



FACT SHEET

ASU Students for Life v. Crow

ABOUT ASU Students for Life v. Crow

In December 2005, members of ASU Students for Life submitted a request to display an exhibit on campus. Designed by the non-profit organization Justice for All, the exhibit highlighted varying aspects of the pro-life viewpoint. After the club attempted to reserve several “speech zones” in which to display the exhibit, ASU administration officials told the group that it would be restricted to just one zone, relenting only after receiving correspondence from ADF attorneys. University officials demanded that ASU Students for Life purchase insurance, despite the lack of any written policy requiring them to do so. In April 2006, the club was once again forced to purchase insurance for a subsequent event even though it only involved sitting at a table on campus and passing out literature.

CURRENT STATUS OF ASU Students for Life v. Crow AS OF 10/19/09

In July 2006, ADF attorneys filed suit on behalf of ASU Students for Life. On April 9, 2008, ADF attorneys filed an appeal to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit on behalf of the group after a district court judge ruled in favor of the university. ADF Litigation Staff Counsel Heather Gebelin Hacker will present her oral arguments in favor of the club at a hearing before the 9th Circuit on the campus of the University of Arizona in Tucson on Oct. 20. The panel hearing the case Tuesday includes Chief Judge Alex Kozinski, Circuit Judge Sandra Segal Ikuta, and retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor.

FOCUS OF HEARING – WHAT IS AT STAKE?

The First Amendment rights of students and student groups cannot be compromised by public universities through the enforcement of unnecessary and discriminatory regulations. Forcing students to obtain insurance to express themselves on campus is unconstitutional. Free speech should not have a price tag.

OTHER ADF CASES INVOLVING “JUSTICE FOR ALL” DISPLAYS

ADF attorneys have successfully defended legal situations involving pro-life displays from Justice for All on other university campuses, including the [University of Colorado at Boulder](#), the [University of Texas at Austin](#), and the [University of Houston](#).

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ABOUT ADF

ADF is a legal alliance of Christian attorneys and like-minded organizations defending the right of people to freely live out their faith. Launched in 1994, ADF employs a unique combination of [strategy, training, funding, and litigation](#) to protect and preserve religious liberty, the sanctity of life, marriage, and the family.

ABOUT Heather Gebelin Hacker

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