



# Hecox v. Little (9th Cir.)

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## Issue

The issue in this case is whether Idaho's Fairness in Women's Sports Act (FWSA), which bans transgender or intersex women from participating in women's school athletics, is constitutional.

## AMA Interest

The AMA opposes policies that prevent transgender individuals from accessing basic human services and public facilities in line with their gender identities.

## Case Summary

Two athletes, one in high school and one in college, filed a federal lawsuit challenging the FWSA. The complaint included claims that FWSA violates the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment, and Title IX.

The plaintiffs obtained a preliminary injunction, which enjoined FWSA from going into effect. The defendants appealed the preliminary injunction to the Ninth Circuit Court.

## Litigation Center Involvement

The Litigation Center joined with several specialty medical societies and other public interest organizations in an *amicus* brief to support the plaintiffs.

Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Brief