

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY V LGBT RIGHTS

- September 4, 2021 – A federal judge determined that Charlotte Catholic High School wrongfully fired Lonnie Billard in 2014 after sharing on Facebook posts about his "wedding" to his boyfriend.
- August 20, 2021 – The Religious Exemption Accountability Project sued the United States Department of Education to block students from using federal funds (including scholarships and grants) towards religious schools that believe marriage is the union of one man and one woman, that sex is reserved for that union, and that there are meaningful and enduring differences between the sexes.
- July 30, 2021 – The College of the Ozarks, a Christian university, is suing the Biden Administration for a rule forcing the college to violate its religious liberty by allowing sexually confused men to live in women's dormitories and vice versa.
- June 17, 2021 – The United States Supreme Court ruled in favor of a Catholic adoption service that had lost funding from Philadelphia for having a policy of not allowing LGBT couples to adopt children. Previously, the Catholic adoption service had lost several court cases.
- February 25, 2021 – The United States House of Representatives passes H. R. 5, the *Equality Act*. The *Equality Act* is the most comprehensive assault on religious liberty ever introduced into one bill in American history. If this legislation were to become law, it would grant sexual orientation and gender identity the same protective status as race and sex under the law while introducing penalties for religious organizations that disagree with them.
- February 27, 2020 – The ACLU came to the defense of a transgender person suing Mercy San Juan Medical Center in California after the Trump Administration sided with the hospital claiming the religious nature of the institution allowed them to refuse to provide transition treatments.
- June 11, 2019 – Joshua Payne-Elliott, a LGBT activist, sued the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Cathedral High School for terminating his employment after he "married" his boyfriend. He had previously signed an ethics clause in his contract to uphold the teachings of the Church.

- March 26, 2019 – Shelly Fitzgerald and Lynn Starkey, two lesbians, sued a Catholic high school in Indiana for terminating their employment after they disclosed they had "married" their girlfriends.
- March 26, 2019 – Oliver Knight, a woman who identifies as a transgender man, sued St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka, California because the hospital refused to provide her a hysterectomy as part of her transition.
- March 25, 2019 – Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel, a lesbian activist, barred state funding from Catholic adoption agencies because they would not place children with LGBT couples.
- March 7, 2019 – LGBT activists filed a petition to force St. Ann Catholic School in Prairie Village, Kansas to admit a student with LGBT parents.
- June 4, 2018 – The United States Supreme Court ruled in favor of Jack Phillips, the Christian-owner of the Masterpiece Cakeshop. In 2012, Phillips was approached by a LGBT couple demanding he make a custom cake for their "wedding." When he refused, they sued and the state of Colorado attempted to coerce him to make the cake.
- May 4, 2018 – St. Lucy's Priory High School, outside of Los Angeles, California, settled with a former LGBT teacher who was fired in 2013 after he "married" his boyfriend. Although winning several cases on the grounds that the school was exempt from employment law because it qualified for the "Ministerial Exemption," the school ultimately settled after multiple law suits and a lengthy appeal process.
- April 22, 2018 – California introduced a new law that would criminalize religious groups for offering "conversion therapy" to LGBT individuals.
- October 1, 2017 – A group of pro-life activists went to a Seattle coffee shop to get a cup of Joe. They were refused service and kicked out by the LGBT owner who badgered them with obscenities until they left.
- December 22, 2016 – Sandor Demkovich sued St. Andrew the Apostle Parish after he was fired for "marrying" his boyfriend in violation of the ethics clause in his contract to uphold Church teachings.

- May 13, 2016 – Rep. Katherine Clark (D-MA) introduced a bill to force religious institutions of higher learning to post on their website and in prominent places on campus that they are exempt from radical efforts to apply Title IX to sexual orientation and gender identity. The legislation mentioned nothing of secular organizations that have similar exemptions.
- August 11, 2015 – The Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice revoked the volunteer credentials of ordained ministers who refused to sign a state-mandated document promising to never tell inmates homosexuality is "sinful."
- April 27, 2015 – Blaine Adamson, the owner of the Christian printing company Hands on Originals, had a court overturn a previous guilty verdict against him for refusing to print t-shirts for a Pride Parade.
- April 1, 2015 – Crystal O'Connor, the owner of Memories Pizza in Indiana, supported Hoosier state's Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Angry LGBT internet users created fake Yelp reviews giving the restaurant one-star ratings and posting graphic photos. The pizzeria had to close for 10 days due to threats.
- January 1, 2015 – The Iowa Civil Rights Commission forced Betty and Richard Odgaard, the Christian-owners of the Gortz Haus Gallery, to shut down after they refused to allow an LGBT couple to use their venue for a "marriage" ceremony.
- August 22, 2013 – The New Mexico Supreme Court ruled that a small Christian-owned photography business does not have the right to decline on religious grounds to shoot a same-sex commitment ceremony.
- April 9, 2013 – An LGBT couple sued Barronelle Stutzman, the Christian-owner of Arlene's Flowers, because she refused to provide floral arrangements for their "wedding" ceremony.