

Antisemitism and Anti-Terrorism



We focus efforts on real change by educational institutions and the government to reverse the course of antisemitism in the U.S.

The horrific Hamas terror attacks in Israel on October 7, 2023, have reignited an enormous antisemitism movement on college campuses and within our cities. Holtzman Vogel has been at the forefront of combating antisemitism, filing lawsuits on behalf of families, students, and organizations, in an effort to compel change at educational and professional institutions across the country.

The Hamas attacks have also brought terrorism financing to the forefront, as U.S.-based organizations continue to provide material support to terrorist organizations in violation of U.S. law. Holtzman Vogel is currently representing numerous victims of Hamas's terrorism, both American and Israeli, as they seek justice for the atrocities of October 7 against organizations alleged to have provided such support.

Types of Cases:

- Title VI
- Title VII
- Anti-Terrorism Act
- Alien Tort Statute
- Freedom of Information Act (state and federal)
- FACE Act
- First Amendment Antisemitism Matters

Representative Matters

Title VI Cases

- **George Washington University** - We filed a Title VI complaint against George Washington University on behalf of a cohort of Jewish GWU students alleging a hostile educational environment.
- **Harvard University** - We filed a Title VI complaint against Harvard University on behalf of the Brandeis Center and its members alleging discrimination against Jewish and Israeli students.
- **Harvard University** - We currently represent a Jewish-Israeli victim of an assault on campus in both criminal proceedings brought against the assailants and in internal campus investigations. Media coverage of the case can be found here in the Harvard Crimson and here in the Boston Globe.

- **University of Massachusetts Amherst** – We currently represent a Jewish student who was the victim of assault before the U.S. Department of Education and within the school’s administrative discipline system. The complaint can be found here.
- **Colorado College** – We filed a complaint with the Department of Education alleging Title VI violations.

Anti-Terrorism Cases

- **AMP/NSJP** - We filed a complaint in the Eastern District of Virginia against NSJP/AMP for providing material support for terrorism. The Plaintiffs here are a group of Israeli and dual-citizen victims of the October 7 attacks.
- **UNRWA USA** - We filed a complaint in the District Court of Delaware against the domestic charity arm that raises money for UNRWA under anti-terrorism statutes. The Plaintiffs are a group of Israeli and dual-citizen victims of the October 7 attacks.
- **Palestine Chronicle** - We filed a lawsuit on behalf of three rescued Israeli hostages against the Washington State-based nonprofit *The Palestine Chronicle*. The nonprofit employed as one of its “correspondents” the Hamas operative holding our clients hostage in Gaza.
- **Columbia University** - We filed a lawsuit on behalf of American and Israeli victims of October 7 in the Southern District of New York against four organizations—Within Our Lifetime, Columbia SJP, Columbia JVP, and Columbia University Apartheid Divest—and their leaders for aiding and abetting acts of international terrorism by terrorizing and assaulting Jewish students and fomenting chaos on Columbia University’s campus and throughout New York City.

Title VII Cases

- **UCLA** - We filed a series of EEOC/California state discrimination claims on behalf of group of Jewish faculty and staff.

Freedom of Information Cases

- **Rutgers University** - We filed public records request for records from a professor at Rutgers University. After an improper denial of the request, we filed suit against Rutgers University.
- **University of Virginia** - We filed public records requests seeking records from several professors and staff who have made antisemitic comments.
- **Brooklyn College** - We filed public records requests seeking records from a professor who have made antisemitic comments.

FACE Act Cases

- **Los Angeles Riots** – We filed a lawsuit on behalf of StandWithUs Center for Legal Justice and its members along with several individuals who were blocked from accessing Adas Torah Synagogue on June 23rd in Los Angeles by rioters. We are suing CodePink, Palestinian Youth Movement, and WESPAC Foundation for \$4,000,000 in damages, plus attorney’s fees, under the federal and state FACE Acts. We are also seeking class certification.

First Amendment Antisemitism Matters

- **West Bank Executive Order** – We filed a lawsuit on behalf of the pro-Israel nonprofit Texans for Israel, the Israel-based think tank Regavim, and other individuals challenging the recent Biden Executive Order prohibiting funding to Jewish advocacy groups in Judea and Samaria.

Amicus Briefs

- **UNRWA**: We filed an amicus brief on behalf of former senior government officials in support of a current lawsuit against UNRWA and its leadership.
- **Governor Greg Abbott, University of Houston, et al.**: We filed an amicus brief on behalf of the National Jewish Advocacy Center and the Israeli-American Coalition for Action in support of Texas Governor Greg Abbott, the University of Houston, and others as they faced a lawsuit alleging First Amendment violations for, *inter alia*, issuing an executive order adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism.
- **American Victims of Palestinian Terrorism**: We filed an amicus brief on behalf of 17 Jewish, pro-Israel, and civil rights groups in support of American victims of Palestinian terrorism and their families, as the Supreme Court considers whether they can sue the Palestinian Authority and the Palestine Liberation Organization for their “Pay for Slay” program under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

- ***National Security Officials and International Jewish Organizations:*** We filed an amicus brief on behalf of former national security officials and international Jewish organizations in support of an Israeli-American citizen who is seeking discovery from an NGO that is trying to shield information about its role in providing false information to support the wrongful imposition of sanctions against him.