



## **FACT SHEET**

### ***North Pointe Church v. Moppert***

#### ***ABOUT North Pointe Church v. Moppert***

North Pointe Church had been holding meetings regularly in a rented facility on the Broome Community College campus (part of the State University of New York system) for several months, but college officials notified the church that it would no longer be able to continue to rent space to the church because of alleged complaints the school received by people who had seen or received advertisements from the church. The college allows private groups to rent its facilities on a regular basis. ADF attorneys argue that religious groups have equal access to public services and accommodations under the law and cannot be subject to discrimination based on the fact that the groups hold to a religious viewpoint--especially as paying customers.

#### ***CURRENT STATUS OF North Pointe Church v. Moppert AS OF 2/26/2009***

ADF attorneys filed suit on behalf of the church on Feb. 23. An emergency hearing on a motion for a temporary restraining order that would allow the church to keep meeting for the time being is scheduled for Feb. 27 at 9:30 a.m. EST at the U.S. District Court in Syracuse.

#### ***FOCUS OF HEARING – WHAT IS AT STAKE?***

The government cannot discriminate between religious and non-religious groups in determining to whom it will rent public school facilities. The U.S. Constitution does not allow discrimination on the basis of viewpoint. The hearing will determine whether the church will be allowed to continue meeting beyond the end of the month.

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#### ***ABOUT ADF***

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