



Soule v. CIAC (2d Cir.)

Topics Covered: LGBTQ Rights

Issue

The issue in this case is whether the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) violated Title IX by allowing girls who are transgender to participate on the same sports teams as other girls.

AMA Interest

The AMA opposes policies that prevent transgender individuals from accessing basic human services and public facilities in line with their gender identities. In addition, the AMA will partner with public and private organizations dedicated to public health and public policy to reduce LGBTQ youth suicide and improve health among LGBTQ youth.

Case Summary

The plaintiffs are cisgender girls who are arguing that transgender girls should not be allowed to participate in the same sports as other girls. Two transgender girls intervened as additional defendants, supporting the CIAC position.

The district court dismissed the plaintiffs' claims, finding that the policy did not violate Title IX, thus allowing transgender girls to compete in the same sports as other girls. The plaintiffs have now appealed that decision to the Second Circuit.

AMA Involvement

The AMA joined with several specialty medical societies and other public interest organizations in an *amicus* brief to support the defendants and their policy.

Second Circuit Court of Appeals Brief