

Presbyterian Lay Committee's Legal Resource Databank (updated 1/5/17)

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	<i>1981 letter from the Office of the General Assembly</i>	<a href="#">pdf file of the letter</a>
	<i>Minutes of the 121<sup>st</sup> General Assembly (1981) Presbyterian Church in the United States</i>	<a href="#">pdf file of the 1981 minutes, pages 224-243</a>
	<i>Minutes of the 122<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (1982) Presbyterian Church in the United States</i>	<a href="#">pdf file of the 1982 minutes</a>
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U.S. Supreme Court	<i>Watson v. Jones, 1871</i>	<a href="#">Opinion</a>
U.S. Supreme Court	<i>Shepard v. Barkley, 1918</i>	<a href="#">Opinion</a>
U.S. Supreme Court	<i>Presbyterian Church v. Hull, 1969</i>	<a href="#">Opinion</a>
U.S. Supreme Court	<i>Jones v. Wolf, 1979</i>	<a href="#">Opinion</a>
U.S. Supreme Court	<i>St. James Parish in Newport Beach, Calif. vs. The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles</i>	<a href="#">Opinion</a>
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Arkansas	<p><i>Somboun Viravonga (Khamla), Preecha Improm, Pan Hanshana, Terrakun Karnchanakphan, Thao Sayskoumane, Sy Lovan, Chintana Brandes, Phra Sagob Parisanto, Sam K. Phonekhanan, Phra Bouaphan Prathphan, Khamnang Sayakoumane, Appellants,</i></p> <p>v.</p> <p><i>Wat Buddha Samakitham, Oukham K. Khattachanh, Bounsa Sisoukrath, Bouasay Keobounhome, Sam Siripounsavath, Oulayvanh Maymoundok, Appellees.</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Supreme Court of Arkansas decision.</a></p>
Arkansas	<p><i>Arkansas Annual Conference Of The Ame Church, Inc. and African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc., Appellants,</i></p> <p>v.</p> <p><i>New Direction Praise And Worship Center, Inc., Daryl Bailey, Lloyd Worthy, and Vivian Nooner, Appellees</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Supreme Court of Arkansas decision</a></p>
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California	<i>California-Nevada Annual Conference Of The United Methodist Church et al.,</i> v. <i>St. Luke's United Methodist Church et al.,</i>	<a href="#">Opinion</a> (Calif. Supreme Court let stand a ruling by the state's 5th District Court of Appeal that said St. Luke's can retain its property)
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<p>Georgia</p>	<p><i>Timberridge Presbyterian Church, Inc. plaintiff vs. Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, Inc. defendant</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Timberridge original complaint</a>  <a href="#">Timberridge amended complaint</a>  <a href="#">Timberridge brief in support of petition for interlocutory injunction</a>  <a href="#">Timberridge opposition to Atlanta dismissal motion</a>  <a href="#">Timberridge TRO motion</a>  <a href="#">Timberridge brief in support of motion for temporary restraining order</a>  <a href="#">Atlanta response in opposition to plaintiff's motion for TRO</a>  <a href="#">Timberridge TRO order</a>  <a href="#">Atlanta answer and counterclaim</a>  <a href="#">Atlanta brief in support of dismissal motion</a>  <a href="#">Atlanta motion to dismiss Atlanta response to TRO motion</a>  <a href="#">Atlanta supplemental response to TRO motion</a>  <a href="#">Timberridge proposed order</a> <a href="#">Order</a>  <a href="#">Timberridge Brief of Appellant Atlanta</a>  <a href="#">Brief of Appellee</a> <a href="#">Motion to appear</a>  <a href="#">Pro Hac Vice</a> <a href="#">Amicus Curiae Brief</a>  <a href="#">Appeals Court Decision</a>  <a href="#">Amicus Curiae brief from the Trustees Reid Memorial Church</a>  <a href="#">Response to Amicus Curiae brief from the Trustees Reid Memorial Church</a>  <a href="#">Georgia Supreme Court decision</a>  <a href="#">Petition for Writ of Certiorari</a> before the U.S. Supreme Court  <a href="#">Amicus curiae brief in support of petition for Writ of Certiorari</a> before the U.S. Supreme Court (Becket Fund for Religious Liberty)  <a href="#">Amicus curiae brief in support of petition for Writ of Certiorari</a> before the U.S. Supreme Court (Presbyterian Lay Committee)</p>
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Washington	<p><i>The Presbytery of Seattle, a Washington nonprofit corporation; The First Presbyterian Church of Seattle, a Washington nonprofit corporation; Robert Wallace, President of The First Presbyterian Church of Seattle, a Washington nonprofit corporation; and William Longbrake, on behalf of himself and similarly situated members of First Presbyterian Church of Seattle</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Plaintiffs,</i></p> <p>V.</p> <p><i>Jeff Schulz and Ellen Schulz, as individuals and as the marital community comprised thereof; and Liz Cedergreen, David Martin, Lindsey McDowell, George Norris, Nathan Orona, and Kathryn Ostrom, as trustees of The First Presbyterian Church of Seattle, a Washington nonprofit corporation,</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Defendants.</i></p>	<p><a href="#"><u>Defendants' Answer, Counterclaim, and Third-Party Complaint</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Summons to Third-Party Defendants Scott Lumsden and State-Recognized the First Presbyterian Church of Seattle</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Acceptance of Service by Third-Party Defendant State-Recognized The First Presbyterian Church of Seattle</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Answer to Third-Party Complaint, Cross-Claims, and Third-Party Complaint by State-Recognized the First Presbyterian Church of Seattle</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Summons to Third-Party Defendant Presbyterian Church (USA)</u></a></p>
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- [Church Property Disputes: A Resource for those Representing Presbyterian Church \(USA\) Presbyteries and True Churches in the Civil Courts](#)
- [Processes for use by presbyteries in responding to congregations seeking to withdraw](#)

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