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Travel ban case likely to end up before Supreme Court in 2018

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The Supreme Court already has heard major cases on gay and First Amendment rights and police searches, and the justices are likely to add a momentous case about presidential power to their list early in the new year.

With President Trump's travel ban policy once again before the high court, legal analysts predict the justices will agree to speed the case onto their docket in 2018, setting up a ruling by the end of June.

"I bet that the travel ban will indeed return to the court, probably for argument in April and a decision that last week of June," said [Ilya Shapiro](#), a senior fellow in constitutional studies at the Cato Institute.

The justices began hearing cases for this term in October, will finish up oral arguments in April, and then will issue decisions through June, when they close up for a three-month summer break.

Last June they issued a striking preliminary ruling on a previous version of Mr. Trump's travel ban, reversing several lower courts and allowing much of it to go into effect.

They'd planned to revisit the case more fully early in October, but Mr. Trump released a revised version of the ban in September, sending all sides back to reargue over the new policy, which expanded the number of countries subject to travel restrictions, based on a thorough review of security cooperation.