



## ***FACT SHEET*** ***Geneva College v. Burwell***

### ***ABOUT THE CASE***

The Obama administration's abortion pill mandate forces employers, regardless of their religious or moral convictions, to provide access through their health insurance plans to abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, and contraception under threat of heavy penalties through the IRS. Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys represent Geneva College, a Presbyterian college in Beaver Falls, which specifically objects to providing access to abortifacients. The college filed suit against the Obama administration on Feb. 21, 2012.

### ***STATUS AS OF 2014-11-18***

In 2013, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania suspended enforcement of the mandate against Geneva College's employee and student health plans. The administration appealed those decisions to the 3rd Circuit, which consolidated the case, *Geneva College v. Burwell*, with two other similar cases.

### ***WHAT IS AT STAKE?***

- The freedom of Christian colleges and other non-profits to provide employee health insurance plans that offer coverage consistent with, and not in violation of, their core convictions.
- Freedom from coercive government mandates that force Christian colleges and other non-profits to provide or facilitate access to morally objectionable drugs and treatments, including abortion pills.
- Whether the federal government will be permitted to maintain one of the narrowest definitions in American history of who is a "religious employer."

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### ***ABOUT Alliance Defending Freedom***

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