



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

AUSTIN CARLSON V. ELECTION COMMISSION

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CASE SUMMARY

Austin Carlson received a fine for \$3.00 for violation of the election regulations for using materials with a copyright. Mr. Carlson appealed the fine stating that since the materials were not distributed, the flyers were not campaign materials. As such, he contented that the flyers were not subject to the jurisdiction of the Election Commission and thus he should not receive the \$3.00 fine.

MAJORITY OPINION

The Court unanimously upholds the Election Commissioner's decision to issue a \$3.00 fine to Mr. Carlson for using copyrighted information in his campaign materials.

Any materials produced with the intent of being used for the purpose of soliciting votes is considered campaign materials and must be included on the candidates finance forms

The court encourages the Student Senate to ensure that there is a uniformity of language in "Campaign Materials, Rule 1."

SIGNED this 3rd day of April 2007.

Chris Cook, Chief Justice
Devin Guilliams, Associate Justice
Cullen Merritt, Associate Justice
Sean Wainerdi, Associate Justice

Joseph W. Reed, Vice Chief Justice
Cody Rose, Associate Justice
Amy Schwarzbach, Associate Justice