

STUDENT DISCIPLINE UPHELD FOR THREATENING OFF CAMPUS INTERNET POSTING

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals recently upheld the authority of a school district to discipline students for off-campus internet speech. In *Bell v. Itawamba County School Board*, the Court held that a school district may impose discipline on students whose off-campus speech is directed at the school community, when such speech is “reasonably understood by school officials to be threatening, harassing, and intimidating to a teacher,” if the speech is reasonably forecasted to cause a substantial disruption at the school.

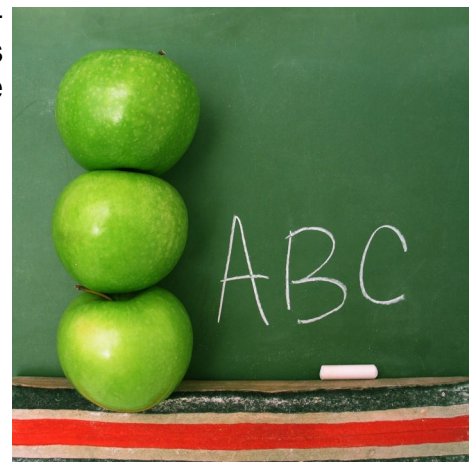
Our detailed summary of the case is available at the following link:

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A full text of the Court of Appeals decision can be found at:

[Bell v. Itawamba County School Board](#)

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