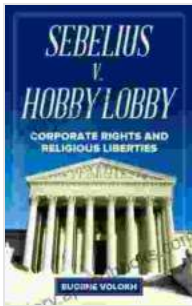


Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby: A Landmark Case in Religious Liberty

Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby was a landmark case decided by the Supreme Court of the United States in 2014. The case involved a challenge to the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive mandate by Hobby Lobby, a closely held corporation owned by the Green family.



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The Green family objected to the mandate on religious grounds, arguing that it violated their sincerely held beliefs about life and the sanctity of human life. The government argued that the mandate was a necessary part of a comprehensive health care plan and that it did not violate the Green family's religious freedom.

The Supreme Court ruled in favor of Hobby Lobby, holding that closely held corporations have the right to religious freedom under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA). The Court found that the contraceptive mandate imposed a substantial burden on the Green family's religious beliefs and that the government had not shown that the mandate was the least restrictive means of achieving its goals.

The *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby* decision was a significant victory for religious freedom in the United States. The decision affirmed the right of closely held corporations to exercise their religious beliefs, even when those beliefs conflict with government regulations.

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) was passed by Congress in 1993 in response to a Supreme Court ruling that had weakened the protection of religious freedom under the First Amendment. RFRA was designed to restore the "compelling interest" test, which requires the government to have a compelling interest in infringing on religious freedom and to use the least restrictive means of doing so.

The *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby* decision was the first time that the Supreme Court had applied RFRA to a closely held corporation. The Court found that Hobby Lobby was a "person" within the meaning of RFRA and that the contraceptive mandate imposed a substantial burden on the Green family's religious beliefs.

The Impact of *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby*

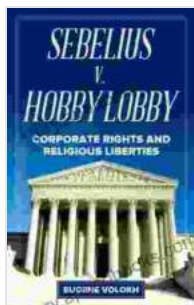
The *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby* decision had a major impact on the debate over religious freedom in the United States. The decision strengthened the

protection of religious freedom for closely held corporations and raised important questions about the limits of corporate power.

The decision has also been cited in other cases involving religious freedom, including the Masterpiece Cakeshop case, in which the Supreme Court ruled that a baker could not be compelled to create a wedding cake for a same-sex couple.

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The decision also raised important questions about the limits of corporate power and the role of religion in American society. These questions are likely to continue to be debated in the years to come.



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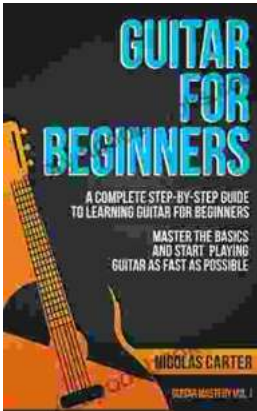
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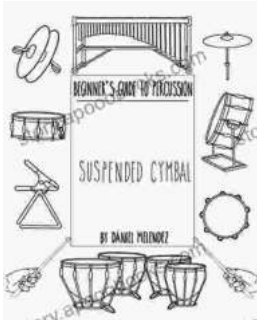
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