

# THE ISSUE ENDURES

## ***Grutter v. Bollinger, 2003***

The Court endorses Justice Powell's view that student body diversity is a compelling state interest that can justify using race in university admissions. The Court defers to the Law School's educational judgment that diversity is essential to its educational mission....

The Law School's admissions program bears the hallmarks of a narrowly tailored plan. To be narrowly tailored, a race-conscious admissions program cannot "insulat[e] each category of applicants with certain desired qualifications from competition with all other applicants." Instead, it may consider race or ethnicity only as a "'plus' in a particular applicant's file."...It follows that universities cannot establish quotas for members of certain racial or ethnic groups or put them on separate admissions tracks.

- ▶ **How did this ruling affirm the one in *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke*?**