



Association of Directory Publishers

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Seattle Update:

A GLINT OF SUNSHINE

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To: All North American ADP Members
Fr: Larry
Re: "Court Takes a Shine to Yellow Pages Publishers"

A brief history to begin.

Last month, a federal District judge in Washington State granted partial summary judgment to the City of Seattle, dismissing the Yellow Pages Coalition's claims that its opt-out law was unconstitutional on First Amendment and Commerce Clause grounds. The judge separately denied the Coalition's demand for injunction.

The parties to the lawsuit immediately requested that the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals grant an injunction pending ruling on the appeal.

On July 13, the publishers presented our claims for emergency relief to the three-member appellate panel.

Last Thursday, the Courthouse News Service in Seattle released the full summary of the industry's presentation and, more importantly, the comments of the judges, whose questions largely reflected the logical arguments the industry has been making since the onset of the Seattle action.

To read the full release, [click here](#).

Perhaps the dark clouds obscuring this matter are beginning to break up.