

08-479 SAFFORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT V. REDDING

DECISION BELOW: 531 F.3d 1071

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 05-15759

QUESTION PRESENTED:

1. Whether the Fourth Amendment prohibits public school officials from conducting a search of a student suspected of possessing and distributing a prescription drug on campus in violation of school policy.
2. Whether the Ninth Circuit departed from established principles of qualified immunity in holding that a public school administrator may be liable in a damages lawsuit under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for conducting a search of a student suspected of possessing and distributing a prescription drug on campus.

EXPEDITED BRIEFING SCHEDULE.

CERT. GRANTED 1/16/2009