

SLF Urges Supreme Court To Take Up Free Speech Case of Christian Baker

(Sept. 29, 2025): Today, Southeastern Legal Foundation (SLF), filed a <u>Supreme Court amicus curiae brief</u> with dozens of organizations supporting the First Amendment rights of Catherine Miller, a Christian baker who declined to bake a cake celebrating a same-sex wedding and was punished for it by the State of California.

No one should be forced to affirm beliefs they do not agree with, but that is exactly what happened when Ms. Miller attempted to respectfully decline to bake a cake celebrating a same-sex marriage. She has declined many cakes that do not match her beliefs, including cakes that supported drug use, a cake announcing a divorce, and cakes that were lewd and graphic. But when she tried to express her religious belief that marriage should only be between a man and a woman, the California Civil Rights Department intervened and filed a lawsuit against her for "discrimination."

SLF is supporting Ms. Miller's appeal to the United States Supreme Court. In its brief, it urges the Supreme Court that "American business owners have a right to express their religion in their place of business just as much as they do in their homes and places of worship. Yet some states have made it difficult to exercise that right." SLF and amici are urging the Supreme Court to take up this case and declare that anyone who runs a business has a right to voice their beliefs.

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