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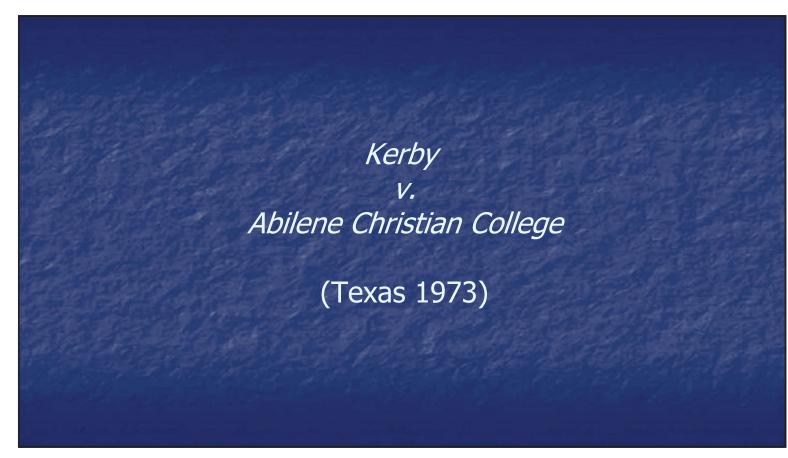
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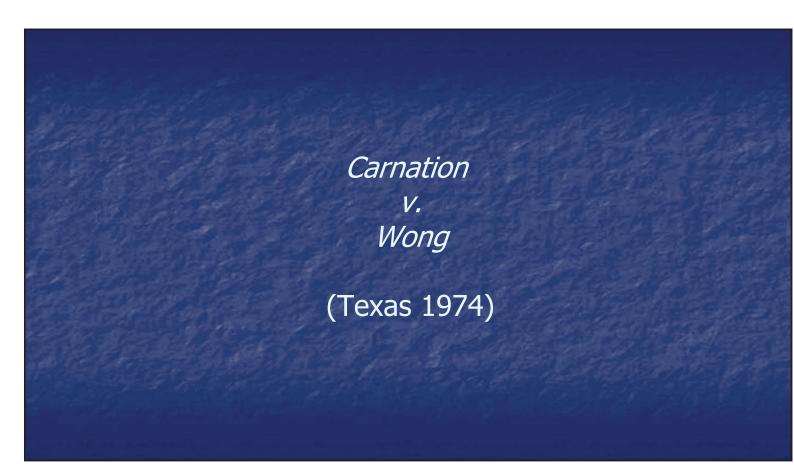
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Seat Belts





Texas Legislature in 1985

- Crime for 15 years + to ride unbelted in front seat; drivers must belt children under 15 years in front seat.
- "Use or non-use of a seatbelt is not admissible evidence in a civil trial."

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Texas Legislature in 2003 – HB 4

- Repealed prohibition of admission of seat belt evidence in civil cases.
- Revived dormant, but never overruled Kerby & Carnation cases.





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