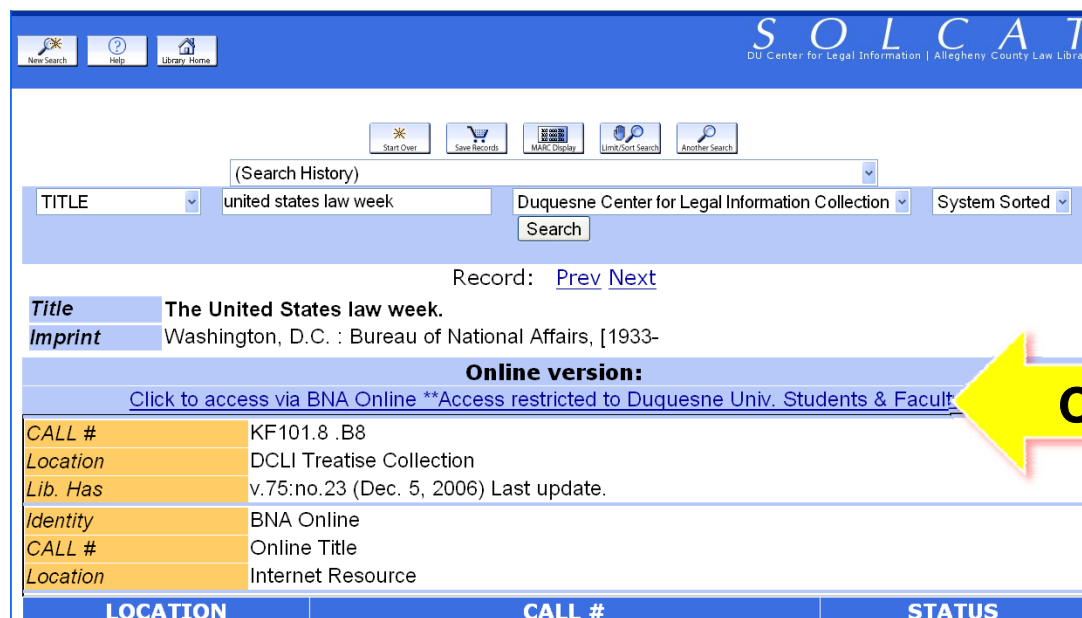
# *Supreme Court Today – part of United States Law Week*

- Accessible via BNA-Online\*
- Features:
  - Updated daily
  - Questions presented and filing actions
  - Summaries of all active cases
  - Full-text of U.S. Supreme Court cases
  - General information on Federal case law

\*Access to BNA-Online is restricted to Duquesne University students and faculty.

# How to login to *United States Law Week* via BNA-Online

- Search by Title: United States Law Week in [SOLCAT](http://library.law.duq.edu) (<http://library.law.duq.edu>)



The screenshot shows the SOLCAT search interface. The search results for 'The United States law week' are displayed. A yellow arrow points to the 'Click to access via BNA Online' link.

**SOLCAT**  
DU Center for Legal Information | Allegheny County Law Library

(Search History)

TITLE united states law week Duquesne Center for Legal Information Collection System Sorted

Search

Record: [Prev](#) [Next](#)

**Title** The United States law week.  
**Imprint** Washington, D.C. : Bureau of National Affairs, [1933-

**Online version:**  
[Click to access via BNA Online \\*\\*Access restricted to Duquesne Univ. Students & Faculty](#)

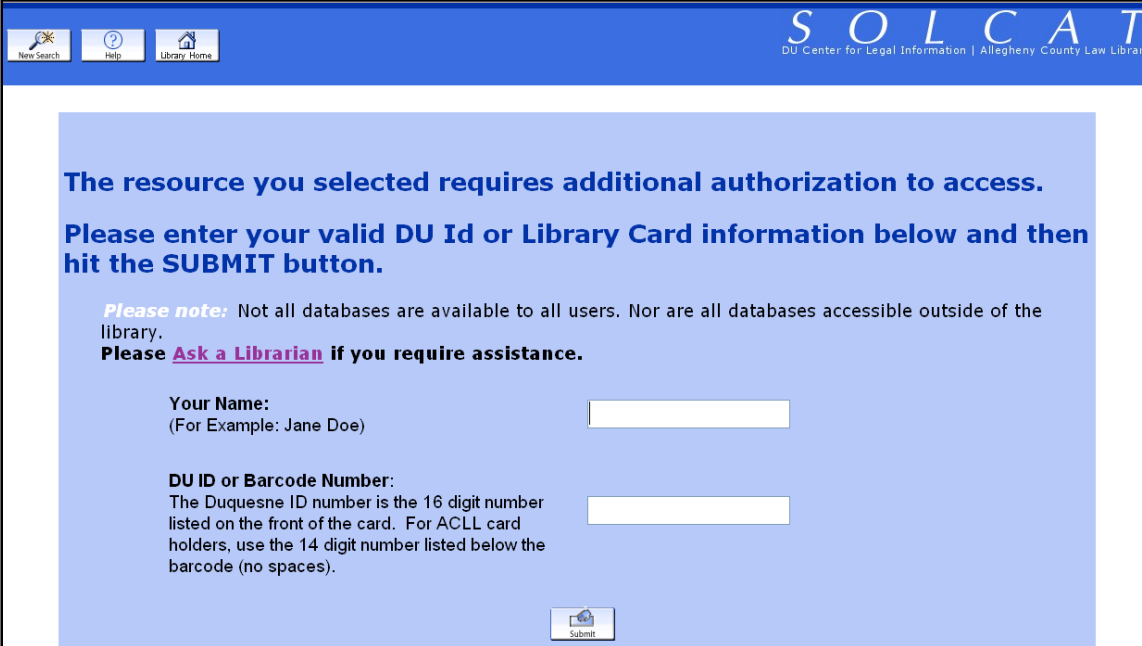
<b>CALL #</b>	KF101.8 .B8
<b>Location</b>	DCLI Treatise Collection
<b>Lib. Has</b>	v.75:no.23 (Dec. 5, 2006) Last update.
<b>Identity</b>	BNA Online
<b>CALL #</b>	Online Title
<b>Location</b>	Internet Resource

LOCATION	CALL #	STATUS
----------	--------	--------

Click the link

# Enter DU ID Card Information

Enter your name and DU ID number if accessing from a non-library computer.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with a blue header. On the left, there are three icons: 'New Search', 'Help', and 'Library Home'. On the right, the text 'S O L C A T' is displayed in large letters, with 'DU Center for Legal Information | Allegheny County Law Library' underneath. The main content area has a light blue background and contains the following text:

**The resource you selected requires additional authorization to access.**

**Please enter your valid DU Id or Library Card information below and then hit the SUBMIT button.**

*Please note:* Not all databases are available to all users. Nor are all databases accessible outside of the library.  
**Please [Ask a Librarian](#) if you require assistance.**

**Your Name:**  
(For Example: Jane Doe)

**DU ID or Barcode Number:**  
The Duquesne ID number is the 16 digit number listed on the front of the card. For ACLL card holders, use the 14 digit number listed below the barcode (no spaces).

Having problems logging in? Please [Ask a Librarian](#) for assistance.

# Sample Home Page of *United States Law Week*

HOME | ABOUT | CONTACT US | PREFERENCES | HELP | FAVORITES Welcome. Login to your preferences. Text size: A A A

**The United States Law Week®**

SEARCH ALL  **Go** Search Tips [Advanced Search](#) | [Find an Article by Page Number](#) | [Search History](#) | [Saved Searches](#)

September 30, 2008 • Volume 77 • Number 12 [Latest Issue](#) [All Issues](#)

[BNA Highlights](#) | [All Headlines](#) | [All Headlines with Summaries](#)

## En Banc Federal Circuit Jettisons Point of Novelty Analysis For Ordinary Observer Test in Design Infringement Suits

 The sole analysis for determining whether a design patent has been infringed is the ordinary observer test, without any reliance on a point of novelty analysis, the en banc Federal Circuit holds. The ordinary observer test looks at two designs to determine, whether, in the eye of the ordinary observer, they are substantially similar, while the point of novelty analysis says that no matter how similar the two designs are, the accused device must appropriate the novelty in the patented device that distinguishes it from prior art.

**Select Supreme Court Today** the purpose of the point of novelty test is to focus on design aspects that differ from familiar with the prior art. will served "by applying the ordinary observer test through the eyes of an observer

### CASE ALERT HIGHLIGHTS

#### FOIA Law Enforcement Records, Privacy Exemptions Don't Allow DOD to Withhold Photos of Detainees Allegedly Abused by U.S. Soldiers

 The Freedom of Information Act requires the Defense Department to release 21 photographs of detainees allegedly abused by U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Second Circuit rules. It rebuffs DOD's assertion of FOIA Exemptions 7(F), for law enforcement records whose disclosure could reasonably be expected to endanger "any individual," and 6 and 7(C), for certain records implicating personal privacy.

The term "any individual" in Exemption 7(F) contemplates a more specific identification of endangered persons than the numerous military personnel and civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan, the court says. The privacy interests shielded by Exemptions 6 and 7(C) were satisfied by the district court's redaction of all identifying characteristics of the detainees. [More »](#)

#### Bankruptcy Filing Cannot Shield Sanctioned Attorney From Duty To Repay Ethics Panel for Costs of His Disciplinary Proceedings

 An attorney who was ordered in court to reimburse the state's professional ethics panel for the costs of two disciplinary proceedings against him cannot get rid of that debt by filing for bankruptcy, the First Circuit makes clear. The amounts satisfy the conditions for an exception from discharge under Section 523(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code, the court says, rejecting the lawyer's bid for discharge in his Chapter 7 case.

The court assessments fit within this exception, which covers debt that is "a fine, penalty or forfeiture

### RESEARCH TOOLS

- Indexes**
- [Search Indexes](#)
- [Browse Indexes](#)
- Reported Cases**
- [View Alphabetically](#)
- [View Recent Cases Reported](#)

### FROM THE EDITORS

See U.S. Law Week's annual review of civil cases in the U.S. Supreme Court term: [Landmark Constitutional Opinions, Pro-Business Rulings Characterize Term](#)

Please provide your feedback on our new platform.

### MY DOCUMENTS

**Recent Documents**  
None

### HOT TOPICS

**Editors' Picks**  
[Employment Discrimination](#)  
[Immigration](#)  
[Securities](#)

**My Picks**  
[Track the topics that interest you.](#)  
[See All Recent Topics](#)

### SUPREME COURT TODAY

[Supreme Court Today Home Page](#)

### KEY FEATURES

[Circuit Splits](#)  
[Recent Nominations and Confirmations](#)

### TRACK INTERESTS

**Courts**  
[All Courts](#)  
[Track the courts that interest you.](#)

**Agencies**  
[All Agencies](#)  
[Track the agencies that interest you.](#)

**States**  
[All States](#)  
[Track the states that interest you.](#)

[See Articles By Law Firms](#)

# Sample Home Page of *Supreme Court Today*

- Excellent source of recent actions by the U.S. Supreme Court by topic

Law Week

Prev Next Search All Issues Collapse All

**Search All Issues**

BNA, Inc.

United States Law Week's  
**Supreme Court Today**

## Most Recent Action

▼2008

▼10/01/2008

▼**Criminal Law**

- Boyle v. United States (Review Granted 10/01/2008)
- Corley v. United States (Review Granted 10/01/2008)
- Kansas v. Ventris (Review Granted 10/01/2008)
- Kennedy v. Louisiana (Decided 06/25/2008)
- Montejo v. Louisiana (Review Granted 10/01/2008)
- Puckett v. United States (Review Granted 10/01/2008)
- Rivera v. Illinois (Review Granted 10/01/2008)
- Vermont v. Brillon (Review Granted 10/01/2008)

▼**Elections**

- Bartlett v. Strickland (Review Granted 03/17/2008)

▼**Environment**

- Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. v. United States (Review Granted 10/01/2008)
- Shell Oil Co. v. United States (Review Granted 10/01/2008)

▼**Native Americans**

- United States v. Navajo Nation (Review Granted 10/01/2008)

▼**States**

Supreme Court Web Site

Most Recent Action

Case Name  
Docket Number  
Date Filed  
Date Added to Supreme Court Today  
Status  
Cases Decided  
Cases Granted Review  
Cases Denied Review  
Topical  
Cases Decided  
Cases Granted Review  
All Cases Filed  
Journal  
Argument Schedule  
Text of Opinions  
By Case Name  
By Court Term  
By Date Decided  
By Topic  
Argument & Review Stories  
Publication Information

**Select a case**

# Case Example

← Prev   Next →   🔍 Search All Issues   📄 Contents

**BNA, Inc.**

United States Law Week's  
**Supreme Court Today**

---

**Current Status:** Review Granted

## Corley v. United States

<b>Subject Matter:</b>	Criminal Law--Confessions--Delay in bringing defendant before magistrate judge.
<b>Docket Number:</b>	07-10441
<b>Latest Action:</b>	10/01/2008
<b>Case History :</b>	<b>Filed:</b> 04/14/2008 <b>Review Granted:</b> 10/01/2008

**Ruling Below:** (3d Cir., 500 F.3d 210)

**Summary of Ruling Below:** Under 18 U.S.C. § 3501(c), which provides that voluntary confession made while in custody shall not be inadmissible solely because of delay in bringing arrestee before magistrate judge if confession was made within six hours immediately after arrest, delay in presenting arrestee to magistrate judge does not require suppression of confession that is found to be voluntary within meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 3501(a) and (b); subsections (a) and (b) make voluntariness sole criterion for admissibility of confession, and, in context of deciding whether pre-presentation confessions given by defendants in federal custody are admissible at trial, replaces "unnecessary delay" standard of Fed.R.Crim.P. 5(a) with voluntariness test.

**Question(s) Presented:** Does 18 U.S.C. § 3501 read together with Fed.R.Crim.P. 5(a), *McNabb v. United States*, 318 U.S. 332 (1943), and *Mallory v. United States*, 354 U.S. 449 (1957), require that confession taken more than six hours after arrest and before presentation be suppressed if there was unreasonable or unnecessary delay in bringing defendant before magistrate judge?

**Attorneys:** Petition for certiorari filed 4/14/08, by David L. McColgin, Asst. Federal Defender, Maureen Kearney Rowley, Chief Federal Defender, and Federal Community Defender Office for Eastern District of Pennsylvania, all of Philadelphia, Pa.

---

Contact customer relations at: [customercare@bna.com](mailto:customercare@bna.com) or 1-800-372-1033

Copyright © 1996 - 2008, The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc.  
[Copyright FAQs](#) | [Internet Privacy Policy](#) | [BNA Accessibility Statement](#) | [License](#)

Reproduction or redistribution, in whole or in part, and in any form, without express written permission, is prohibited except as permitted by the BNA Copyright Policy.

# U. S. Supreme Court Web Site

- Official web site for the Court
- <http://www.supremecourtus.gov>
- Features:
  - Docket information
  - Briefs on the merits

# http://www.supremecourtus.gov

## Supreme Court of the United States



Search:

For documents containing:

[Recent Decisions](#)

[Courtroom Closure, July 1 to mid-September](#)

[> About the Supreme Court](#)

[> Docket](#)

[> Oral Arguments](#)

[> Merits Briefs](#)

[> Bar Admissions](#)

[> Court Rules](#)

[> Case Handling Guides](#)

[> Opinions](#)

[> Orders and Journals](#)

[> Visiting the Court](#)

[> Public Information](#)

[> Jobs](#)

[> Links](#)

[What's New](#)

[Site Map](#)

[Proprietary and Security Notice](#)



# Docket Page



Supreme Court of the United States

- HOME
- ABOUT THE COURT
- DOCKET
- ORAL ARGUMENTS
- MERITS BRIEFS
- BAR ADMISSIONS
- COURT RULES
- CASE HANDLING GUIDES
- OPINIONS
- ORDERS
- VISITING THE COURT
- PUBLIC INFORMATION
- JOBS
- LINKS

## DOCKET



The automated docket system is the Court's case tracking system. It contains information about cases, both pending and decided. The docket provided on this page contains information regarding the status of cases for both the current Term and the prior Term. The Court's Term begins on the first Monday in October and ends on the preceding day the next year. The October Term 2008 begins on October 6, 2008. Information on the docket is updated on the day after an entry is made on the docket.

Users can search for cases by using a Supreme Court docket number, a lower court docket number, or a case name. The format for Supreme Court docket numbers is "Term year-number" (e.g., 06-123; 07-12; 06-5001.). Word searches can also be accomplished.

**Questions Presented.** Internet users can review the Questions Presented in granted and noted cases simply by clicking on the hyperlink located within the Docket's case summary information for a particular case. For example, when a user accesses the docket information for case number 07-330, a hyperlink will appear just beneath the decision date within the case summary information. Once the hyperlink is clicked, the user will be linked to a .pdf file setting forth the Question(s) Presented in the case.

Search for:

- [Case Distribution Schedule](#)
- [Delivery of Documents to the Clerk's Office](#)
- On-Line [MERITS BRIEFS](#)
- [Special Master Reports](#)

Finds only words used in docket information

Also lists questions presented

# Oyez Web Site

- Web site dedicated to the U.S. Supreme Court
- <http://www.oyez.org>
- Features:
  - Active case summaries by term and subject
  - Case analysis for upcoming cases on the docket

# http://www.oyez.org

The screenshot shows the Oyez website homepage. At the top left is the logo "U.S. SUPREME COURT MEDIA OYEZ". To the right is a search bar with "Everything" entered and a "Go" button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links: "CASES / JUSTICES / ADVOCATES / BENEFACTORS / ON THE DOCKET / HELP / SCOTUSblog / Justia / Appellate.Net". A yellow arrow points from the left margin to the "Browse Cases" section. Another yellow arrow points from the search bar to the "SCOTUSblog" link in the navigation menu.

**U.S. SUPREME COURT MEDIA OYEZ**

Search: Everything

CASES / JUSTICES / ADVOCATES / BENEFACTORS / ON THE DOCKET / HELP / SCOTUSblog / Justia / Appellate.Net

### Browse Cases

By Issue, By Term

Attorneys, Civil Rights, Criminal Procedure, Due Process, Economic Activity, Federal Taxation, Federalism, First Amendment, Interstate Relations, Judicial Power, Miscellaneous, Privacy, Unions

### Browse Justices

By Court, By Seat

John G. Roberts, Jr., John Paul Stevens, Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy, David H. Souter, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen G. Breyer, Samuel A. Alito, Jr.

### Browse Dates

October 2008

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

### Oyez News

- We're still adding U.S. Supreme Court recordings on a regular basis. In March 2008, we published the complete 1980 and 1983 Terms, as we work back to 1955.
- The March 18, 2008 oral argument in *District of Columbia v. Heller* has been released by the National Archives and is available here.

### New Media

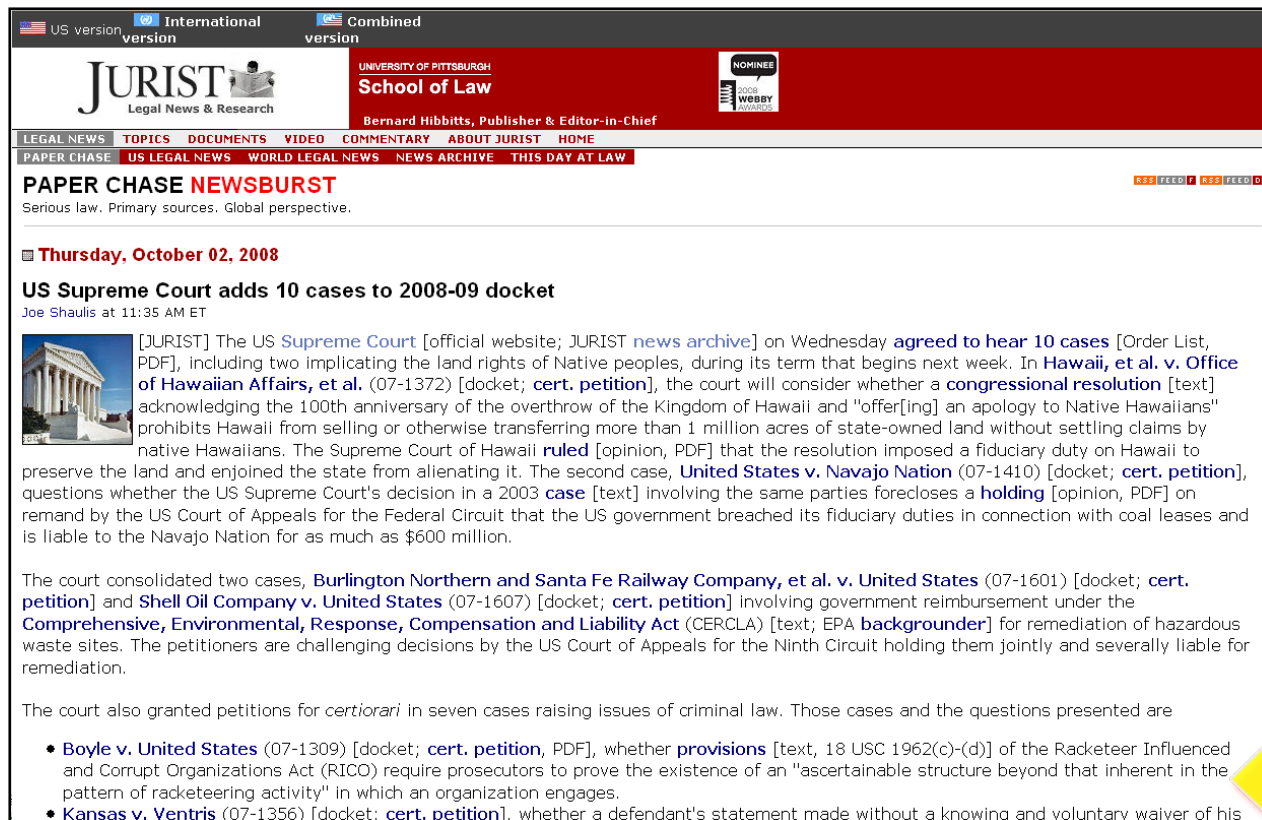
- Justice Anthony Kennedy's Chambers**  
We have added a new component to the Supreme Court virtual reality tour: the chambers of Justice Anthony Kennedy.
- Recordings from the 2006-2007 Term Now Available**  
All the oral arguments, argument transcripts, and opinion announcements from the 2006 Term are now available.
- Justice Interments**  
Oyez can pinpoint where your favorite Justice is buried, thanks to Google Maps (or Google Earth). There are separate links for Justices A-L and M-Z.

### Featured Audio

- Boumediene v. Bush**  
Oral argument from Wednesday, December 5, 2007
- Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company**  
Opinion and dissent announcements from Tuesday, May 29, 2007
- Gonzales v. Carhart**  
Opinion and dissent announcements from Wednesday, April 18, 2007
- Federal Election Commission v. Wisconsin Right to Life**  
Oral argument from Wednesday, April 25, 2007
- Morse v. Frederick**  
Oral argument from Monday, March 19, 2007

# Additional Resources

Many legal news sites such as [Jurist](#) provide overviews of new cases and the questions presented.



The screenshot shows the Jurist website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for "US version", "International version", and "Combined version". The main header features the "JURIST" logo, the "UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH School of Law" branding, and a "NOMINEE" badge for "COURTNEY WEBBY AWARDS". Below the header is a navigation menu with categories like "LEGAL NEWS", "TOPICS", "DOCUMENTS", "VIDEO", "COMMENTARY", "ABOUT JURIST", and "HOME". A secondary menu includes "PAPER CHASE", "US LEGAL NEWS", "WORLD LEGAL NEWS", "NEWS ARCHIVE", and "THIS DAY AT LAW".

The main content area displays a news article titled "US Supreme Court adds 10 cases to 2008-09 docket" by Joe Shaulis, dated Thursday, October 02, 2008. The article text includes:

[JURIST] The US [Supreme Court](#) [official website; JURIST [news archive](#)] on Wednesday [agreed to hear 10 cases](#) [Order List, PDF], including two implicating the land rights of Native peoples, during its term that begins next week. In [Hawaii, et al. v. Office of Hawaiian Affairs, et al.](#) (07-1372) [docket; [cert. petition](#)], the court will consider whether a [congressional resolution](#) [text] acknowledging the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii and "offer[ing] an apology to Native Hawaiians" prohibits Hawaii from selling or otherwise transferring more than 1 million acres of state-owned land without settling claims by native Hawaiians. The Supreme Court of Hawaii [ruled](#) [opinion, PDF] that the resolution imposed a fiduciary duty on Hawaii to preserve the land and enjoined the state from alienating it. The second case, [United States v. Navajo Nation](#) (07-1410) [docket; [cert. petition](#)], questions whether the US Supreme Court's decision in a 2003 [case](#) [text] involving the same parties forecloses a [holding](#) [opinion, PDF] on remand by the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit that the US government breached its fiduciary duties in connection with coal leases and is liable to the Navajo Nation for as much as \$600 million.

The court consolidated two cases, [Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, et al. v. United States](#) (07-1601) [docket; [cert. petition](#)] and [Shell Oil Company v. United States](#) (07-1607) [docket; [cert. petition](#)] involving government reimbursement under the [Comprehensive, Environmental, Response, Compensation and Liability Act \(CERCLA\)](#) [text; EPA [backgrounder](#)] for remediation of hazardous waste sites. The petitioners are challenging decisions by the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit holding them jointly and severally liable for remediation.

The court also granted petitions for *certiorari* in seven cases raising issues of criminal law. Those cases and the questions presented are

- [Boyle v. United States](#) (07-1309) [docket; [cert. petition](#), PDF], whether [provisions](#) [text, 18 USC 1962(c)-(d)] of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) require prosecutors to prove the existence of an "ascertainable structure beyond that inherent in the pattern of racketeering activity" in which an organization engages.
- [Kansas v. Ventris](#) (07-1356) [docket; [cert. petition](#)], whether a defendant's statement made without a knowing and voluntary waiver of his

# Supreme Court Preview - ABA

<http://www.supremecourtpreview.org>

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION  
Defending Liberty, Pursuing Justice

LOGIN | Join ABA | Media | Contact

Search:   Advanced Search Topics A-Z

Home | Membership | Member Resources | Public Resources | Legal Education | CLE | Calendar | Store | Publications | About the ABA

Oct 3, 2008 Print This | E-mail This

**Division Home**  
Consumers  
Teachers & Students  
Lawyers & Judges  
Journalists  
Law Day  
Supreme Court Preview  
Featured Programs  
Awards  
Publications  
Products Catalog  
Calendar  
Resources  
Contact

**PREVIEW**  
**SUBSCRIBE TODAY!** ...BY EXPERTS FOR EVERYONE!

**Briefs: October 2008**  
The following briefs are for cases to be heard by the Supreme Court in October 2008. They will be posted on a rolling basis. To see briefs for Unscheduled cases during this term, or to return to the main Briefs home page, use the Argument Date Menu below.

**Argument Date Menu:**

**Monday, October 6**

**Altria Group, Inc., v. Good, Docket No. 07-562**

**Questions Presented**

**Merit briefs**

- Brief for Petitioner Altria Group and Philip Morris USA, Inc.
- Brief for Respondent Stephanie Good, Lori A. Spellman, and Allain L. Thibodeau
- Reply Brief for Petitioner Altria Group and Philip Morris USA, Inc.

**Amicus briefs**

- Brief for the Product Liability Advisory Council, Inc., in Support of Petitioner
- Brief for the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America in Support of Petitioner
- Brief for Former Commissioners and Senior Staff of the Federal Trade Commission in Support of Petitioner
- Brief for the Washington Legal Foundation in Support of Petitioner

**Take Action!**

# Questions?

If you need more help researching any aspect of case law, please feel free to

[Ask a Librarian.](#)