



Texas A&M University
Student Government Association
Judicial Court

September 26, 2005

Brady Olsen v. Election Commission

Summary

On September 26, 2005, Freshman Senatorial candidate Brady Olsen brought forward an appeal to the Judicial Court concerning the amount of a fine issued to him by the Election Commissioner. Mr. Olsen stipulated that he did indeed commit a violation of the election rules for early campaigning via The Facebook. He contested the \$25 fine contending that it was too harsh for the amount allotted to his campaign budget. Election Commissioner, Daniel Jones, stated that the fine was justified and was consistent with election regulations.

Opinion

The Judicial Court unanimously upholds the authority of the Election Commissioner to issue fines in accordance with the election regulations. In regards to the Plaintiffs appeal to the court to consider the election regulations of other Universities, the Court finds that we are bound to only interpret the Constitution and Election Regulations of Texas A&M University.

The Court further encourages the Election Commission to address the issues regarding online campaigning tools (e.g. The Facebook, Xanga, etc.).