

Faith Can't Abrogate a Contract

"The California Court of Appeal has opened a new front in the legal war over religious exemptions. In *Bixler v. Church of Scientology*, the court ruled in favor of former members of the church who allege that they were raped by a church agent before leaving the faith. It held that they aren't," reports Michael J. Broyde in *The Wall Street Journal*.

"A condition of church membership, in which they agreed that any claims against the church have to be submitted to Scientology arbitration tribunals. Scientology's written arbitration agreements are not enforceable against members who have left the faith, with respect to claims for subsequent non-religious, tortious acts, the judges wrote,"

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