

Cleavinger v. Saxner

474 U.S. 193 (1985)

Supreme Court of the United States

Issue: Declined to extend absolute 'quasi-judicial' immunity

Holding on Judicial Immunity

Members of a federal prison Institution Discipline Committee who adjudicate inmate misconduct are entitled only to qualified immunity, not the absolute immunity enjoyed by judges. Absolute immunity depends on the function performed, not the actor's title or position.

Key Quotations (verbatim)

“Absolute immunity flows not from rank or title or 'location within the Government,' but from the nature of the responsibilities of the individual official.”

— Cleavinger v. Saxner, 474 U.S. 193, 201 (1985) (citation omitted).

Full opinion (authoritative source): <https://www.courtlistener.com/opinion/111547/cleavinger-v-saxner/>

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