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Editor's Note : We expect the Court to release opinions in one or more argued cases on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. We will begin live-blogging each morning at 9:45 a.m. On Tuesday the Court hears oral arguments in [Mathis v. United States](#). Evan Lee previewed the case for us. On Tuesday the Court also hears oral arguments in [Dietz v. Bouldin](#). Rory Little previewed the case for us.

Breaking News : Today the Court added two new cases to its merits docket for next Term, [Shaw v. United States](#) and [Manrique v. United States](#). There were no new calls for the views of the Solicitor General. The order list is [here](#).

Howell v. Howell

| Docket No. | Op. Below | Argument | Opinion | Vote | Author | Term |
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| 15-1031 | Ariz. | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | OT 2016 |

Issue: Whether the Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act preempts a state court's order directing a veteran to indemnify a former spouse for a reduction in the former spouse's portion of the veteran's military retirement pay, where that reduction results from the veteran's post-divorce waiver of retirement pay in order to receive compensation for a service-connected disability.

| Date | Proceedings and Orders |
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| Feb 16 2016 | Petition for a writ of certiorari filed. (Response due March 17, 2016) |
| Mar 11 2016 | Brief of respondent Sandra Howell in opposition filed. |
| Mar 28 2016 | Reply of petitioner John Howell filed. |
| Mar 30 2016 | DISTRIBUTED for Conference of April 15, 2016. |
| Apr 18 2016 | The Solicitor General is invited to file a brief in this case expressing the views of the United States. |