



## ***FACT SHEET***

### ***Willock v. Elane Photography***

#### ***ABOUT Willock v. Elane Photography***

A same-sex couple asked Elaine Huguenin, co-owner with her husband of Elane Photography, to photograph a “commitment ceremony” that the two women wanted to hold. Huguenin declined because her Christian beliefs are in conflict with the message communicated by the ceremony.

#### ***CURRENT STATUS OF Willock v. Elane Photography AS OF Jan. 25, 2008***

The same-sex couple filed a complaint with the New Mexico Human Rights Division, which is now trying Elane Photography under state antidiscrimination laws for sexual orientation discrimination. The division will conduct a hearing in the case Jan. 28-29.

#### ***FOCUS OF HEARING – WHAT IS AT STAKE?***

The constitutional right of Americans to refrain from participating in a ceremony or other event because their sincerely held religious beliefs conflict with its message is at stake. If the New Mexico Human Rights Division rules against Elane Photography, Christians could be forced to advocate for viewpoints with which they disagree or to participate in events that violate their conscience.

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The Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) is a legal alliance defending the right to hear and speak the Truth through strategy, training, funding, and litigation. ADF has nearly 1,000 allied attorneys who are dedicated to defending and protecting religious freedom, sanctity of life, marriage, and the family.

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