

Religious Issues in Libraries

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Overall and Legal Framework

Daniel Mach, Religious Issues and Libraries by Daniel Mach, Law for Librarians, April 4-6, 2006, with update on *Faith Center Church v. Glover* <http://www.olaweb.org/org/Religion%20and%20Libraries%20updated.pdf>

Meeting Rooms

Faith Center Church Evangelistic Ministries v. Glover, 2007 U.S. App. LEXIS 5543 (9th Cir. Mar. 9, 2007)
Court case on library policy (Contra Costa County Library) that does not allow religious services in meeting rooms.
Updates at <http://news.justia.com/cases/faith-center-church-evengelist-ministries/370281/>

Collections

Raya Kuzyk, Brave New Genre, *Library Journal*, (May 1, 2006).

Janet Tapper, Dewey Does a Number on Wicca, *Library Journal*, (May 1, 2006 supp).

Employees

Jackson Lewis [law firm], *What is a "Religious Creed" Under California Law?* (February 5, 2003). Recently, the California Court of Appeals ruled that "veganism" (a creed that proscribes the ingestion or use of any products derived from animals) did not qualify as a "religious creed" under FEHA and California Code of Regulations Section 7293.1. The court's analysis is instructive for employers. <http://www.jacksonlewis.com/legalupdates/article.cfm?aid=374>

Jennifer Brown Shaw, Esq., Michael J. Christian, Esq., Sarah R.S. Thomas, Esq., California League of Cities, *Religious Accommodations and Public Sector Employees* (September 8, 2003).

Describes protected religious beliefs, reasonable accommodation, undue hardships, and common workplace situations such as dress and grooming standards, proselytizing, religious items in the workplace, symbolic religious dress, use of bulletin boards, and practical suggestions.

Findable (really) at http://www.cacities.org/index.jsp?zone=locc§ion=util&sub_sec=util_site&app=search