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**Marks & Katz files further arguments for dismissing libel lawsuit against Westboro Baptist Church.**

Our law firm represents defendants Westboro Baptist Church and Fred W. Phelps, Sr., against a lawsuit alleging defamatory statements on the Internet and at a protest concerning Matthew Snyder -- an American soldier killed in Iraq -- and his funeral. This WJZ TV news story hits it on the head that I am disgusted by the messages that are the basis of this baseless libel action, but that I believe strongly in the defendants' right to express those views. The federal trial court in Baltimore now will decide whether to grant our motion to dismiss the lawsuit. We filed a motion to dismiss last month. Yesterday, we filed a detailed reply to the plaintiff's opposition to our motion to dismiss. The filings of the parties and the court's orders can be found on PACER for Snyder v. Phelps, et al., Civ. No. 1:06-cv-01389-RDB (D. Md.). Our previous blog entries about this case and our philosophy behind representing the defendants, are here and here. Jon Katz

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