

UWHCA Board members,

Many of you may have seen the news this week that Dane County Circuit Court Judge Jacob Frost struck down portions of 2011's Act 10 law. While Act 10 had an impact across the state of Wisconsin, it was also the law that eliminated the ability of the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority (UWHCA) to recognize and collectively bargain with a union.

Counsel has reviewed this week's ruling and found that none of the sections struck down by Judge Frost will impact the status of UWHCA under Act 10.

While this ruling will not impact UW Health, we are still awaiting action on the appeal of Judge Frost's March 22 decision that UW Health is not covered by the Peace Act and cannot be required to engage in collective bargaining with a union.

There may be no immediate effect from this week's decision on UW Health; but we recognize that that you could have questions about the current legal status on this issue. We will plan to provide a legal update and answer any questions at the December Board meeting.