

**Advocates for Faith and Freedom News Release**  
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**TEACHER DECLARES TO STUDENTS:  
“WHEN YOU PUT ON YOUR JESUS GLASSES, YOU CAN’T SEE THE TRUTH”**

**STUDENT SUES CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**ORANGE COUNTY, Ca.** – Advocates for Faith and Freedom filed a federal lawsuit today in Santa Ana, California, against Dr. James Corbett, a teacher in the Capistrano Unified School District (CUSD), and CUSD itself, challenging the unconstitutional and highly inappropriate statements made by Dr. Corbett in his high school classroom.

A sophomore honors student at Capistrano Valley High School, Chad Farnan, is a student in Dr. Corbett’s Advanced Placement European History class. While teaching the class, Dr. Corbett spends an extended period of time at the beginning of each class discussing topics that are not only irrelevant to history, but also inflammatory and often altogether inappropriate for high school students. Dr. Corbett causes students who hold religious beliefs to feel like second-class citizens because of their protected religious expression, beliefs, and conduct. He has gone as far as stating, “When you put on your Jesus glasses, you can’t see the truth.” In addition to expressing his viewpoint regarding the Christian faith, Dr. Corbett has made derogatory remarks about Christian viewpoints regarding homosexuality, Viagra, birth control, and sexual activities of teenagers. As a result of Dr. Corbett’s hostility toward Christianity, Mr. Farnan has filed this federal lawsuit for a violation of his First Amendment rights.

“The blatant disregard for relevant topics of what can and should be discussed in a high school history class goes beyond moral reasoning,” said Advocates’ General Counsel, Robert Tyler. “Students come to class to learn, not to be forced to listen to the personal, demoralizing rantings of their teacher.”

“The constitutional rights of the students have been and are compromised each day they go to class,” said Advocates’ Legal Counsel, Jennifer Monk. “Dr. Corbett’s statements in the classroom—and the District’s continued employment of Dr. Corbett—convey a governmental message that students holding religious beliefs are outsiders and not full members of the community. This hostility towards religion is a violation of the Establishment Clause.”

Attorneys for Advocates and Mr. Farnan will be meeting with the Administration at Capistrano Valley High School at 1:00pm today. They will be available for questions or comments at approximately 2:00pm in front of the school administration building. The complaint can be found under the case title: *Farnan v. Capistrano Unified School District, et al.* on our website at [www.faith-freedom.com](http://www.faith-freedom.com) under Media Links.

Advocates for Faith and Freedom is a national non-profit legal organization whose aim is to protect religious liberty in the courts. To learn more about our organization, please visit [www.faith-freedom.com](http://www.faith-freedom.com).

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