

Christian Baker Terrorized by Disturbing Threats, Legal Chaos Over Cake Refusal

The attorney for a Christian baker who has been targeted by California officials over her refusal to make a cake for a same-sex couple is hoping to take the shocking case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Adèle Keim, senior counsel at Becket, told CBN News that baker Cathy Miller, owner of Tastries shop in Bakersfield, California, has been in a years-long battle after declining to make a cake for a same-sex couple.

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“What started this battle is Cathy’s faith,” Keim said. “Cathy Miller is a woman of faith. She’s also a creative person. She’s had her hands in all kinds of things. She has been a wedding planner, she taught for years at a Christian school, and her dream was always to open her own custom bakery, so she did that.”

Once marijuana was legalized in California, Miller started having customers come in asking for weed brownies and other sexually-themed treats that she wasn’t comfortable making, so she set standards about what would and wouldn’t be acceptable for her to offer.

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“She created what she calls the design standards,” Keim said, noting Miller avoids grotesque Halloween themes, adult-themed products, and has other such restrictions, including the decision not to create products celebrating divorces or gay

marriages.

In 2017, the situation came to a head when a same-sex couple requested a wedding cake. Miller reportedly politely declined and offered to instead send them to a willing baker.

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But that couple reportedly became frustrated and filed a complaint.

“They ignited a firestorm on social media,” Keim said. “They accused her of turning them away harshly, turning them away completely, which she hadn’t been trying to do. She’d been trying to work with them and help them as much as she could in good conscience – and she has been in court ever since.”

Keim said Miller is being persecuted by her own government, noting the case has volleyed through the courts. While the baker scored a victory stating she couldn’t be compelled to operate against her sincerely-held views, California won on appeal and the California Supreme Court declined to hear the case.

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This means Miller will be appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court, with Keim hoping the justices take up the religious liberty battle.

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