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Wiley Rein Files Supreme Court *Amicus* Brief in Religious Liberties Case

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On June 20, 2011, Wiley Rein filed an *amicus* brief on behalf of experts on religious tribunals in an important religious liberties case before the Supreme Court. The case, *Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. EEOC & Cheryl Perich*, No. 10-553, centers around the "ministerial exception," which protects the First Amendment rights of religious organizations to select, discipline, and dismiss their ministerial employees without undue governmental interference from the various federal and state employment anti-discrimination laws. The brief, on behalf of *amici* who have served on or are otherwise expert in religious courts of four different faith traditions, sought to "assist the Court in understanding the work of these religious courts and the vital role they play in religious organizations in this country and around the world, so it can place the ministerial exception in its proper context as a critical safeguard for religious organizations' freedom and vitality."

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