Religion & Constitutional Law

Study Guide

Decision Name	Year	Conflict	What's ok / not ok, and why?
Reynolds v. U.S.	1878	Polygamy	
Cantwell v. Connecticut	1940	Public preaching	
Minersville School District v. Gobitis	1940	Flag saluting	
W.Va. State Board of Ed. v. Barnette	1943	Flag saluting	
U.S. v. Ballard	1944	Mail fraud	
Everson v. Board of Ed. of Ewing Township	1947	Reimbursement for buses to rel. school	
McCollum v. Board of Ed.	1948	Religious education in pub. school	
Torcaso v. Watkins	1961	Rel. oath of office	
McGowan v. Maryland	1961	Sunday closing	
Engel v. Vitale	1962	Prayer in pub. school	
Abington School District v. Schempp	1963	Bible reading in pub. school	
Sherbert v. Verner	1963	Unemployment insurance related to Sabbath observance	
U.S. v. Seeger	1965	Rel. conscientious objection	
Epperson v. Arkansas	1968	Creationism	
Lemon v. Kurtzman	1971	Public funds to teachers in rel. schools	
Wisconsin v. Yoder	1972	Mandatory pub. school attendance	
McDaniel v. Paty	1978	Clergy in elected office	
Stone v. Graham	1980	Ten Commandments in pub. school classes	
Marsh v. Chambers	1983	Legislative prayer	
Lynch v. Donnelly	1984	Public Nativity scene	
Wallace v. Jaffree	1985	Pub. school prayer and moment of silence	
Goldman v. Weinberger	1986	Military restrictions of rel. garb	
Employment Division, Oregon Dept. of Human Resources v. Smith	1990	Unemployment insurance related to peyote use	
Westside Community Board of Ed. v. Mergens	1990	Rel. groups in pub. school	
Lee v. Weisman	1992	Grad. prayers in pub. school	
Boerne v. Flores	1997	Church expansion in historic district	
Gonzales v. O Centro Espirita Beneficente Uniao Do Vegetal	2006	Importation of hallucinogenic for rel. use	