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First Liberty Institute Prepared to Support Attorney General Rutledge in Ten Commandments Monument Suit

Support of General Rutledge's efforts follows attacks by Wisconsin activists

Plano, Texas—First Liberty Institute today announced that it is prepared to support Attorney General Rutledge's efforts to defend the Ten Commandments Monument erected on the grounds of the Arkansas State Capitol. Activists from the ACLU and others filed lawsuits challenging the monument earlier on Wednesday.

“Arkansas has the right to join the five other states—Arizona, Colorado, Missouri, Montana, and Texas—that already have Ten Commandments monuments on their capitol grounds.” Hiram Sasser, General Counsel to First Liberty, says. “My office is committed to working under the leadership of Attorney General Rutledge to defend this law and uphold Supreme Court precedent that allows for this kind of monument.”

The lawsuits come almost a year after an activist destroyed the monument by running his vehicle into it. Since then, private citizens with the Arkansas History & Heritage Foundation, pursuant to a law passed by the Arkansas state legislature—the [Ten Commandments Display Act](#)—provided the monument for display on the capitol grounds. The monument is similar to more than 180 monuments erected across the country by the Fraternal Order of the Eagles on courthouse lawns, in city halls, parks, and other public property.

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