

## **RELIGIOUS LAND USE AND INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSONS ACT [RLUIPA]**

GENERAL RULE – No government shall impose a substantial burden on the religious exercise of person residing in or confined to an institution, as defined in section 2 of the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (42 U.S.C. 1997), even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability, unless the government demonstrates that the imposition of the burden on that person—

- (1) is in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest; and
- (2) is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest.

DEFINITION of “Religious Exercise” - ...includes any exercise of religion, whether or not compelled by, or central to, a system of religious belief.

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