



FACT SHEET ***Reed v. Town of Gilbert***

ABOUT Reed v. Town of Gilbert

In May 2007, in response to an ADF lawsuit, the town of Gilbert, Arizona, agreed to a preliminary injunction prohibiting it from enforcing its sign code against the church. The code required that church signs be smaller in size, fewer in number, and displayed for much less time than similar non-religious signs. The town passed an amended code that continued to discriminate against churches. ADF attorneys then filed an amended complaint and new motion for preliminary injunction against the implementation of the revised code.

CURRENT STATUS OF Reed v. Town of Gilbert AS OF 4/14/09

In September 2008, a judge declined to grant the preliminary injunction against the new code. ADF attorneys appealed that decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the 9th Circuit, which will hear oral argument in the case on April 15, 2009.

FOCUS OF HEARING – WHAT IS AT STAKE?

The constitutional right for churches and religious organizations to receive the same treatment as non-religious groups when it comes to issues such as signage and zoning.

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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.

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