The SPLC's Steering Committee provides a valuable “sounding board” of educators in the field to keep the Board and staff updated on developments at the campus level.

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LANGE V. DIETZ

With the SPLC's support, Iowa judge Ben Lange got his record cleared of an unwarranted disciplinary write-up for refusing to illegally censor a harmless “April Fool’s” parody edition that poked fun at the school dress code and other obvious targets. The unanimous ruling in Lange's favor from the Iowa Court of Appeals was the first test of that state's student media right to receive information.

BROWN V. ENTERTAINMENT MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

The SPLC was part of a coalition of First Amendment advocates that secured a key Supreme Court victory in a case ruling that a new California law against selling violent video games to minors. While the case did not directly involve journalism, it marked the Supreme Court's clearest affirmation that all audiences – even teenagers – have a constitution right to receive information.

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The people at SPLC get themselves deeply involved in fighting for and helping student journalists stand up for their rights. The Helmsman is extremely thankful to have SPLC as a resource because they've played a crucial role in us continuing to inform the public of crucial campus information.

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The SPLC received 3.85 million page views in May 2011. This is a testament to the power of the written word and a reminder of the need for legal protection of student journalists.