

Hobby Lobby Asks Supreme Court to Take Its Appeal

Hobby Lobby has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review its case and decide whether the Green family will be required to provide and pay for life-terminating drugs and devices in violation of their religious beliefs.

Last month, the government asked the **Supreme Court** to review the case, and today **Hobby Lobby** took the unusual step of agreeing with the government that the Supreme Court should hear the appeal.

“Hobby Lobby’s case raises important questions about who can enjoy religious freedom,” says Kyle Duncan, general counsel of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty and lead lawyer for **Hobby Lobby**. “Right now, some courts recognize the rights of business owners like the Green family, and others do not. Religious freedom is too important to be left to chance. The Supreme Court should take this case and protect **religious freedom** for the Green family and **Hobby Lobby**.”

Last June, the Christian-owned and operated business won a major victory before the en banc 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, which rejected the government’s argument that the Green family and their family-owned businesses, **Hobby Lobby** and a Christian bookstore chain named Mardel, could not legally exercise religion. The court further said the businesses were likely to win their challenge to the HHS mandate. Since then, courts in other parts of the country have ruled differently, setting up a conflict that only the **Supreme Court** can resolve.

The court will consider the government’s petition and **Hobby Lobby**’s response next month. If the petition is granted, the case would be argued and decided before the end

of the court's term in June.