



## ***FACT SHEET*** ***Southern Nazarene University v. Burwell***

### ***ABOUT THE CASE***

In 2013, ADF filed a lawsuit against the Obama administration's abortion-pill mandate on behalf of four Christian universities in Oklahoma--Southern Nazarene University, Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Oklahoma Baptist University, and Mid-America Christian University. In December 2013, a federal court suspended enforcement of the abortion-pill mandate against the four Christian universities. The administration appealed. The administration's mandate forces employers, regardless of their religious or moral convictions, to provide health plans that provide access to abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, and contraception under threat of heavy penalties. The four universities specifically object to providing access to abortifacients.

### ***STATUS AS OF 2014-12-05***

Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Gregory S. Baylor will argue on behalf of the four Christian universities at a hearing scheduled to be held at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit in Denver, Colo., on Dec. 8, 2014.

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

- Whether Christian universities will have the freedom to offer health plans that do not violate their faith.
- Whether Washington politicians and bureaucrats will be allowed to decide who is "religious enough" to escape ruinous fines under an unlawful and unnecessary mandate.
- Whether people of faith will remain free to operate Christian schools according to their convictions or be forced by the government to violate their beliefs in order to continue educating students.
- Whether the government will be permitted to exercise raw, coercive power over the conscience and convictions of Americans who operate Christian schools.

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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 Gregory S. Baylor***

Gregory S. Baylor serves as senior counsel with Alliance Defending Freedom, where he litigates cases to protect the rights of Christian educational institutions across the nation. Baylor earned his J.D. at Duke University School of Law. Prior to joining ADF in 2009, he served as director of Christian Legal Society's Center for Law & Religious Freedom in Springfield, Va., where he defended religious liberty since 1994. Practicing law since 1990, Baylor is admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court; the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Circuits; the Supreme Court of Texas; the District of Colorado; the Northern District of Texas; and the Western District of Texas.