

TOP 5 REASONS

Churches End Up in Court

1 Sexual Abuse of a Minor

Victims frequently allege a church is responsible for their abuse-related injuries, often on the basis of such claims as the negligent selection, retention, and/or supervision of the perpetrator.



2 Property Disputes

Common examples include eminent domain, restrictive covenants, adverse possession, and conflicts over who owns the property.



3 Personal Injury

From slips and falls to vehicle accidents to playground mishaps, potential church liability arises a variety of ways—and through a variety of activities on and off of church property.



4 Zoning

Many of these cases involve claims under the federal Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), a law designed to protect the free exercise rights of individuals and houses of worship.



5 Insurance Coverage Disputes

Common disputes include the employment practices exclusion, the duty of prompt notification, and misrepresentations on the application for insurance.

