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U.S. Department of Justice Dismisses Discrimination Lawsuit Against Yale University.

Students for Fair Admissions Intends to File New Lawsuit Challenging Yale's Discriminatory Admissions Policies

(Arlington, VA) Today, the U.S Department of Justice dismissed its lawsuit against Yale University's admissions policies. No reasons for the dismissal were given in the letter.

The lawsuit was filed on October 2, 2020 alleging that Yale discriminated against white and Asian-American applicants on the basis of race.

On October 27, 2020, Students for Fair Admissions filed a complaint and motion to intervene in the case. That motion was subsequently denied.

Edward Blum, president of Students for Fair Admissions, said, “It is disappointing that the Department of Justice withdrew from this important lawsuit which had exposed Yale’s illegal use of quotas to achieve racial and ethnic proportionality.”

Blum added, “It is important that this lawsuit continues to be vigorously litigated through the courts during the coming months and years if necessary. Using race and ethnicity in college admissions decisions is unfair, unconstitutional and is fraying the social fabric that holds our nation together. As a recent Pew Research survey reveals, 73% of Americans believe race must never be a factor in college admissions.”

Blum concluded, “Students for Fair Admissions intends to file a new lawsuit against Yale in the coming days. Discriminatory admissions policies like Yale’s must be challenged in federal court.”

Students for Fair Admissions (SFFA) is a nonprofit membership organization with over 24,000 members. The organization is currently litigating admissions policies at Harvard, the Univ. of North Carolina and the Univ. of Texas.

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