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## **Grey House Publishing announces the Second Edition of *Encyclopedia of Religion and the Law in America***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the Second Edition of *Encyclopedia of Religion and the Law in America*. Formerly published by ABC-CLIO as *Religion and the Law: A Dictionary*, this updated edition covers some of the most emotional and controversial issues of our time. From landmark court cases and religious concepts to legal documents and specific religious organizations, this resource presents the issues involved in religion and the law in all their complexity, nuances and challenges.

New features in this edition include:

- 288 up-to-date entries, 61 new to this edition, examine the changes that have occurred since the first edition in case and statutory law, the composition of the federal judiciary, and our social and political environments.
- New Chronology, designed to provide the reader with added historical context, covers court decisions, changes to laws and significant contributions of individuals to the ongoing process of clarifying the relationship between religion and the law.
- New Primary Documents section, including Historical Documents, Federal Statutes, United Nations Documents, Historical Commentary and Contemporary Commentary.

*The Encyclopedia of Religion and the Law* begins with an informative Historical Background. The First Amendment articulates the two major principles of American constitutional law on religion, the separation of church and state and the freedom of people to practice whatever religion they choose. This important introduction gives the reader a context in which these principles were established, how they were established as constitutional principles and how they have evolved through more than 200 years.

Features & Sections:

### **A-Z Entries:**

These 288 entries, arranged alphabetically, include 81 court cases, 9 organizations like the *Anti-Defamation League* and *People for the American Way Foundation*, 162 concepts or topics that have a religious element to them, such as *Moment of Silence* and *Religious Garb*, that incorporate a religious aspect, but need legal determination as to how much religion is allowed. There are also entries on the 12

of the most popular religious around the world, including *Church of Latter-day Saints*, *Protestant*, *Scientology* and *Judaism*, and 24 entries that detail various legal documents, like the *Bill of Rights* and *Collective Bargaining Agreements*.

**Primary Documents:**

Organized into five major categories, Historical Documents, Federal Statutes, United Nations Documents, Historical Commentary and Contemporary Commentary, these documents provide the reader with an overview of the discourse that enunciated the law, interpreted the law, or influenced the development of the law. From colonial charters and early state constitutions to modern-day speeches and inaugural addresses, these Primary Documents are designed to allow the reader access to the many differing viewpoints and arguments on this topic.

**Chronology:**

Beginning with the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and ending with the lawsuit filed to prevent Barack Obama from saying “so help me God” as part of the presidential oath of office in 2009, this collection of important court cases, legislation and events of significance allows the reader to trace the evolving relationship of religion and the law over more than 200 years.

**Table of Cases & Table of Statutes:**

These important tables allow for easy location of the entries relating to each case or statute.

**Further Reading:**

Lists hundreds of titles that offers the reader unlimited opportunity to do more research on religion and the law.

**Cumulative Index**

With its thoughtful examination of important legislation and legal cases affecting religion and society, this useful resource will be an important acquisition for the reference collections of all law libraries, public libraries, university libraries, religion reference collections and high schools.

Praise for the First Edition:

*“The focus of this dictionary is on current issues, with selected historical information critical in the development of religious freedom included to provide context... The dictionary will prove of value in public, high school, and college libraries. Law libraries, especially those offering service to the general public, might also want to consider adding this volume to their collections.”*

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