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The First Amendment: Transcripts Of The Oral Arguments Made Before The Supreme Court In Sixteen Key First Amendment Cases (May It Please The Court)





Synopsis

This sequel to the bestselling *May It Please the Court* focuses on key First Amendment cases illustrating the most controversial debates over issues of free speech, freedom of the press, and the right to assemble, including: *Burnes v. Glen Theater* (nude dancing), *New York Times v. United States* (the Pentagon Papers case), *Texas v. Johnson* (American flag burning), *Brandenburg v. Ohio* (hate speech by Klansmen), and *Hustler Magazine, Inc. v. Falwell* (emotional distress • for parody advertisement). The transcripts of actual oral arguments made before the Supreme Court identify the speakers and put the cases in context. They offer an unrivaled view of the Supreme Court in action that will interest anyone wanting firsthand exposure to American law and history. Cases include: *Abington School District v. Schempp* (school prayer) *County of Allegheny v. ACLU* (nativity crèche and menorah display) *Barnes v. Glen Theater, Inc.* (nude dancing) *Branzburg v. Hayes* (reporters' sources) *Employment Division v. Smith* (peyote) *New York Times v. Sullivan* (libel) *New York Times v. United States* (Pentagon Papers case) *R.A.V. v. City of St. Paul, Minnesota* (cross burning) *Texas v. Johnson* (American flag burning) *Tinker v. Des Moines* (wearing black armbands in school) *United States v. O'Brien* (draft card burning)

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Customer Reviews

Like its predecessor, *"May it Please The Court"*, *"The First Amendment"* contains cassettes with edited oral arguments before the Supreme Court. The highlights of the arguments are held together by commentary from Peter Irons, who also introduces each case with a brief history and a review of

the legal questions involved. It also finishes with another short talk by Irons, indicating how the Court ruled and talking a bit about the opinions. The companion book has transcripts of the cassettes, as well as highlights from the opinions in the case. Whereas the previous book contained 23 cases and one introduction to the court, this one has only 16 cases. Moreover, four cases are in fact repeats from the previous book. The cases in this one are, with the issue involved in parenthesis: R.A.V v. City of St. Paul (cross burning); Texas v. Johnson (flag burning, included in the previous book); Tinker v. Des Moines (Vietnam protest by high school students, also in the previous book); U.S. vs. O'Brien (draft card burning as protest), Abington v. Schempp (school prayer, included in the previous book); Barnes v. Glen Theater (nude dancing); Branzburg v. Hayes (disclosure of a reporter's sources); Cohen v. California (vulgar speech); Employment Division v. Smith (religious use of peyote); Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier (censorship of school papers); Hustler Magazine v. Falwell (suing for emotional distress from a parody); Hurley v. Irish-American Gays, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston (gays marching on St. Patrick's Parade); Miller v. California (obscenity), New York Times v. Sullivan (libel); and New York Times v. United States (prior restraint and the Pentagon Papers, included in the previous book).

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