



BACKGROUND

June 2, 2021

Krawczyk v. New York State United Teachers, et al.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fairness Center filed a federal civil rights lawsuit on behalf of Matthew Krawczyk, a high school teacher who resigned from New York State United Teachers (“NYSUT”) in September 2020. Although Mr. Krawczyk is no longer a union member, the union and his employer continue to take union dues from his paychecks. Mr. Krawczyk brings this lawsuit to enforce his constitutional rights not to be associated with or to financially support a union against his will.

CASE LOGISTICS

Plaintiff

Matthew Krawczyk

Defendants

New York State United Teachers
Solvay Teachers Association
Board of Education of the Solvay Union Free School District
Solvay Union Free School District
Jay Tinklepaugh, in his official capacity as Superintendent of the Solvay Union Free School District

Court

United States District Court, Northern District of New York

Judge

Hon. Glenn T. Suddaby

Date Filed

June 2, 2021

THE LEGAL TEAM

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Tyler K. Patterson is Litigation Counsel at the Fairness Center. His work focuses on representing clients in state and federal courts as well as before state administrative boards. Prior to joining the Fairness Center, Tyler served as counsel with the Government Justice Center where he represented clients in constitutional challenges to improper government action as well as Freedom of Information Law lawsuits, and as an associate attorney at an employment law firm.