

ON THE ROAD TO THE SUPREME COURT (again)



CONTRACEPTIVE MANDATE

In 2011, HHS issued a federal mandate requiring employers to provide contraceptives in their insurance plans.

2011

2013



LITTLE SISTERS SUE

In 2013, the Little Sisters went to court to protect their religious freedom. Losses at the district and appeals courts sent the Sisters to SCOTUS.

2013



EMERGENCY RELIEF

On New Year's Eve 2013, Justice Sotomayor issued an emergency injunction to grant immediate relief for the Little Sisters.

2014



SCOTUS RELIEF

In January, the Supreme Court issued an injunction to protect the Sisters while the case continued.

2016



SCOTUS VICTORY

In 2016, the Supreme Court sided with the Little Sisters, unanimously overturning lower court rulings.

2017



STATES SUE

Several states, including California and Pennsylvania, immediately sued to take away the Sisters' religious exemption.



2017

NEW HHS RULE

In October 2017, the federal government issued an exemption for religious non-profits, protecting the Sisters.



SISTERS APPEAL TO SCOTUS

In October 2019, after a loss in the Third Circuit, the Little Sisters asked SCOTUS to close their case once and for all.

2019

2020



BACK AT SCOTUS

On January 17, 2020, the Supreme Court agreed to review the Third Circuit's decision.