

Wiley Represents Constitutional Law Scholars in Amicus Brief in Appeal Addressing State Statute

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Wiley filed an amicus brief on behalf of eleven prominent constitutional law professors in support of a federal district court's conclusion that key provisions of anti-immigration legislation enacted by the State of Florida are unconstitutional.

Filed in *City of South Miami v. Florida* in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, the amicus brief supports the district court's findings and conclusions—reached after a six-day bench trial—that the enactment of Florida Senate Bill No. 168 was motivated by impermissible racial animus in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The brief shows that the arguments advanced by the State on appeal are inconsistent with the analytical framework established by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Village of Arlington Heights v. Metropolitan Housing Development Corporation* and would, if adopted, prevent the Fourteenth Amendment from protecting individuals from racially-discriminatory legislation.

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A copy of the amicus brief can be found [here](#).

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