

Linda Coberly Discusses Recent Supreme Court Rulings on WTTW *Chicago Tonight*

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Winston & Strawn partner [Linda Coberly](#), appeared on [WTTW's *Chicago Tonight*](#) on June 30, 2014, to discuss two recent Supreme Court decisions.

Ms. Coberly discussed the 5-4 decision in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*, which ruled that that two closely held for-profit corporations do not have to provide a full range of contraceptives at no cost to their employees pursuant to the Affordable Care Act.

The decision was based on a federal statute called the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Under this statute, Ms. Coberly explained, a corporation owned by one family is entitled to protection of that family's religious liberty.

"It's not a decision, for example, that would apply to a publicly traded corporation or a differently structured corporation," Ms. Coberly noted.

Ms. Coberly also discussed the decision in *Harris v. Quinn* that ruled home health care workers in Illinois cannot be forced to financially support a union they do not wish to join. Ms. Coberly noted that it was a fairly narrow decision, affecting only a specific group of employees.

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