

Religion Clauses

& School Prayer

Ethics, Politics, & Law
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SEPARATION

ACCOMMO-
DATION

BACKGROUND

*EVERSON V.
BOARD OF
EDUCATION
(1947)*

THE
"WARREN
COURT"

THE NEW YORK REGENTS' PRAYER

ALMIGHTY GOD, WE
ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DEPENDENCE
UPON THEE, AND WE BEG THY
BLESSINGS UPON US, OUR
PARENTS, OUR TEACHERS AND OUR
COUNTRY

NEW YORK
COURT OF
APPEALS

*AMICUS
CURIAE*

*ENGEL V. VITALE
(1962)*

6 TO 1

IMMEDIATE
REACTION TO
THE DECISION

PRAYER IS A
"RELIGIOUS"
ACTIVITY

COLONIAL AND
CONSTITUTIONAL
HISTORY

JUSTICE BLACK'S OPINION

REJECTS:
• VOLUNTARY
• NON-
DENOMINATIONAL
• SHORT

"WALL OF
SEPARATION"

ACCOMMODATION
INTERPRETATION
OF
ESTABLISHMENT
CLAUSE

INCONSISTENT
WITH CURRENT
PRACTICES

JUSTICE STEWART'S DISSENT

"WE ARE A RELIGIOUS PEOPLE WHOSE
INSTITUTIONS PRESUPPOSE A SUPREME
BEING." *ZORACH V. CLAUSON*

SCHOOL
FUNDING

PUBLIC
DISPLAYS

THE FIGHT CONTINUES

PRAYERS IN
SCHOOLS

THE PLEDGE
OF
ALLEGIANCE