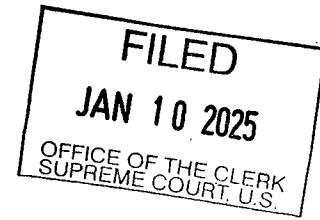


No. 24-6804



IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Lawrence White — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

vs.

Office of Personnel Management — RESPONDENT(S)

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO

U.S. Court of Appeals For The Federal Circuit
(NAME OF COURT THAT LAST RULED ON MERITS OF YOUR CASE)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Lawrence White
(Your Name)

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(City, State, Zip Code)

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Questions Presented

- ▶ WAS the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit aware of the discrepancy AND deliberately chose not disclose that they would be using A different final order in deciding this case.
- ▶ Why did the Court of Appeals Agree with the Agency AND not with the Supreme Court ruling that the Agency must provide sufficient proof that A person did receive money
- ▶ Why would A Agency representative over the phone tell the petitioner that people like you or cases like yours usually don't win
- ▶ Why was it permitted that the Agency mailed ONE OF their responses to the petitioner 7days late NOT delayed in the mail but post-dated their response 7days late
- ▶ Why would the Agency take ALL the extra retirement money from a retiree AND never disclose how much money it was

LIST OF PARTIES

- All parties appear in the caption of the case on the cover page.
- All parties **do not** appear in the caption of the case on the cover page. A list of all parties to the proceeding in the court whose judgment is the subject of this petition is as follows:

RELATED CASES

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Petitioner respectfully prays that a writ of certiorari issue to review the judgment below.

OPINIONS BELOW

[] For cases from **federal courts**:

The opinion of the United States court of appeals appears at Appendix _____ to the petition and is

- [] reported at _____; or,
[] has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,
[] is unpublished.

The opinion of the United States district court appears at Appendix _____ to the petition and is

- [] reported at _____; or,
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[] For cases from **state courts**:

The opinion of the highest state court to review the merits appears at Appendix _____ to the petition and is

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JURISDICTION

[] For cases from **federal courts**:

The date on which the United States Court of Appeals decided my case was October 8-2024.

[] No petition for rehearing was timely filed in my case.

A timely petition for rehearing was denied by the United States Court of Appeals on the following date: November 25-2024, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix A.

[] An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including _____ (date) on _____ (date) in Application No. A.

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U. S. C. § 1254(1).

[] For cases from **state courts**:

The date on which the highest state court decided my case was _____. A copy of that decision appears at Appendix _____.

[] A timely petition for rehearing was thereafter denied on the following date: _____, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix _____.

[] An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including _____ (date) on _____ (date) in Application No. A.

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U. S. C. § 1257(a).

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

- ▶ I Lawrence White the petitioner
- ▶ I could not afford legal representation
- ▶ This case has wide application that would the Supreme Court accept a case like mine when the petitioner does not have legal representation
- ▶ Because this case will show where the lower court interpreted the law differently than the Supreme Court precedent
- ▶ This case will show where the lower court erred in its ruling and the lower court decision was legally flawed
- ▶ This case will show even though the Supreme Court overturned the Chevron Doctrine the lower court still abided by the agencies interpretations of ambiguous laws
- ▶ There are issues in this case that maybe you would want to know about the lower court and the agencies that works for you
- ▶ This case involves:
 - ▶ Office of Personnel Management "Respondents"
 - ▶ Administrative Judge Lindsay Young Harrell
 - ▶ Merit System Protection Board
 - ▶ U.S. Department of Justice
 - ▶ U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

► The two main arguments in this case involves 5 years 9 months of extra retirement service money never given by the agency and a failure to disclose how much money it was

► The other argument involves one retirement refund check the petitioner received in the amount of about \$1300 in the year 1979
► The agency said this amount was \$4178⁵⁸

► During the appeals there were some unfair practices

► There were lack of disclosures
► There were lack of due process

► 5 years 9 months of extra retirement service money was because I worked 46 years 1 month for federal government service
► I retired with 3418 hours of sick leave
► That's 4 years 2 months past the retirement years of 41 years 11 months before you get all that retirement service money back

► The 3418 hours of sick leave turned into about 1 year 7 months of government service time

► All total 5 years 9 months of extra retirement service money
► That I should have received in March 2020 when I retired with interest

- ▶ Having worked 46 years 1 month federal service
- ▶ 6 years I worked for the U.S postal service
- ▶ From April 28, 1973 until June 13, 1979
- ▶ In June 1979 I resigned from the postal service
- ▶ but in March 1980 About 9 months later I began
- ▶ To work for the Dept. of Army until I retired March 31-2020
- ▶ In June 1979 I received over retirement refund
- ▶ check in the amount of about \$1300
- ▶ Agency said this amount was \$4178⁵⁸
- ▶ Right before I retired in March I wrote the OPM
- ▶ Agency two letters of reconciliation
- ▶ to let them know this amount was incorrect
- ▶ I went to the Agency headquarters at 1900 Est NW
- ▶ To see what the Agency had in their system concerning
- ▶ A retirement refund amount for the year 1979
- ▶ And the Agency had no record
- ▶ Doing the case the Agency search at the Department
- ▶ Of Treasury and could not find a payment or record
- ▶ There were no records found at the National Personnel
- ▶ Records Center
- ▶ within the National Archives and Records Administration

- ▶ Dept. of Justice said OPM suffered material prejudice in that additional evidence showing proof of payment is not available from 1979
- ▶ The Agency said OPM has no ability to provide a copy of a 1979 check for proof of payment
- ▶ OPM retirement center said we are not able to provide you with further information on this payment
- ▶ Administrative Judge Lindsay Harrell Initial Decision
▶ Judge Harrell's decision seems to have been base on social security AND ANNUITY PAYMENT
▶ my petition to the Court of Appeals had nothing to do with social security AND A ANNUITY PAYMENT
- ▶ but Judge Harrell said Although the Agency did not produce a voucher indicating that it paid the Appellant the authorized amount
- ▶ Is it a Supreme Court ruling that if an agency or the court does not have sufficient proof that a person received money they CANNOT simply assume it happened courts are required to exercise independent judgement AND CANNOT automatically defer to an agency interpretation of the law even if the statute appears ambiguous essentially meaning they must have concrete evidence to establish receipt of funds before taking action

▶ Is it the Supreme Court ruling that if an agency CANNOT provide sufficient proof that a person received money the court is likely to rule against the agency and not allow them to take action based on that lack of evidence essentially upholding the principle that a person is innocent until proven guilty

▶ This aligns with the substantial evidence standard that courts often apply to administrative agency decisions

▶ In most cases the burden of proof lies with the agency to demonstrate that a person did receive money not with the individual to prove they did not

▶ recent rulings have indicated a trend towards more rigorous scrutiny of agency actions especially when substantial evidence is lacking

▶ *Loper Bright Enterprises v Raimondo*

▶ So where did the agency and the Court of Appeals get that I received a refund of \$17858 even though there's no proof that I did

Appendix A

In the final decision of the Court of Appeals
October 8, 2024 on page 6

The Court used a copy of Standard Form 2806
To make a decision about a refund payment

This document is not a refund payment form
It is used for service history/fiscal record purposes
It is called an Individual Retirement Record
All federal government employees who are subject
to the "CSRS" receives a Standard Form 2806
It self does not determine payment

This form says payment \$4178⁵⁸ refund authorized
This form shows all six years
A total of how much I made in six years
Accumulative total salary deduction \$4178⁵⁸
with a signature that is not mine from year 1979
This is used to maintain accurate records for
retirement benefits

There are 5 documents in Appendix A
that says Standard Form 2806
is not a retirement refund payment

► Nevertheless the Agency used this Standard Form 2806

► AGAINST me when I retired in 2020

► The Agency took the amount of \$4178⁵⁸ And they
Added interest

► The Agency took \$6049 in deposits \$13,791 in redeposits

► From me for something that they had Absolutely
No proof that I ever received

► They used the deposits and redeposits and reduced
my ANNUITY

► The 3418 hours of sick leave that turned into About

► 1 year 7 months of government service time

► Agency said they put this toward my ANNUITY

► HAVING worked 46 years 1 month that's 4 years 2 months

► past the retirement years of 41 years 11 months

► before you get all that retirement money back

► the extra 1 year 7 months of government service time

► All Total 5 years 9 months of extra retirement

► Service money

► All of this total should have earned interest

► The Agency failed due process to show how much my

► total of extra retirement service money was And

► failed to disclose how much interest my money

► should have earned

► The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
decision agreed with the board

- What would the Supreme Court do if the lower court used a different final order in deciding a case
- Would this be a lack of disclosure
- On March 8, 2024 my petition for review to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit whose decision being appealed: Merit System Protection Board Date of Final decision being appealed February 13, 2024
- On March 25, 2024 I submitted my Informal Brief of Petition to the Court of Appeals It was Accepted not rejected
- On June 18, 2024 In the Respondent's Informal Response Brief the Respondent submitted a different final order and said seeks judicial review of the Merit System Protection Board Initial decision dated March 14, 2022
- On September 19, 2024 In my memo in lieu of Oral Arguments I Asked the Court of Appeals to dismiss the respondent's Informal response brief because this was not the case that I appealed to the court but there was no response
- It wasn't until the final decision October 8, 2024 that the court said:
- The board denied Mr. White Petition for review And thus the Administrative Judge initial decision became the board's final decision

Court of Appeals waited until the case was over
And a decision was already made before they stated
that the Administrative Judge initial decision
became the board's final decision

On October 21, 2024 In my petition for rehearing

en banc

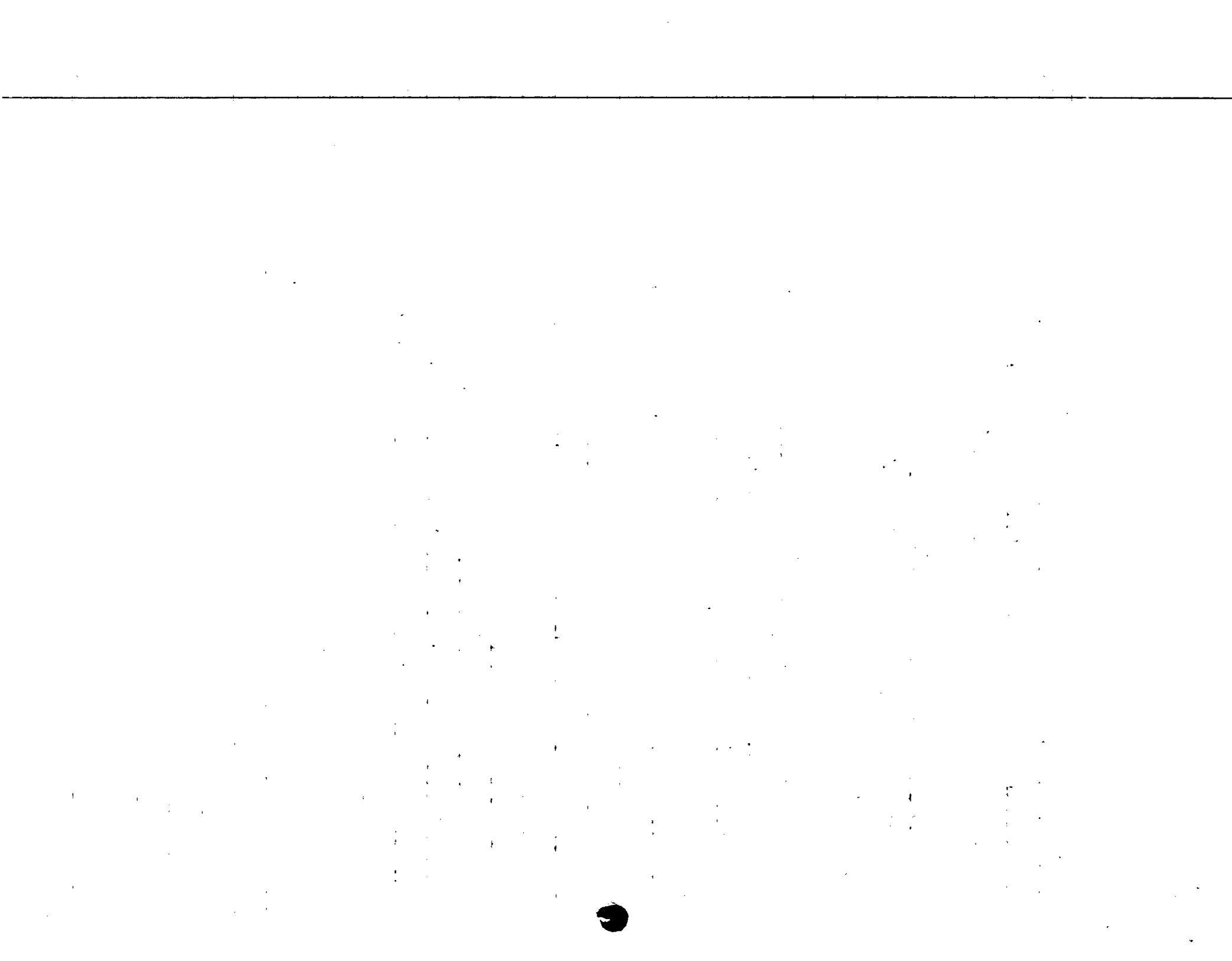
My first argument was:
Was the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
UNFAIR when it comes to final orders
I stated that should you have informed the petitioner
that you plan to use a different final order
To decide this case it is considered A fundamental
principle of due process

Court of Appeals decision was before Administrative
Judge Lindsay Harrel

Initial decision date March 14, 2022

My petition to the Court of Appeals was before
Cathy Harris vice chairman Raymond Kimon member
Final Order date February 13, 2024

- ▶ One Appeal to the Merit System Protection Board
- ▶ It was a Telephone Hearing Conference 3 way over the phone
- ▶ Between Administrative Judge Lindsay Harrell An OPM representative and me the petitioner date's between April and May 2021 To discuss the issues and arguments of the case
- ▶ But one day while waiting on the Judge to come on the line
- ▶ The Agency representative said to me that people like you or cases like yours usually don't win
- ▶ Was this a biased statement saying that I may not get a fair hearing
- ▶ The phone call is on phone records
- ▶ Who can tell if you win or lose



Reason For Granting the Writ of Certiorari

- ▶ Court of Appeals failure to disclose that they would be using a different final order in deciding this case
- ▶ Lack of disclosure
- ▶ Court of Appeals used a copy of Standard Form 2806 to make a decision about a refund payment. Said refund was paid in full when the Standard Form 2806 is not a refund payment form.
- ▶ Disagreements among the lower court and the agencies
 - ▶ Dept. of Justice said proof of payment is not available from 1979
 - ▶ Agency said OPM has no ability to provide a copy of a 1979 check for proof of payment
 - ▶ Agency search the Dept. of Treasury and there was no record of a payment
- ▶ No records found at the National Personnel Records Center
- ▶ Administrative Judge Harrell said although the agency did not produce a voucher indicating that it paid the appellant
- ▶ OPM retirement center said we are not able to provide you with further information on this payment

- Court of Appeals said refund was paid in full even though they had no record that a payment was ever received. No proof that a payment was ever received.
- No receipts, no bank statement, no confirmation, no electronic transaction statement.
- Court of Appeals just assumed that I did.

Reason For Granting the Writ of Certiorari

Court of Appeals and all the agencies above seem to have made a decision of this case because of a refund payment decision.

There was far more to this case than a refund payment.

There is 5 years 9 months of extra retirement service money that should have been placed in a separate account to earn interest. Agency failed to disclose how much my extra retirement service money was or how much interest it should have earned.

They total what they thought what the refund payment should have been.

But there was no total of the extra retirement service money.

► WAS this because it was too much for them to calculate or was this done intentionally

► would this be called stealing legally or is

► this considered a violation of the law

► WAS this a breach of legal obligations

► It's a little late now to know how much my extra

► retirement service money was:

► 5 years 9 months with interest

► Because of the seriousness of the Agency actions

► And because the Court of Appeals took no actions

► Against the Agency

► Petitioner respectfully request that you reverse
the decision of the Court of Appeals

► Petitioner also respectfully request a writ of
certiorari

► Because all of my extra retirement money depends
on your decision

► I want to THANK ALL the Supreme Court Justices

► I THANK you very much

► I sincerely thank you

Lawrence White
Laurence White

CONCLUSION

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Zanee White

Date: February 14-2025