



# **Baker Who Was Targeted by Colorado Civil Rights Commission for Refusing to Make A Same-Sex Wedding Cake Strikes Back in Counter Suite**

Colorado: Jack Phillips, owner of the Masterpiece Cakeshop, was targeted by the Colorado Civil Rights Commission for refusing to bake a cake for a same-sex wedding but, eventually, won his case before the Supreme Court. On the same day the Court agreed to hear his case, attorney, Autumn Scardina, asked Phillips to create a cake to celebrate a gender transition from male to female. As expected, Phillips refused, because the cake would have delivered a message about sex and gender identity that conflicts with his religious beliefs. Scardina then filed another discrimination complaint with the Colorado Civil Rights Commission, and the Commission ruled that Scardina belongs to a protected class based on her sex and transgender status. Now Phillips has filed a lawsuit against the Colorado Civil Rights Commission claiming he was bullied and targeted for his religious beliefs. The baker's lawsuit accuses the Commission of violating his constitutional exercise of free speech, due process, and the right to equal protection. The lawsuit names the director of the commission, Aubrey Elenis, to hold her personally liable for any financial judgment the court might award, and he is requesting an additional \$100,000 punitive judgment against her. -GEG

- Jack Phillips of Masterpiece Cakeshop fame is suing the Colorado Civil Rights Commission.
- **The Commission commenced new proceedings against Phillips on behalf of a transgender complainant just weeks after he prevailed at the U.S. Supreme Court.**
- Phillips' attorneys say the Commission is engaged in a concerted campaign to destroy him, which is unlawful.

Jack Phillips, the Christian baker who prevailed at the U.S. Supreme Court after declining to create a custom wedding cake for a gay couple, filed a lawsuit in federal court late Tuesday suing the Colorado Civil Rights Commission.

Phillips and his attorneys at the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) say the Commission has revived its campaign against him following June's high court decision, singling Masterpiece Cakeshop out for disparate treatment on the basis of their religious beliefs.

"The state of Colorado is ignoring the message of the U.S. Supreme Court by continuing to single out Jack for punishment and to exhibit hostility toward his religious beliefs," said Kristen Waggoner, an Alliance Defending Freedom attorney who represents Phillips. "Even though Jack serves all customers and simply declines to create custom cakes that express messages or celebrate events in violation of his deeply held beliefs, the government is intent on destroying him – something the Supreme Court has already told it not to do."

On the same day the high court agreed to review the Masterpiece case, an attorney named Autumn Scardina called Phillips' shop and asked him to create a cake celebrating a sex transition. The caller asked that the cake include a blue exterior and a pink interior, a reflection of Scardina's transgender identity. Phillips declined to create the cake, given his religious conviction that sex is immutable, while offering to sell the caller other pre-made baked goods. [\(RELATED: Christian Baker Prevails At Supreme Court In](#)

## Same-Sex Wedding Cake Dispute)

In the months that followed, the bakery received requests for cakes featuring marijuana use, sexually explicit messages, and Satanic symbols. One solicitation submitted by email asked the cake shop to create a three-tiered white cake depicting Satan licking a functional 9 inch dildo. Phillips believes Scardina made all these requests.

Scardina filed a complaint with the civil rights commission, alleging discrimination on the basis of gender identity. The matter was held in abeyance while the Supreme Court adjudicated the Masterpiece case.

Three weeks after Phillips won at the high court, the commission issued [a probable cause determination](#), finding there was sufficient evidence to support Scardina's claim of discrimination. In a somewhat strange development, the probable cause finding reads that Phillips violated state law, even though the proceedings are still in a preliminary stage.

In turn, the ADF filed [a lawsuit](#) against the Commission on Phillips' behalf, accusing the panel of violating his constitutional free exercise, free speech, due process, and equal protection rights.

"Colorado has renewed its war against him by embarking on another attempt to prosecute him, in direct conflict with the Supreme Court's ruling in his favor," Phillips' lawsuit reads. "This lawsuit is necessary to stop Colorado's continuing persecution of Phillips."

The suit requests an injunction barring further prosecutions of Phillips for violations of Colorado's anti-discrimination law, a declaration that the Commission violated his constitutional rights, and damages from the director of the commission. The complaint names the director, Aubrey Elenis, in her professional and personal capacity, meaning she is personally liable for any financial judgment the court might

award.

Phillips is seeking damages from Elenis for lost work time, lost profits, emotional distress, and reputational harm. He is also requesting an additional \$100,000 punitive judgment against her.

The complaint also challenges the criteria by which commissioners are selected to serve on the civil rights panel. According to the filing, the seven-member Commission must always include four “members of groups of people who have been or who might be discriminated against because of disability, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, marital status, religion, or age.” Two seats must be filled by representatives of the business community, while another two seats are reserved for government entities.

ADF argues these criteria are not neutral, and embed hostility to Phillips’ religious beliefs into “the very structure that Colorado uses to enforce its public-accommodation law.”

Finally, the suit challenges a provision of Colorado law that prohibits Phillips from conveying his religious objections to prospective customers. A state statute makes it illegal for companies to indicate that protected persons will not be served at their place of business.

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# Trump Revokes Security Clearance from Former CIA Chief John Brennan

The White House has revoked the security clearance of former CIA Director, John Brennan. Several other former and current officials are being considered for having their clearances also revoked: James Clapper, James Comey, Susan Rice, Lisa Page, Bruce Ohr, and others. -GEG

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# Vermont Democrats Nominate 1st Transgender Candidate for Governor Who Is Unable to Define Socialism

Christine Hallquist, 62, a transgender person and a former CEO of an electric company, was nominated by the Democrat party as its candidate for Governor. When asked about supporting socialism, Hallquist replied, "I'm not sure I even know what socialism is. I just don't have the background to answer that question," adding that our democracy is threatened. -GEG

Christine Hallquist became the first transgender person to win a major party nomination for governor of a state. Joining CNN Wednesday morning from that state of Vermont, Hallquist admitted, “I’m not sure I even know what socialism is,” when asked about the economic system.

Hallquist was asked a number of economic questions by the CNN anchor after declaring that rural economic development was a top priority for the campaign. “It is about economic growth for the bottom 20 percent on the economic ladder,” Hallquist said.

The host asked Hallquist’s views of capitalism and socialism, specifically citing that “for the first time, more Democrats viewed socialism favorably than capitalism.”

“I’m not big on labels, I find labels are used to separate people,” Hallquist said in response, “I look at the platform of a living wage and healthcare for all – that is called civilized society. I don’t even know how that became ‘socialism’ or Republican or Democrat – let’s be a civilized society.”

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# UK: Police Report Says an Average of 15 Acid Attacks Perpetrated Per Week, Mostly in London

Police statistics show a total of 2,602 reported acid attacks from January 2015 to May 2018, which averages out to 15 per week. Cities with high immigrant rates have the highest number of attacks. Nearly 75% of them have been carried out in London, a city praised by the Left for multiculturalism and tolerance. The data shows a surge in children both perpetrating and being victimized by these attacks. -GEG

New police figures reveal that the U.K. is averaging at least 15 barbaric acid attacks a week.

The figures, first [reported](#) by The Mirror, show a total of 2,602 reported attacks from January 2015 to May of this year, averaging out to 15 per week. In comparison, there were only 100 total attacks reported from 2007 to 2011.

Stunningly, nearly 75% of such attacks have been carried out in London, a city often praised by the Left for its multiculturalism and tolerance.

And the figures actually reflect a sunnier outlook than the reality of the situation, since four police forces [neglected](#) to provide data regarding acid attacks when it was requested of them. Still, Acid Survivors Trust International (ASTI) found the U.K. to have one of the highest rates of attacks per capita in the world.

To make matters worse, the data shows a surge in children perpetrating and being victimized by acid attacks. “[0]ne victim was just two years old when they were doused in acid, while in Cumbria two girls, aged four and five, were targeted

by a six and nine-year-old," [notes](#) The Sun.

The phenomenon of throwing acid in an unsuspecting person's face is common in some Muslim-majority countries, typically victimizing women. But with the attacks in the U.K., according to ASTI, a majority of the victims are men.

Curiously, though, it's common for victims to be unwilling to press charges. "Since 2014 about 74% of investigations have been wound down due to problems with identifying perpetrators, or victims being unwilling to press charges," the BBC [reported](#).

As previously [noted](#) by The Daily Wire, figures provided by Metro show a correlation between cities with high immigrant rates and spiked attacks.

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