

Seventh Circuit Upholds Controversial Wisconsin Collective Bargaining Law (Again)

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In January 2013, we reported on the [Seventh Circuit's decision in *Wisconsin Education Association et al. v. Scott Walker et al.*](#), in which the Court dismissed the constitutional claims of the union plaintiffs and upheld Wisconsin's controversial Act 10. Act 10 was passed in 2011 and limited collective bargaining rights for most of the state's public employees. Today, the Seventh Circuit decided a related case, *Laborers Local 236, AFL-CIO, et al. v. Scott Walker et al.*, and again upheld Act 10, dismissing the additional constitutional theories raised by the plaintiff unions. [The Laborers Local decision](#) is yet another example of the unwillingness of courts to find state laws limiting collective bargaining rights unconstitutional. However, unions continue to bring these cases. A [union-backed challenge](#) to Indiana's Right to Work law is still pending in the Seventh Circuit. And [Michigan's Right to Work law](#) is also being challenged in federal court. We will continue to monitor the status of all these cases, stay with us for updates.

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