

# Many of the Court’s top cases have not been scheduled, but are likely to be heard before April, 2017

## 10 Supreme Court cases to watch in 2017 (2)

Hearing Date	Case
TBD	<p><b>Murr v. Wisconsin</b></p> <p>This case involves the Court reevaluating its 1978 decision on <i>Penn Central v. New York City</i> concerning property rights passed down among family under the Fifth Amendment’s Takings Clause. In this case four siblings are suing Wisconsin for the right to sell or develop on a plot of land their parents left them.</p>
February 21, 2017	<p><b>Hernández v. Mesa</b></p> <p>The Hernández family is appealing a circuit court’s ruling that their son, who was fatally shot by a U.S. Border Patrol officer despite being on Mexican soil, is not protected by the U.S. Constitution under its Due Process Clause because the 15-year-old was a Mexican citizen.</p>
TBD	<p><b>TC Heartland LLC v. Kraft Foods</b></p> <p>The Court will rule on where lawsuits involving patent law may be filed. Kraft sued TC Heartland in Delaware for patent infringement because TC incorporated in that state, but the company no longer has a place of business there and is primarily an Indiana food company.</p>
TBD	<p><b>Turner v. United States and Overton v. United States</b></p> <p>These cases involve two teenagers who were found guilty for murder in 1984. They appealed the case on the grounds that the prosecution did not hand over evidence that could have helped them reach a not-guilty verdict, which it is required to do according to 1963’s <i>Brady v. Maryland</i> decision. The Court will decide whether the evidence is ‘material’ to the outcome.</p>
TBD	<p><b>Microsoft v. Baker</b></p> <p>This is a class action lawsuit that a group of consumers filed against Microsoft. A trial court ruled against the group, but they used a legal option called ‘voluntary dismissal of a claim with prejudice’ to keep the case alive. The Court will rule to clear up conflict among lower courts on the legality of the ‘dismiss-then-appeal’ question.</p>

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