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Court of Federal Claims ruled in *Martin v. U.S.* that the Government violated the FLSA by not paying minimum wage on employees' regularly scheduled paydays during the October 2013 Shutdown

In this lawsuit, plaintiffs argue that the Government violated the Fair Labor Standards Act ("FLSA") by failing to pay "excepted" or "essential" employees who had to work during the October 2013 shutdown on their regularly scheduled payday. This violation occurred even though the Government eventually paid the employees. We are proud that the original plaintiffs who started this case are all AFGE Local Union leaders. Plaintiffs, who are represented by Heidi Burakiewicz of the law firm Mehri & Skalet, argue that the Government owes these employees liquidated damages in the amount of the minimum wage and overtime compensation that was not paid on time because of the shutdown. For example, plaintiffs argue that if an employee earned \$350 worth of overtime compensation that was not paid on time during the shutdown, then the Government owes that employee \$350 as liquidated damages.

You will only be eligible to recover money damages if you join the case by June 29, 2015.

It is easy to join. Simply go to www.shutdownlawsuit.com, and click on the "Join the Case" page.

We urge you to join the lawsuit. There is no risk to joining: the attorneys are paying all of the expenses of the case and will be paid for their time and expenses only if the employees win the case.

But the more important reason to join is to send a message to the Government that government employees are tired of being used as pawns whenever the politicians reach an impasse. As evidenced by the DHS shutdown threat earlier this year, there is always the possibility of another shutdown. The larger the percentage of employees who join the case, the stronger the message to the politicians.

Nearly 20,000 workers already have joined the case. Just go to www.shutdownlawsuit.com.

If you have any questions, you may contact the lawyers at shutdownlawsuit@findjustice.com.