

West Virginia v. B.P.J.

Timeline

March-April 2021	West Virginia passed HB 3293 , the “Save Women’s Sports Act.”
May 2021	Student B.P.J. sued in the Southern District of West Virginia, Charleston Division.
July 2021	The district court temporarily blocked West Virginia from enforcing the law against B.P.J., which allowed B.P.J. to play on the girls’ teams while the case is pending.
January 2023	The district court dissolved the preliminary injunction that it initially put in place and ruled that the “Save Women’s Sports Act” is constitutional.
February 2023	<p>The district court denied B.P.J.’s Motion for Stay Pending Appeal.</p> <p>B.P.J. filed a Motion for Stay Pending Appeal with the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.</p> <p>The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit grants B.P.J.’s request to keep playing on the girls’ teams while the appeal was being decided.</p>
March 2023	<p>B.P.J. filed appeal in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.</p> <p>West Virginia filed a motion asking the Supreme Court to remove the Fourth Circuit’s injunction.</p>
April 2023	The Supreme Court declined to vacate the Fourth Circuit’s injunction. The Court did not rule on the merits of the case.
August 2023	The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit denied West Virginia’s motion to suspend the injunction pending appeal based on B.P.J.’s improvement in sports.

October 2023	Oral arguments before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
April 2024	The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit vacated the District Court's decision to grant summary judgment against B.P.J. and sent it back for further proceedings.
July 2024	The State of West Virginia filed a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari with the United States Supreme Court asking the Court to hear the case.
July 2025	The Supreme Court granted West Virginia's Request and agrees to hear the case.
September 2025	West Virginia files its opening brief .
November 2025	Brief of respondent B.P.J. , by her next friend and mother, Heather Jackson filed.
December 2025	Reply of West Virginia, et al. submitted.
January 13, 2026	Oral arguments before the United States Supreme Court.