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TITLE IN FULL: THE REV. DR. MICHAEL A. NEWDOW, IN PRO PER; <div style="text-align: right;">Plaintiff,</div> v. THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; PETER LEFEVRE, LAW REVISION COUNSEL; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; JOHN WILLIAM SNOW, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY; HENRIETTA HOLSMAN FORE, DIRECTOR, UNITED STATES MINT; THOMAS A. FERGUSON, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING; <div style="text-align: right;">Defendants.</div>		<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> DISTRICT: EDCA </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> JUDGE: Frank C. Damrell, Jr. </div> </div> <hr/> <div style="display: flex;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> DATE COMPIAINT FILED: 11/18/05 </div> <div style="width: 70%;"> DISTRICT COURT DOCKET NUMBER: 2:05-cv-02339 </div> </div> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> DATE NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED: 07/20/06 </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> IS THIS A CROSS APPEAL? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> </div> </div> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> HAS THIS MATTER BEEN BEFORE THIS COURT PREVIOUSLY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, STATE WHEN: </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> CASE NAME: CITATION: </div> </div> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> DOCKET NUMBER: </div> </div>		
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RESULT BELOW:

This case involves both constitutional and statutory (under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act ("RFRA")) challenges to the national motto, "In God We Trust," including its use on the nation's money.

Defendants moved to Dismiss. Their Motions were granted.

ISSUES PROPOSED TO BE RAISED ON APPEAL:

Plaintiff will argue that the District Court erred as a matter of law in ruling that the national motto, "In God We Trust," and its use on the nation's money is constitutional.

Plaintiff will also argue that the lower court erred in finding that RFRA has not been violated by the Defendants. Plaintiff is an ordained minister of an Atheistic church, whose religious tenets specifically deny the existence of (or trust in) any god. As such, his ability to freely exercise his religion is substantially burdened because he cannot facilely function in American society without using United States coins and currency, and because using any monetary instrument that proclaims, "In God We Trust" – especially for church-related activities – is prohibited by his religion.

Respectfully submitted,

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