

Some Important Recent Court Cases
in
Free Speech Issues

American Broadcasters Association, Inc. v. Hudnut, 588 Fed. Supp. 1316 (1984).

Bethel School District v. Fraser, 478 U.S. 675 (1986)

Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier, 484 U.S. 260 (1988)

Hurley v. Irish American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston, 515 U.S. pt. 2 (1995)

Hustler Magazine v. Falwell, 485 U.S. 46 (1988)

Lee v. Wiseman, 112 S.Ct. 2649 (1992)

Madsen v. Women's Health Center, Inc. 512 U.S. 753 (1994)

Meredith Corporation v. FCC, 809 F. 2d 863 (DC Circuit, 1987)

Ollman v. Evans, 750 F.2d 970 (DC Circuit,1984)

R. A. V. v. City of St. Paul, Minnesota 505 U.S. 377 (1992)

Telecommunications Research and Action Committee v. FCC, 801 f. 2d 501 (DC Circuit, 1986)

Texas v. Johnson, 491 U.S. 397 (1989)

Wallace v. Jaffree, 472 U.S. 38 (1984)



Fraser deals with free speech rights of highschool students.

Hazelwood also deals with highschool students first amendment rights, namely, with the authority of the principal to censor controversial stories in the school paper.

Falwell deals with a parody of Jerry Falwell that appeared in Hustler magazine.

Johnson deals with flag burning.

Hudnut deals with an ordinance which had as its purpose (in part) "to prevent and prohibit all discrimination practices of sexual subordination or inequality through pornography."

Hurley G.L.I.B. was denied a place in Boston's St. Patrick's Day parade; resulted in offsetting First Amendment violations.

Lee v. Wiseman is about prayer at graduation.

Madsen established a 36 ft. "Free Speech Buffer Zone" around abortion clinics.

R.A.V. v. St. Paul has to do with a "Crimes of Bias" statute that was passed after a cross-burning incident.

T.R.A.C., Ollman and Meredith are all broadcast issues.

Wallace v. Jaffree deals with an Alabama state school prayer law.