

Supreme Court Reiterates Role of First Amendment in *Snyder v. Phelps*

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In its recent decision in *Snyder v. Phelps*, Case No. 09-751 (U.S. 2010), the Supreme Court reiterated the role of the First Amendment in the realm of privacy. Deciding a case brought against Fred Phelps and the Westboro Baptist Church related to funeral protests in Maryland, the Court held that 1) a claim for intentional infliction of emotional distress was barred by the First Amendment, 2) a claim for intrusion upon seclusion was barred because the protest did not interfere with the funeral, and 3) a claim for conspiracy was barred because the other tort claims had failed. Read more ...