

DISPLAYING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

WHAT THE LAW ACTUALLY SAYS

As the Kentucky Attorney General recently concluded, in the years since the last litigation involving public displays of the Ten Commandments, the Supreme Court has abandoned the misguided Lemon test and clarified that the controlling analysis in all such cases is “that the Establishment Clause must be interpreted by ‘reference to historical practices and understandings.’ ”

Federal courts have recently concluded that posting the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms does not violate the Constitution, with no historical evidence presented “that remotely suggests that our Founders would have regarded a passive display of the Ten Commandments as an impermissible ‘establishment of religion.’ ”

Kennedy v. Bremerton School District



Roake v. Brumley



KY Office of the Attorney General

“The Commonwealth has considerable latitude in deciding whether and how to draw attention to the historical significance and influence of the Ten Commandments without offending the Establishment Clause.”

SIGNIFICANCE

Did you know that the
Congressional Record includes
the text of the Ten Commandments?

And did you know that Kentucky law
allows a board of education to permit
teachers to read from or post excerpts
from the **Congressional Record**?

YES,
*you may display
the Ten Commandments
in public schools.*



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