

# Entertainment Law

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### First Amendment - Indecency

Just as we get comfortable with the notion of categories, and the notion that speech is either protected or unprotected, along comes a category of speech the Federal Communications Commission wishes to REGULATE.

Please read these two cases in their entirety. Keep your eye on the ball: Is George Carlin's speech protected speech? When Bono says, "This is really really fucking brilliant" during a prime time TV broadcast at the 2003 Golden Globe awards, is that obscene?

#### *FCC v. Pacifica Foundation*

U.S. Supreme Court (1978)

- [case at Google Scholar](#)
- [how cited at Google Scholar](#)
- [case at Westlaw][pacificaf]
- George Carlin's [Seven Dirty Words][7dirty] routine.

#### *FCC v. Fox Television Stations (Fox II)*

- [case at Google Scholar](#)
- [case at Westlaw][fox]
- [case at Wikipedia](#).