



Obama Administration Lost Big at the Supreme Court

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The Supreme Court [ruled 9-0](#) today in the case of *Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission*, which looked at whether the “ministerial exception” to federal anti-discrimination law shielded a parochial school from a workplace disability lawsuit filed by a discharged teacher. As the Cato Institute’s Walter Olson [observes](#), “The Obama administration had taken the disturbing position that there should be no ministerial exception at all to stand between churches and the full panoply of official employment regulation.” The Supreme Court saw things differently.