

Attorneys file brief in appeal for florist who refused gay couple

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RICHLAND, Wash. —

Attorneys for a Richland flower shop owner who lost a lawsuit over her refusal to provide services for a same-sex wedding have filed a brief with the state Supreme Court.

The Tri-City Herald reports that the brief addresses some of the arguments made by the state and the American Civil Liberties Union in the case.

Lawyers for Barronelle Stutzman have asked the state Supreme Court to review her case. A decision is expected soon.

Stutzman owns Arlene's Flowers in Richland, and says her religious beliefs prevent her from providing flowers for a same-sex wedding.

A Benton County judge ruled last year that she broke the law when she told a longtime customer that she couldn't provide services for his same-sex wedding because of her religious beliefs. The case drew nationwide attention.