



**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
JUDICIAL COURT**

JOHN BARNETT V. ELECTION COMMISSION

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MAJORITY OPINION:

One of our tasks as the Student Government Judicial Court is to determine standards to evaluate a case. What are the criteria to affirm or reverse the Election Commissioner's decision to disqualify these Senators? After careful review, the Court has determined the following: one, Election Regulation one (1) states that a campaigner is responsible for the Election Regulations and all those who campaign on their behalf. Ignorance is not an excuse. Two, all these candidates exceeded their budget ensuring automatic disqualification. Although some Senator Candidates did not grant permission to "The Fightin' Texas Aggie Senators" to use their names for publicity purposes, at the point they accepted the eighty dollar expense without consulting The Election Commissioner, they accepted the responsibility for those expenses. Three: Election Regulations Campaign Staff Rules two and four state that candidates are responsible for campaign staff and supporters.

The Judicial Court affirms the decision of The Election Commission to disqualify John Barnett as she is in violation of Election Regulations one (1), Expenditure Limits By Office two (2), and Campaign Staff rule four (4).

Caitlin Cashion, Chief Justice
Jim Denton, Associate Justice
Jimmy Gatica, Associate Justice
Amber Simek, Associate Justice

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