Meanwhile, Towns in Oklahoma Overreact to Appeals Court Ruling

10/1/19 - After the feeling of the 10th Circuit court were made known in favor of the women of Ft. Collins suing under the Equal Protection clause of the US Constitution, the city fathers in Sand Springs, Oklahoma passed an emergency ordinance that changed the law so men can’t be topless either. (We are waiting for the first lawsuit you just know is coming.)

In Tulsa Oklahoma, the District Attorney said the city would continue to enforce its law against women being top free in public. His reasoning, which is judiciously correct, is that the Tenth Circuit decision only addressed the preliminary injunction in Ft Collins. Because it was a very narrow case that never was decided at the lower court, therefore, he reasoned, he will keep enforcing the ban in his city.

The Utah Attorney General, which is why the Buchanan case is proceeding, issued a similar opinion as the Tulsa D.A. It seems a new case (perhaps Buchanan’s?) will have to come before the Appeals Court before the written sentiments of the Tenth Circuit judges will have any judicial weight.

On the Other Hand, A Town in Kansas Votes to Allow Women to Go Top Free

10/19/19 - The Manhattan City Council has unanimously decided to amend the city code to allow females to go topless. However, property owners and businesses may still require their patrons to wear shirts.

The Manhattan Mercury newspaper reports City Attorney Katie Jackson recommended the change to avoid potential lawsuits. Jackson cited a federal ruling in February 2017 that blocked Fort Collins, Colorado, from enforcing a law against women going topless. Fort Collins is in the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, as is Kansas.

She said the government could still prosecute a topless woman who is acting in a lewd manner, which is against state law.

Colorado Town Awards $50K To Top Free Woman

Efrosini “Effie” Krokos, 20, has been paid $50,000 and had all charges dropped in the city of Loveland, Colorado after she was cited for playing Frisbee topless in her front yard on Sept. 26, reports KDVR Denver.

City officials were quoted saying they thought they could not win after the recent 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling.

Krokos says her actions weren't calculated. "I didn't do this for the money," she explains. "I did it just because I thought I was equal to a guy."

Loveland has an ordinance prohibiting the exposure of breasts in public, but police will suspend enforcement until city council can review it, KDVR reports.

The $50,000 settlement is the first damage claim paid to a woman wrongfully charged for being topless in the U.S.