

Supreme Court Finally Clarifies Church and State Confusion

For the fourth time this term, the Supreme Court issued a landmark religious liberties ruling on Monday, this time protecting a high school football coach's right to pray.

The court's conservative majority has been ruling in favor of religious rights a lot lately, correcting decades of confusion regarding the role of church and state:

- Last week, the court ruled that states like Maine can't discriminate against children at faith-based schools.
- On May 2, the court ruled that Boston can't ban the Christian flag at City Hall if it's going to fly other non-governmental flags.
- On March 24, the court ruled that Texas must allow a pastor to lay hands on a death row inmate and pray for him if that's what the inmate wants.

In this latest ruling for the praying football coach from Washington state, both sides of the *Kennedy vs. Bremerton School District* case argued it all came down to the First Amendment. In the end, the majority sided with individual religious freedoms over government censorship.

"The First Amendment means that people of faith can be people of faith. They don't have to choose between the job they love and their faith to stay employed," said Coach Joseph Kennedy's attorney, Jeremy Dys, with First Liberty Institute. {eo}

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