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1. Eyecue Vs. State of CT

In 2002 a tenured professor at UCONN, Ms. Lil Eyecue, was fired from her job for comments she made while teaching a class titled Current issues in CT. In teaching the course she made remarks which including the statements “Indians are the scum of the earth! They make money off the weaknesses of us poor white people. What Connecticut needs is more smallpox and another General Custer…” The class was made up of students from variety of ethnic backgrounds and lively debated surrounded her comments. Students were offended and reported her to the school officials which led to her being dismissed. Ms. Eyecue is suing UCONN to regain her position

1. State of CT Vs. Nikoff

In 1995, a New Britain police officer stopped a speeding car on Rt. 9 south. As the police officer approached the car, he thought he saw one of the back seat passengers reach below the seat. The police officer immediately evacuated the car and decided to search it. In his search he found a licensed gun in the unlocked passenger glove compartment and illegal drugs in the trunk. All the people in the car were detained and the driver of the car, Mr. Caleesh Nikoff was arrested

1. Master Vs. Meriden BOE

In the fall of 1994 Platt High School of Meriden began a random drug testing program for the varsity football team. All players signed a consent form and were given a 24 hour warning of the test. The second player tested, an 18 year old named T.D. Masters, was found to be positive for the presence of illegal drugs. He has protested the validity of the test and sued the school district.

1. Kool Vs. Waterford BOE

In 1999 the Waterford private school district had a long standing regulation limiting the hair length for boy students. Mr. I.M. Kool tried to enroll at the high school but was denied entrance due to the length of his hair. He was told that until he cut his shoulder length hair he was not welcome at Waterford High. Mr. Kool has subsequently sued the school to gain admittance.

1. Johnson Vs. Wilton BOE

In 2001 two female students were caught in the bathroom at Wee B. Rich Middle School in Wilton, CT. They were taken to the office where they were separated. Upon questioning the first girl confessed to smoking and was suspended for 5 days. The second girl, one Smokey denied being a smoker. The Vice Principal asked to see Smokey’s purse where he found cigarettes, rolling papers, one ounce of marijuana, some cash and a list of names with notes as to how much money each one owed Smokey. Smokey was arrested and expelled from school. She has sued the school district to be reinstated.

6. U.S.A. Vs. Stalin HS

In 2009 at Joseph Stalin High School, a public school in Siberia, CT, a student refused to do the Pledge of Allegiance to America. Ulysses S. Aardvark declined to stand and state the pledge of allegiance. He sat in his seat and would not participate in what the class was doing. U.S.A was sent to the Vice Principal’s office where his parents were called, his patriotism was questioned, and threats were made for compliance. The young man held his ground and was suspended from school for insubordination and eventually expelled. U.S.A. is suing the Stalin HS to be reinstated.