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## Introducing our newest blog, *RLUIPA Defense*

Robinson & Cole's Land Use Practice Group is proud to announce the launch of its blog, [RLUIPA Defense](#), in which we report on developments regarding the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), a federal statute enacted in 2000 that provides certain protections to religious institutions in the land use context. Our posts discuss cases and local zoning decisions from around the nation concerning zoning applications submitted by religious institutions for approval to construct or modify religious facilities. For example, our recent posting regarding the settlement between the City of San Leandro, California, and the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel demonstrates that even municipalities that go above and beyond accommodating assembly uses, including religious uses, are still susceptible to grueling and costly litigation under RLUIPA.

As an added resource, [RLUIPA Defense](#) contains a database of legal and legislative materials all about RLUIPA. These include nearly 200 federal and state court decisions nationwide, trial materials (motions for summary judgment, motions to dismiss, oppositions to motions for preliminary injunctions, jury instructions, and trial briefs), appellate materials (briefs from the federal courts of appeal), scholarly articles, and the legislative history of RLUIPA. Included in the materials are articles on how to avoid RLUIPA claims with better planning and regulation.

We would like to share our blog content with you on a regular basis. To receive e-mail notifications whenever we post new content, please sign up at the top of the home page. We welcome your comments and hope that you find [RLUIPA Defense](#) helpful in tracking new developments on RLUIPA.

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