***Compliance Discussion:*The case:**

**THE COLLEGE AND GOVERNMENT**

***Trespass Statutes and Ordinances***

*State v. Schmid*

Supreme Court of New Jersey

84 N.J. 535, 423 A.2d 615 (1980)

OPINION: The opinion of the Court was delivered by HANDLER, J.While distributing political literature on the campus of Princeton University, defendant Chris Schmid, a member of the United States Labor Party, was arrested and charged by the University with trespass upon private property. He was subsequently convicted under the State’s penal trespass statute. On this appeal he challenges the conviction on the grounds that it stems from a violation of his federal and state constitutional rights to freedom of speech and assembly.

**Discussion question 1**

Does the court’s opinion in *Schmid* unduly interfere with the autonomy of private

colleges and universities? Should the court have recognized some type of “institutional

academic freedom” that would protect private institutions against such exercises of state

power? Think about Finkin, “On ‘Institutional’ Academic Freedom,” 61 *Tex. L. Rev*. 817 (1983).