

For the International Municipal Lawyer's Association - IMLA's 5 things to know for March 1st

1. The Supreme Court will be meeting in conference tomorrow. There are some really interesting cases on its agenda. Some have been hanging around for a long time and we'll have to see what the court will do with them. Here are a couple of them.
2. Two cases involve legislative prayer. One from the 6th Circuit that found no constitutional harm when legislators prayed before their sessions and one from the 4th Circuit that found prayers by the legislators themselves to be a violation. Obviously, there's a circuit split, but will the court want to wade again into these waters or walk on them?

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/search.aspx?filename=/docket/docketfiles/html/public/17-7220.html>

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/search.aspx?filename=/docket/docketfiles/html/public/17-565.html>

3. Talking of prayer, a petition with a chance of being granted invites the court to answer the question of whether the police can arrest someone for praying or for failing to stop praying after being told to stop. Maybe arrest is too strong a word, but in this case the police were investigating a noise complaint at a home and the resident asked to pray. After giving her a chance to do so –the police said time's up and cited her for interfering. Tenth Circuit held that the officers should have immunity. Tomorrow, we'll talk about some other significant cases on the court's conference agenda.

<http://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/sause-v-bauer/>

4. In Macomb County there's a battle raging between almost everyone in government and the recently elected clerk. She was in federal court this week asserting that the county attorney among others has been harassing her (apparently by suing her to get her to do her job). The judge suggested the parties talk and will decide the county's motion for summary judgment shortly.

<http://www.macombdaily.com/article/MD/20180227/NEWS/180229588>

5. On Wednesday the 6th Circuit found for an off duty police officer who was at a pizza shop when it was robbed. Four armed youths entered the shop to rob it and the officer shot and killed one of them. The parents of the youth sued asserting violations such as deadly force. The facts are quite descriptive of a fight for life and there were videos.

<http://media.ca7.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/rssExec.pl?Submit=Display&Path=Y2018/D02-27/C:17-1757:J:Manion:aut:T:fnOp:N:2114339:S:0>

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