

ALLISON JONES RUSHING ON SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Highlights:

- Allison Jones Rushing was against the separation of church and state
 - In 2005, Rushing co-authored an article criticizing enforcement of the separation of church and state.
 - In 2017, Rushing filed an amicus brief supporting government aid for a church.

Rushing Fought Against The Separation Of Church And State

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According to the Alliance for Justice, “Rushing also co-authored a 2005 article with ADF Senior Counsel Jordan Lorence, titled Nothing to Stand On: ‘Offended Observers’ and the Ten Commandments. Lorence’s advocacy includes fighting against the rights of the LGBTQ community, with specific focus on the right to marry. The Rushing-Lorence article criticizes and demeans those who seek to enforce the First Amendment’s Establishment Clause, arguing that the Court’s standing jurisprudence ‘provide[s] a loophole for every village secularist to charge into court with the ACLU and challenge governmental acknowledgements of religion, no matter how passive or benign. These delicate plaintiffs with eggshell sensitivities— who claim deep offense at the acknowledgement of any beliefs that conflict with their own—then seek court orders censoring the religious message, as a type of ‘heckler’s veto.’” [Alliance for Justice, [10/15/18](#)]

2017: RUSHING FILED AN AMICUS BRIEF SUPPORTING GOVERNMENT AID FOR A CHURCH

2017: Rushing Filed An Amicus Brief Supporting Government Aid For A Church. According to Reproductive Freedom for All, “Rushing filed an amicus brief in *Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia v. Comer* arguing in favor of a Missouri church that wanted to receive a grant from the Missouri government despite a Missouri law that prohibited government aid of churches” [Reproductive Freedom for All, [October 2018](#)]

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The Supreme Court Ruled That Governments Could Not Exclude Churches And Faith-Based Organizations From A Secular Government Program. According to the Alliance Defending Freedom, “The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7-2 Monday that the government cannot exclude churches and other faith-based organizations from a secular government program simply because of their religious identity. The much-anticipated decision came in the case *Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia v. Comer*, involving a church-run preschool in Missouri. The state denied the church a partial reimbursement grant for rubberized playground surface material made from recycled tires solely because a church runs the preschool, even though the only purpose of the grant program is to improve children’s safety.” [Alliance Defending Freedom, [6/26/17](#)]