

Van de Kamp v. Goldstein

555 U.S. 335 (2009)

Supreme Court of the United States

Issue: *Related absolute immunity (supervisory prosecutors)*

Holding on Judicial Immunity

Supervisory prosecutors are absolutely immune from § 1983 claims that they failed to train or supervise line prosecutors, or to establish an information system to track impeachment material (Giglio evidence) — even where those failures allegedly led to a wrongful conviction — because the claims are connected to the prosecutorial function.

Key Quotations (verbatim)

“We conclude that a prosecutor’s absolute immunity extends to all these claims.”

— Van de Kamp v. Goldstein, 555 U.S. 335, 337 (2009).

“[P]rosecutors involved in such supervision or training or information-system management enjoy absolute immunity from the kind of legal claims at issue here.”

— Van de Kamp v. Goldstein, 555 U.S. 335, 349 (2009).

Note / Caveat: Adjacent doctrine: prosecutorial immunity, extended to supervisory/administrative failures.

Full opinion (authoritative source): <https://www.courtlistener.com/opinion/145911/van-de-kamp-v-goldstein/>

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