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**FASEB APPLAUDS SETTLEMENT OF SELMAN V. COBB COUNTY EVOLUTION
DISCLAIMER CASE**

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) applauds the settlement in the *Selman v. Cobb County* case challenging the placement on science textbooks of stickers describing evolution as “a theory, not a fact.” The Cobb County Board of Education agreed not to restore “any stickers, labels, stamps, inscriptions, or other warnings or disclaimers bearing language substantially similar to that used on the [anti-evolution] sticker” or to take other actions that would weaken science education.

FASEB believes it important for young people in the U.S. to receive a strong science education in order to maintain our global competitiveness in an ever evolving technological world. “I am pleased with the positive resolution of this case and I commend Cobb County officials for reaching an agreement critical to ensuring that their students receive a high quality science education,” stated FASEB President Leo Furcht, M.D.

As one of the most important tenets in science and the basis for understanding modern biology and medicine, FASEB affirms that evolution is a critical topic in science education. President Furcht hopes “that organizations and individuals will continue to defend science education by taking a stand against initiatives that would undermine the teaching of evolution.” To assist in these efforts, FASEB has created a website which provides tools to assist scientists, educators, and concerned citizens in educating and advocating on evolution. The website can be viewed at www.evolution.faseb.org.

FASEB is composed of 21 societies with more than 80,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB’s mission is to enhance the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. FASEB serves the interests of these scientists in those areas related to public policy, facilitates coalition activities among Member Societies and disseminates information on biological research through scientific conferences and publications.