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Roe v. Doe

420 U.S. 307 (1975)

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Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
THE CHIEF JUSTICE

January 27, 1975

Re: 73-1446 - Roe, Poe & Coe Press v. Doe

Dear Bill:

I had intended to call you to see if you would be willing to write a few lines on the dismissal of the above case on the grounds that cert was improvidently granted. The other two "DIGs" can probably be handled without opinions, but I have a feeling that the above case ought to have a few words. If you agree, would you put your hand to it?

Regards,

W.B.B.

Mr. Justice Brennan

Wm Brennan
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To: Mr. Justice Douglas
Mr. Justice Brennan
Mr. Justice Stewart
Mr. Justice White
Mr. Justice Marshall
Mr. Justice Blackmun
Mr. Justice Powell
Mr. Justice Rehnquist

1st DRAFT

From: The Chief Justice

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

dated: FEB 10 1975

No. 73-1446

Recirculated: _____

Joan Roe, Peter Poe, and }
Coe Press, Inc., } On Writ of Certiorari to the
Petitioners, } Court of Appeals of New
v. } York.
Jane Doe. }

[February —, 1975]

PER CURIAM.

The writ of certiorari is dismissed as improvidently granted.

Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS

January 29, 1975

Dear Chief:

I agree the writ in 73-1446, Roe v. Doe, should be dismissed as improvidently granted.

William O. Douglas

The Chief Justice

cc: The Conference

January 28, 1975

RE: No. 73-1446 Roe, Poe & Coe Press v. Doe

Dear Chief:

I have some doubt whether we should have any writing in support of the "DIG" of the above. The only possible ground that occurs to me is that we are uncertain that the judgment sought to be reviewed is a final judgment. But that's a question that sharply divided us before on Friday last we decided to compromise on a "DIG". If I sense accurately the sentiment of the Brethren it was that we could best avoid airing our differences by a simple "DIG". I think that's the course I would prefer.

Sincerely,

WJB

The Chief Justice

W. H. Brown
2/17/75

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Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WM. J. BRENNAN, JR.

February 10, 1975

RE: No. 73-1446 Roe, Poe & Coe Press Inc. v. Doe

Dear Chief:

I agree with the Per Curiam to Dismiss as improvidently
granted.

Sincerely,



The Chief Justice
cc: The Conference

Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE POTTER STEWART

February 10, 1975

No. 73-1446 - Roe v. Doe

Dear Chief,

I agree with your proposed order
dismissing this case as improvidently
granted.

Sincerely yours,



The Chief Justice

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JUSTICE BYRON R. WHITE

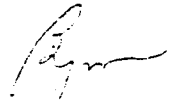
February 10, 1975

Re: No. 73-1446 - Roe v. Doe

Dear Chief:

I agree with your per curiam.

Sincerely,



The Chief Justice

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL

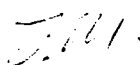
February 14, 1975

Re: No. 73-1446 -- Joan Roe, Peter Poe, and Coe Press, Inc
v. Jan Doe

Dear Chief:

Please join me.

Sincerely,



T. M.

The Chief Justice

cc: The Conference

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

February 11, 1975

Re: No. 73-1446 - Roe, et al. v. Doe

Dear Chief:

I agree with your proposed per curiam.

Sincerely,

HAB.

The Chief Justice

cc: The Conference

Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

February 11, 1975

No. 73-1446 Roe, Poe & Coe Press v. Doe

Dear Chief:

I agree with the proposal that we DIG the above
case.

Sincerely,

Lewis

The Chief Justice

lfp/ss

cc: The Conference

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Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE WILLIAM H. REHNQUIST

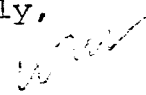
February 10, 1975

Re: No. 73-1446 - Roe, Poe & Coe Press v. Doe

Dear Chief:

At our last Conference I had expressed disagreement with the Conference vote to dismiss this case as improvidently granted, and indicated I might want to write something about it. In the interim the pressure of circulating paper has overwhelmed me, and I am now content to let the matter go as you have indicated in your memo to the Conference of February 10th.

Sincerely,



The Chief Justice

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