

Different degrees of protection may also be discerned among different categories of commercial speech. The first prong of the *Central Hudson* test means that false, deceptive, or misleading advertisements need not be permitted; government may require that a commercial message appear in such a form, or include such additional information, warnings, and disclaimers, as are necessary to prevent deception.¹⁰⁸⁸ But even truthful, non-misleading commercial speech may be regulated, and the validity of such regulation is tested by application of the remaining prongs of the *Central Hudson* test. The test itself does not make further distinctions based on the content of the commercial message or the nature of the governmental interest (that interest need only be “substantial”). Recent decisions suggest, however, that further distinctions may exist. Measures aimed at preserving “a fair bargaining process” between consumer and advertiser¹⁰⁸⁹ may be more likely to pass the test¹⁰⁹⁰ than are regulations designed to implement general health, safety, or moral concerns.¹⁰⁹¹ As the governmental interest becomes further removed from protecting a fair bargaining process, it may become more difficult to establish the absence of less burdensome regu-

ity to influence prescription decisions. Those who seek to censor or burden free expression often assert that disfavored speech has adverse effects. But the ‘fear that people would make bad decisions if given truthful information’ cannot justify content-based burdens on speech.” *Id.* at 21–22.

¹⁰⁸⁸ *Bates v. State Bar of Arizona*, 433 U.S. 350, 383–84 (1977); *Ohralik v. Ohio State Bar Ass’n*, 436 U.S. 447, 456 (1978). Requirements that advertisers disclose more information than they otherwise choose to are upheld “as long as [they] are reasonably related to the State’s interest in preventing deception of consumers,” the Court explaining that “[t]he right of a commercial speaker not to divulge accurate information regarding his services is not . . . a fundamental right” requiring strict scrutiny of the disclosure requirement. *Zauderer v. Office of Disciplinary Counsel*, 471 U.S. 626, 651 & n.14 (1985) (upholding requirement that attorney’s contingent fees ad mention that unsuccessful plaintiffs might still be liable for court costs).

¹⁰⁸⁹ 44 *Liquormart, Inc. v. Rhode Island*, 517 U.S. 484, 501 (1996).

¹⁰⁹⁰ *See, e.g., Ohralik v. Ohio State Bar Ass’n*, 436 U.S. 447, 465 (1978) (upholding ban on in-person solicitation by attorneys due in part to the “potential for overreaching” when a trained advocate “solicits an unsophisticated, injured, or distressed lay person”).

¹⁰⁹¹ *Compare* *United States v. Edge Broadcasting Co.*, 509 U.S. 418 (1993) (upholding federal law supporting state interest in protecting citizens from lottery information) *and* *Florida Bar v. Went For It, Inc.*, 515 U.S. 618, 631 (1995) (upholding a 30-day ban on targeted, direct-mail solicitation of accident victims by attorneys, not because of any presumed susceptibility to overreaching, but because the ban “forestall[s] the outrage and irritation with the . . . legal profession that the [banned] solicitation . . . has engendered”) *with* *Rubin v. Coors Brewing Co.*, 514 U.S. 476 (1995) (striking down federal statute prohibiting display of alcohol content on beer labels) *and* 44 *Liquormart, Inc. v. Rhode Island*, 517 U.S. 484 (1996) (striking down state law prohibiting display of retail prices in ads for alcoholic beverages).