

FACT SHEET Hands On Originals v. Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission

ABOUT THE CASE

Lexington, Ky., printer Blaine Adamson of Hands On Originals declined to print expressive shirts promoting the Lexington Pride Festival, hosted by the Gay and Lesbian Services Organization, because he did not want to convey the messages printed on the shirts. He nevertheless offered to connect the organization to another printer that would produce the shirts for the same price that he would have charged. Unsatisfied, GLSO filed a complaint with the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Human Rights Commission and alleged illegal discrimination.

STATUS AS OF 2015-03-12

Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Legal Counsel Jim Campbell will argue on behalf of Adamson at a hearing scheduled to be held at the Fayette County Circuit Court in Lexington on March 13, 2015.

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

- Whether the government can force Americans in expressive professions to communicate messages and ideas against their will.
- The freedom of Americans to live and do business according to the teachings of their faith and the dictates of their conscience.
- Whether Americans should be forced to compromise freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

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ABOUT Alliance Defending Freedom

Alliance Defending Freedom is an alliance-building, non-profit legal organization that advocates for the right of people to freely live out their faith.

ABOUT Jim Campbell

Jim Campbell serves as senior legal counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom, where he is director of the Center for Marriage & Family. He specializes in litigating cases pertaining to the defense of marriage, religious liberty, and freedom of conscience. He earned his J.D. from the University of Akron School of Law and is admitted to the bar in the states of Ohio and Arizona, along with federal bars including the Northern District of Ohio and the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Circuits.

ABOUT Bryan Beauman

Bryan Beauman is an ADF-allied attorney with Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC, of Lexington. He earned his J.D. at the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1997. He is a member of the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the 6th and 7th Circuits, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, and the Eastern District of Michigan. He is also a member of the Kentucky Bar Association, the Bourbon County Bar Association, and the Federal Bar Association, previously serving as president of its Kentucky Chapter.