

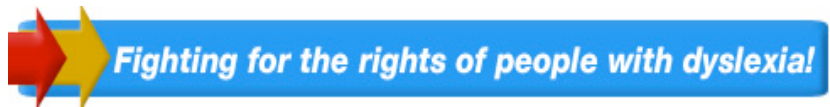
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On Wednesday, October 10, 2008 the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision affirming the lower court in the case of Tom F. see <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/opinions/07pdf/06-637.pdf>

This is the case the New York Branch of the International Dyslexia Association took the lead on in deciding to be an amicus or "friend of the court." After we agreed to be an amicus, several other groups joined on including the International Dyslexia Association. The brief was written by volunteer lawyers at Jenner & Block, and we thank them greatly for helping us educate the court.

Because Justice Kennedy recused himself (no, no one knows why) the decision was a 4-4 split and is not a precedent, but is much better than losing! New York City children will now not have to endure time spent in an *inappropriate public school program* (just for the sake of going to public school) before being placed appropriately in a non-public school setting. This makes a huge difference for our kids and hopefully will serve as encouragement to the public school system to create more appropriate placements for children with dyslexia.