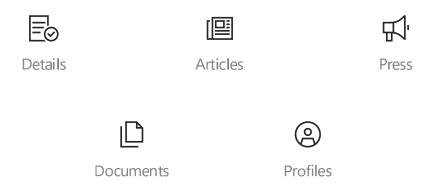






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Kluge v. Brownsburg Community School Corporation



Summary

Indiana music and orchestra teacher John Kluge is challenging the legality of Brownsburg Community School Corporation's decision to revoke his religious accommodation over students' pronoun usage.

When the school district mandated that teachers call students by their preferred gender pronouns and names, Kluge requested a religious accommodation under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act to call all his students by their last names only—like a coach—instead of referring to female students with male names and pronouns and vice versa. The school district granted Kluge's request based on his religious beliefs, and Kluge successfully continued teaching under the religious accommodation for an entire school year. But in response to the grumblings of a few students and faculty, the school district revoked the religious accommodation and forced Kluge to resign, ending his teaching career.

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