

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
AMICUS CURIE FOR THE
UNITED CANNABIS MINISTRIES
IN SUPPORT OF
O'CENTRO ESPIRITA UNIAO DO VEGETAL
Supreme Court Docket Number 04-1084

Petitioners, United Cannabis Ministries¹, respectfully request that this Court consider the facts of law provided in this Amicus Curie Brief in Support of the O'Centro Espirita Beneficiente Uniao Do Vegetal Church.

United Cannabis Ministries is an association of persons who use marijuana and other entheogenic plants in religious exercise (Appendix A).

United Cannabis Ministries comes in support of the interpretation of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. sec. 2000 bb et al)(RFRA hereafter), applied to the O Centro Espirita Uniao Do Vegetal church by the lower courts.

United Cannabis Ministries also comes to this Court to point out a **Plain Error** made by the lower courts in **O Centro**.

This Court is now reviewing **Gonzales v. O Centro Espirita** 04-0184 (**Gonzales** hereafter). **Gonzales** is a review of five (5) published decisions from the district court and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. They are:

1. **O Centro Espirita v. Ashcroft**, 282 F.Supp. 1236, at 1253 (August 12, 2002)
2. **O Centro Espirita v. Ashcroft**, 282 F.Supp. 1271, at 1283 (December 2, 2002)
3. **O Centro Espirita v. Ashcroft**, 314 F.3d 463, at 467 (December 12, 2002)
4. **O Centro Espirita v. Ashcroft**, 342 F.3d 1170, at 1185 (September 4, 2003)

¹ A complete list of *Amici* is presented in more detailed Affidavit in *Appendix A* attached. Petitioners have consented telephonically to submission of this brief. Respondents emphatically refused to consent to submission of this Brief. The **United Cannabis Ministries** members have authored this brief alone and no other person or entity other than *Amici* has make a monetary contribution to its preparation or submission.