

**06-278 MORSE V. FREDERICK**

DECISION BELOW:439 F3d 1114

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 03-35701

**QUESTIONS PRESENTED:**

1. Whether the First Amendment allows public schools to prohibit students from displaying messages promoting the use of illegal substances at school-sponsored, faculty-supervised events.
2. Whether the Ninth Circuit departed from established principles of qualified immunity in holding that a public high school principal was liable in a damages lawsuit under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 when, pursuant to the school district's policy against displaying messages promoting illegal substances, she disciplined a student for displaying a large banner with a slang marijuana reference at a school-sponsored, faculty-supervised event.

CERT. GRANTED 12/1/2006

EXPEDITED BRIEFING SCHEDULE.