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### HOW TO MAKE MONEY IN THE MARIJUANA STOCK MARKET

### POTENTIAL SUPREME COURT RULING ON MARIJUANA AND JUSTICE SCALIA'S DEATH

JOEL WARNER WROTE THE FOLLOWING REGARDING THE POTENTIAL TO DISMANTLE THE COUNTRY'S LEGALIZED MARIJUANA MARKET

"The [death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia](#) on Saturday is already having far-reaching repercussions in American politics. So how will his death impact marijuana law? This is far from an absurd question: A [pivotal lawsuit](#) filed by Nebraska and Oklahoma to overturn Colorado's legalized marijuana program is [scheduled to be considered](#) by the court this Friday. Scalia's missing vote could change the fate of a case that has the potential to dismantle the country's nascent legalized market. And thanks to the unique nature of the case, how the Supreme Court deals with the lawsuit in the absence of a ninth judge could have a lasting influence on the court's procedures.

Filed in December 2014 by the attorneys general of Nebraska and Oklahoma, the lawsuit in question asks the Supreme Court to overturn Colorado's 2012 law legalizing marijuana, arguing the neighboring states have faced increased criminal activity and other problems thanks to marijuana arriving from Colorado. The lawsuit also says Colorado's marijuana program violates the Supremacy Clause of the U.S Constitution, which states that federal law — in this case, the prohibition of marijuana — takes precedence over state statutes. That means that if the Supreme Court agrees with the plaintiffs on this matter, medical and recreational marijuana regimes not just in Colorado, but all over the country, could be invalidated.

"It has the potential to be a big deal," said Sam Kamin, marijuana law professor at the University of Denver. "Conceivably it could mean that the court finds that Colorado's and every other state's regulations of marijuana [are] preempted by federal law and have to be annulled or repealed, or can't be enforced."

**THIS DECISION HAS THE POTENTIAL TO CRIPPLE THE MARIJUANA STOCK MARKET AND THE CANNABIS INDUSTRY.**