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**Storzer & Greene file Amicus Brief on behalf of  
Quaker, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Catholic Leaders  
Requesting U.S. Supreme Court to Hear Native American Religious Freedom Case**

Washington, D.C. -- Storzer & Greene today filed a brief *amicus curiae* in the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, The Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church USA, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, the National Committee for Amish Religious Freedom and the Rutherford Institute, urging the United States Supreme Court to review the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' decision in *Navajo Nation v. U.S. Forest Service*, 553 F.3d. 1058 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008).

The case involves a decision of the U.S. Forest Service to permit a private ski resort to use recycled sewage as artificial snow on the San Francisco Peaks, which is the most sacred site to the Navajo, Hopi and several other Native American tribes. The Ninth Circuit held that this action did not constitute a "substantial" burden on the religious exercise of these tribes, within the meaning of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

The brief argues that guidance is sorely needed in this area of law, as the Ninth Circuit incorrectly defines substantial burdens on religious practice and drastically limits the scope of RFRA, and by extension the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act and state RFRA's.

A copy of the brief is available on the Storzer & Greene website or upon request.

The attorneys of Storzer and Greene, P.L.L.C. have successfully represented Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Native American, Sikh and other faith groups in religious freedom cases throughout the nation.