



FACT SHEET

Women's Health Link v. Fort Wayne Public Transportation Corp.

ABOUT THE CASE

ADF attorneys filed a federal lawsuit in April 2014 against the city of Fort Wayne's public transportation company when it refused to accept an ad from a life-affirming health care referral service for women in need. [The ad](#) is virtually indistinguishable from a [United Way ad](#) and health-related government ads that Citilink approved. ADF attorneys argue that the bus system unconstitutionally prohibited Women's Health Link's ad because of its life-affirming viewpoint and association with a pro-life group. Citilink denied Women's Health Link's request because its website contains information on "controversial issues," the city-run company says. In September 2014, a district court denied a motion to stop Citilink from prohibiting the ad while the case moves forward in court but ruled against the city's motion to dismiss the lawsuit.

STATUS AS OF 2015-05-08

ADF Legal Counsel Jonathan Scruggs will argue on behalf of Women's Health Link at a summary judgment hearing on May 11 in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana.

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

The constitutionally protected freedom of Americans to express their point of view without censorship by government officials.

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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 Jonathan Scruggs

Jonathan Scruggs serves as legal counsel with ADF. He earned his J.D. at Harvard Law School and is admitted to practice in the states of Arizona and Tennessee, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee, and the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Circuits.

ABOUT Jeremy Tedesco

Jeremy Tedesco serves as senior legal counsel for ADF, where he is director of the Freedom of Conscience Initiative. He was co-counsel in *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* at the U.S. Supreme Court, where he defended the free speech rights of a small church against government discrimination. In 2004, he earned his J.D. from the Regent University School of Law. Tedesco is admitted to the state bar of Arizona; the Supreme and District Court of Arizona; the District Court of Colorado; the U.S. Courts of Appeal for the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 9th Circuits; and the U.S. Supreme Court.