

Judge dismisses EWTN's HHS mandate suit

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This from the *National Catholic Register*, which is owned by EWTN:

IRONDALE, Ala. -- A federal judge this week in Alabama dismissed the Eternal Word Television Network's lawsuit against the federal government's contraceptive and abortion mandate as premature because of the government's promises to amend the mandate and address religious-liberty concerns. ...

To date, 12 federal lawsuits filed by nonprofits have been dismissed, another 12 are still pending, four are awaiting action by the federal government to amend the mandate, and two have been allowed to move forward. Judges have not ruled on the constitutional merits of the nonprofits' complaints.

In lawsuits brought forward by for-profit businesses, 14 have secured injunctive relief -- meaning they do not have to comply with the mandate while their cases are pending -- and six were denied injunctions.

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