

Labor Law: Nurses Must Pay Union Dues Or Be Fired.

In the companion case filed against the hospital by the union, the US Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit recently reiterated its support for the union-security clause in the hospital's collective bargaining agreement with its nurses.

See *Labor Law: Hospital Must Collect Union Dues, Fire Non-Union Nurses*. Legal Eagle Eye Newsletter for the Nursing Profession (14)3, Mar. '06 p. 8.

The court again rejected the argument that the hospital's statutory patient-care responsibilities and the current nursing shortage mean that a hospital does not have to fire nurses who refuse to have union dues deducted from their pay. **United Food and Commercial Workers v. St. John's Mercy Health Systems**, __ F. 3d __, 2006 WL 1409416 (8th Cir., May 24, 2006).