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Blessings to all:

We at UWM wish to keep you informed regarding the case of Freedom From Religion Foundation v. Lew, in which Judge Barbara Crabb of the Federal District Court in the Western District of Wisconsin ruled that the clergy housing allowance is unconstitutional. The government pursued an appeal with this case to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday, January 24. We advise that you contact your local Congress person and Senators to share your position.

Based on the government's filing of a notice of appeal today, Friday, January 24, 2014, set forth below is the presumed timeline for briefing. Note that extensions of the briefing schedule are routinely granted, especially if the government requests them.

January 24, 2014	Notice of appeal filed
March 5, 2014	Government brief due (FRAP 31(a)(1); Seventh Circuit Rule 31(a)) (appellant's brief due 40 days after appeal is docketed)
March 12, 2014	Amicus brief supporting government brief due (FRAP 29(e)) (amicus brief due 7 days after brief of party it supports)
April 4, 2014	FFRF brief due (FRAP 31(a)(1)) (appellee brief due 30 days after service of appellant's brief)
April 18, 201	Government reply brief (if any) due (FRAP 31(a)(1)) (reply due 14 days after service of appellee's brief)