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New Information

Case Support

Case Conclusion: LAF-supported plaintiff Claire Schuster's pay discrimination case against Berea College (KY) has concluded in an undisclosed settlement. AAUW disbursed more than \$60,000 to Schuster over four years, and she spoke at several state conventions and at the 2007 national convention. Schuster has always been very appreciative of AAUW members' support and said that sometimes it was the only thing that helped her through the day.

Amicus Brief: AAUW signed an amicus brief for the recently decided [U. S. Supreme Court case](#) *Christian Legal Society v. Martinez*. The court had to decide whether or not the University of California Hastings College of Law could deny school funding to a religious student organization because the group bans gays and lesbians. AAUW supported the university's policy of denying funds to the group. In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court found that the law school's policy was "a reasonable, viewpoint-neutral condition on access" that did not raise First Amendment issues in the way that the Christian Legal Society argued. [Read more on the AAUW blog.](#)

Investigating Local High Schools is Easy

Jean Read, the sports equity chair for the AAUW San Jose (CA) Branch, recently visited the national AAUW offices to discuss her branch's experience with the [Title IX Compliance: Know the Score Program in a Box](#) and their evaluation of local high school sports teams. Their group was very successful in their first assessment and will monitor several more schools this fall. [Watch the YouTube clip](#) of Jean talking about her branch's success.

Women and the Courts

AAUW carefully tracked Solicitor General Elena Kagan's Supreme Court nomination hearings, writing daily recaps of each day's activities. Read the [daily recaps](#) on the [AAUW blog](#) and share your opinions in the comments section.

Reminders

Title IX Compliance: Know the Score

Now is the perfect time to plan to use LAF's new [Title IX Compliance: Know the Score Program in a Box](#) to join the AAUW branches that are investigating their local high school athletics programs for Title IX compliance. The details provided make the project easy to implement and effective for your community.

Women and the Courts

[A new Program in a Box](#) (PIAB) about women and the courts is now available. The PIAB helps individuals talk about judicial appointments, giving participants an opportunity to consider the legal aspects of gender and race discrimination and to discuss the positions of various politicians in reference to their appointment or confirmation choices. It also includes a summary of LAF programs.

Case Support

LAF is actively reviewing new case support applications. If you would like to make a case recommendation, please contact laf@aauw.org. Recommendation forms are accepted on a rolling basis.

Please consider making a [tax-deductible donation to LAF](#) to help balance the scales of justice for women.

