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## **U.S. Supreme Court Denies Petition To Review PA Funeral Law Decision By PA Third Circuit Court That Law Is Constitutional To Stand**

**Harrisburg, PA** – Today the United States Supreme Court issued a “Certiorari Denied” decision in the HEFFNER, ERNEST F., et al. V. MURPHY, DONALD J., et al. case. The case, which originated in 2008, challenged the laws governing Pennsylvania state funeral directors. In February 2014, a three-judge panel in the PA Third Circuit Court of Appeals declared that the law was constitutional. The plaintiffs in the case sought to have the U.S. Supreme Court reverse the decision of the PA Court of Appeals decision, but the high court denied the petition.

Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association (PFDA) has been representing over 3,500 licensed funeral directors and the consumers of the Commonwealth since the lawsuits inception.

Reacting to the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to preserve the state’s law, Kathleen Ryan, PFDA General Counsel and Chief Operating Officer, said, “The biggest winners in this decision are Pennsylvania consumers. The plaintiffs were attempting to dismantle long established laws that were created to provide protection to consumers. The time and energy that PFDA has devoted to this case has been well worth it. Our mission is to uphold the professional standards for funeral directors and the main tenant of those standards are doing right by the families that are served.”

Organized in 1881, the Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association (PFDA) is one of the largest state funeral directors associations in the nation. Representing 1,200 member funeral homes and 3,500 licensed funeral directors, PFDA’s mission is to inform and educate the funeral director, the public and government about the value of funeral service and licensed funeral directors on a pre-need, at need and post-need basis. More information is available online at [www.pfda.org](http://www.pfda.org).

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The motions of petitioners for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* are denied. Petitioners are allowed until October 27, 2014, within which to pay the docketing fees required by Rule 38(a) and to submit petitions in compliance with Rule 33.1 of the Rules of this Court.

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14-25 NOWAK, JOHN J. V. PELC, BETTY, ET VIR  
14-26 ADAMS, BRADFORD W., ET UX. V. DISCOVER BANK  
14-31 WILLESS, BRIAN S. V. UNITED STATES  
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14-33 SILVERBERG, SAM V. SIBLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, ET AL.  
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14-36 RUDY, CHRISTOPHER J. V. LEE, MICHELLE K., ET AL.  
14-37 SCHAEFER, JOHN M. V. DISTRICT COURT OF NV, ET AL.  
14-38 CALUORI, RAYMOND V. ONE WORLD TECHNOLOGIES, INC.  
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14-44 EMERSON ELECTRIC CO., ET AL. V. USDC ED TX  
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14-53 HEFFNER, ERNEST F., ET AL. V. MURPHY, DONALD J., ET AL.  
14-55 DIMORA, JAMES C. V. UNITED STATES