

# Q&A

Could the Teamsters REALLY force me to pay dues, fines, fees, and assessments if I violate the union's constitution, rules, or directives?

Yes. The Teamsters have a long record of suing members to collect dues, fines, fees, and assessments.

Here are some examples of actual lawsuits the Teamsters have filed against their members to collect dues, fines, and fees:

- **\$3,346.79** in dues, late fees, and costs (Case # CSM830231 – *Teamsters Local 853 v. Lawrence Brusco*).
- **\$371.73** in dues, initiation fees, and late fines (Case #CSM830229 – *Teamsters Local 853 v. Michael Carrasco*).
- **\$1,929.48** in fines [2x what the member made when crossing a picket line], (Case #SCS-126929 – *Teamsters Local 350 v. Roberto Zavala*).
- **\$2,100.00** in fines – including fines for not attending a general membership meeting and not walking the picket line (Case #CSM-14-846801 – *Teamsters Local 2785 v. Joe Ng*).

Think about it...

**Would the Teamsters help you or HURT you?**

**Sources:** State Court Records.

*Copies of these Complaints are available in HR if you would like to see any of them for yourself!*