



## ***FACT SHEET*** ***Armstrong v. Sebelius***

### ***ABOUT Armstrong v. Sebelius***

Cherry Creek Mortgage Co., is a family-run business based in Greenwood Village that is co-owned by former U.S. Sen. Bill Armstrong. The company is licensed to do business in 27 states and employs a total of 730 employees. All of the owners are evangelical Christians who specifically object to being forced to provide insurance coverage for abortion-inducing drugs and devices. The Obama administration's abortion pill mandate forces Cherry Creek Mortgage Co. to provide all of its employees with health insurance that provides coverage for these items. This coercive mandate violates Armstrong's constitutionally protected freedom of religion and conscience; therefore, Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys filed suit on their behalf in March 2013.

### ***CURRENT STATUS OF Armstrong v. Sebelius AS OF 5/9/2013***

Oral arguments will take place in the U.S. District Court for the District Court of Colorado on May 10 regarding a motion for preliminary injunction requested by Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys.

### ***WHAT IS AT STAKE?***

- Whether family business owners will have the freedom to offer health insurance coverage that does not violate their faith.
- Whether Washington politicians will be allowed to decide what faith is, who the faithful are, and where and how faith may be lived out.
- Whether people of faith will remain free to conduct business according to their convictions or be forced by the government to violate their beliefs in order to stay in business.
- Whether the government will be permitted to exercise raw, coercive power over the conscience and convictions of every American who engages in business.

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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.

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