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Professor Abramson has served as law clerk to the late Rose Bird, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, and has been an assistant district attorney and special assistant attorney general in Massachusetts.

In this course, we will explore key issues regarding the separation of church and state in the United States and abroad. Among the issues to be studied are:

- ◆ Disputes in the public schools regarding school prayer, the teaching of evolution, and the wearing of religious garb
- ◆ Use of taxpayer money to provide for school vouchers that pay the tuition costs at a religious sponsored school.
- ◆ The Danish controversy regarding publication of cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed: when does free speech cross the line into religious harassment, slur, or insult??
- ◆ The role religious hate literature plays in terrorism and other acts of racial and religious violence.
- ◆ Are there limits to religious tolerance? Mormons and polygamy; Christian Scientists and medicine; fundamentalism and the treatment of women
- ◆ When can the government display religious symbols such as the Christmas tree, nativity scene, Menorah, or Crescent in public places?

