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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
15-1031	<a href="#">Ariz.</a>	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
Feb 16 2016	<a href="#">Petition for a writ of certiorari filed. (Response due March 17, 2016)</a>
Mar 11 2016	<a href="#">Brief of respondent Sandra Howell in opposition filed.</a>
Mar 28 2016	<a href="#">Reply of petitioner John Howell filed.</a>
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.