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Supreme Court of the United States

Susan EPPERSON et al., Appellants,  
v.  
ARKANSAS.

No. 7.

Argued Oct. 16, 1968.

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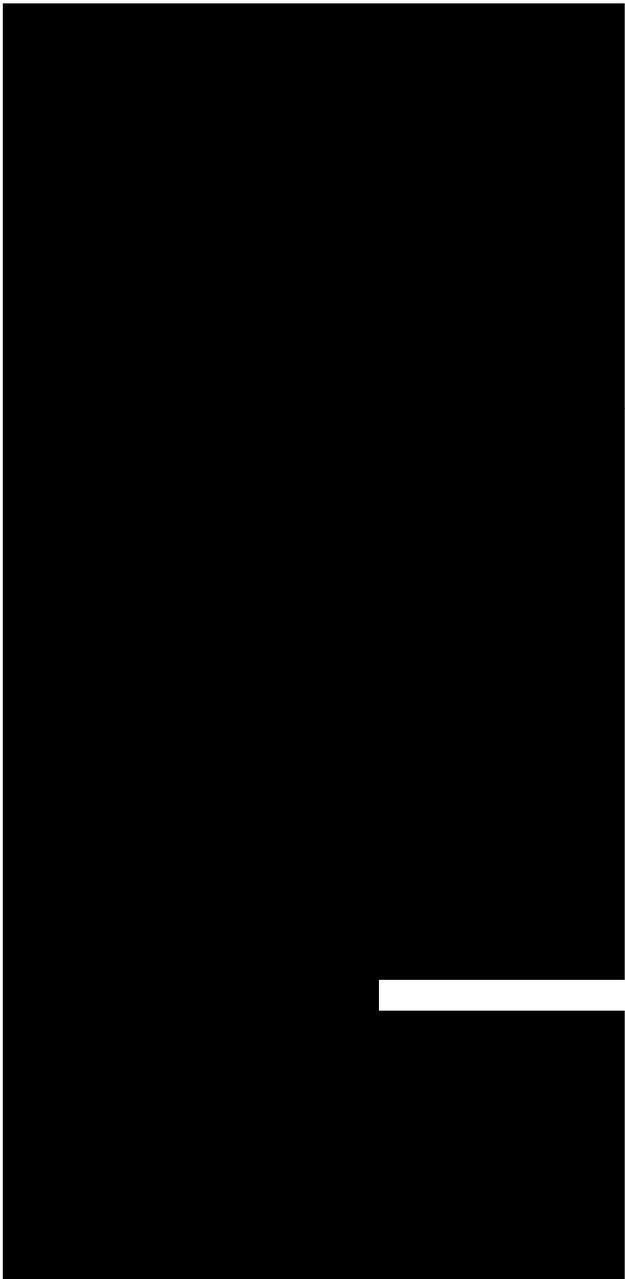
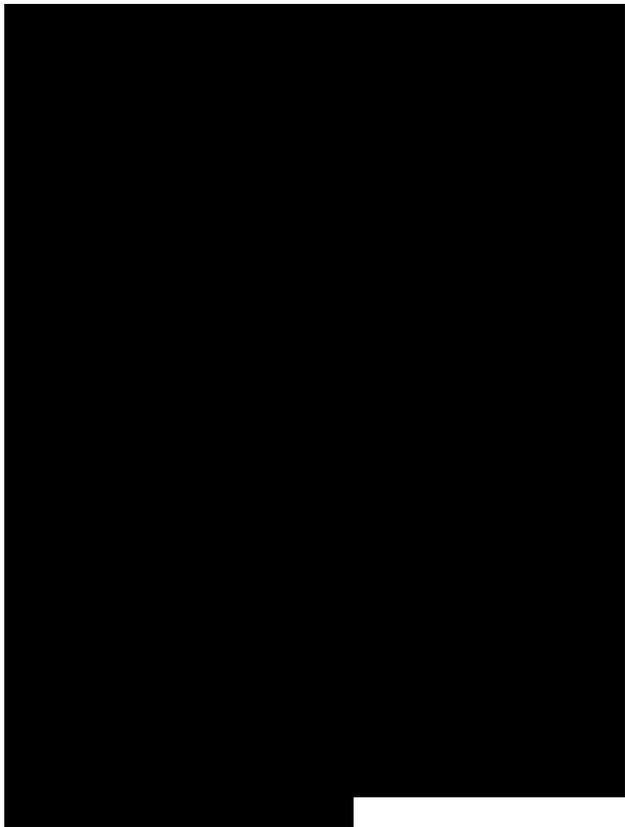
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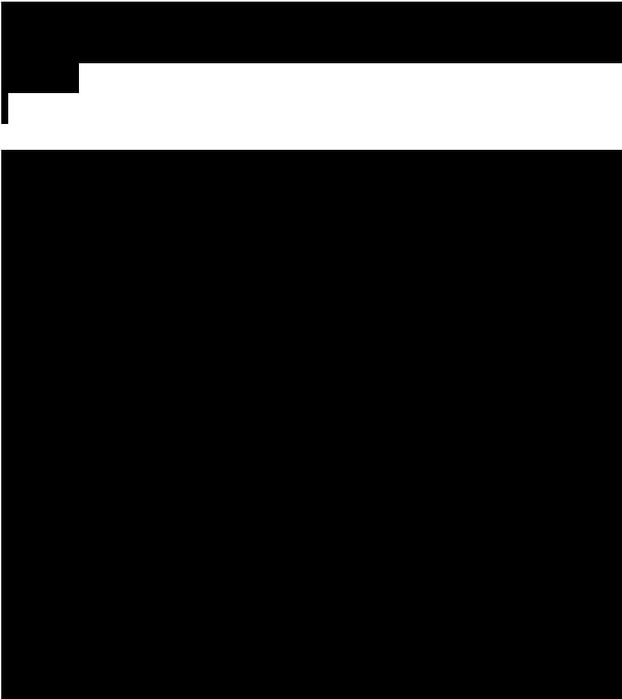
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Our courts, however, have not failed to apply the First Amendment's mandate in our educational system where essential to safeguard the fundamental

values of freedom of speech and inquiry and of belief. By and large, public education in our Nation is committed to the control of state and local authorities. Courts do not and cannot intervene in the resolution of conflicts which arise in the daily operation of school systems and which do not directly and sharply implicate basic constitutional values.<sup>13</sup> On the other hand, '(t)he vigilant protection of constitutional freedoms is nowhere more vital than in the community of American schools,' *Shelton v. Tucker*, 364 U.S. 479, 487, 81 S.Ct. 247, 251, 5 L.Ed.2d 231 (1960). As this \*105 Court said in *Keyishian v. Board of Regents*, the First Amendment 'does not tolerate laws that cast a pall of orthodoxy over the classroom.' 385 U.S. 589, 603, 87 S.Ct. 675, 683, 17 L.Ed.2d 629 (1967).





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