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Sample List of Litigants

- Larry Flynt- *Hustler Magazine, Inc. v. Falwell* (1988)
- Elmer Gertz- *Gertz v. Robert Welch, Inc.* (1974)
- Demetrio Rodriguez- *Rodriguez v. San Antonio Independent School District* (1973)
- Curt Flood- *Flood v. Kuhn* (1972)
- Estelle Griswold- *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965)
- Linda Brown- *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954)
- Gordon Hirabayashi- *Hirabayashi v. United states* (1943)
- Eugene Debs- *Debs v. United states* (1919)
- William Marbury- *Marbury v. Madison* (1803)

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