

## June 1, 2010 - Statement by Sean Summers, lawyer for Al Snyder

*“On behalf of Lance Cpl. Matthew Snyder’s family, words cannot express our gratitude to the millions of Americans who have joined this great cause. We especially want to thank Kansas Attorney General Steve Six and his staff for drafting an amicus brief; and his leadership in gaining the signatures of 48 out of 50 state Attorneys General. The Snyder family also recognizes the unheralded efforts of the veteran service organizations and that of U.S. Senator Harry Reid who filed a separate brief with the signatures of 41 of his colleagues. Our goal is to bring an end to the reign of terror and abuse that has been unnecessarily inflicted on hundreds of grieving families of U.S. service members killed in defense of our nation.*

*“The significance of this case cannot be overstated. It will determine Constitutional limits on the First Amendment, and whether freedom of speech supersedes the right of families to mourn with dignity. This will be a test of whether we as a nation, with full legal justification, have the decency to provide the men and women of our military with the resolute support they deserve whenever their rights are violated.”*

- Sean Summers, partner in the law firm of Barley Snyder, representing the Snyder family *pro bono*.

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