

04-1530 VERMONT REPUBLICAN STATE COMM. V. SORRELL

DECISION BELOW:382 F3d 91

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 00-9159, 00-9180, 00-9231, 00-9239, 00-9240

QUESTIONS PRESENTED:

1. Whether Vermont's mandatory candidate expenditure limits violate the freedom of political speech guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.
2. Whether Vermont's \$200-\$400 limits per election cycle on campaign contributions to state candidates violate the freedoms of political speech and association guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution because they are unconstitutionally low.
3. Whether Vermont's presumption of coordination, which provides that an expenditure made by a political party or political committee that primarily benefits six or fewer candidates is presumed to be a related expenditure subject to contribution limits, violates the freedoms of political speech and association guaranteed by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

CERT. GRANTED 9/27/2005

CONSOLIDATED WITH 04-1528 AND 04-1697 FOR ONE HOUR ORAL ARGUMENT.