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More than a dozen organizations throw support to Texas in sodomy lawsuit

United States marriage laws threatened by litigation at Supreme Court

WASHINGTON – More than a dozen briefs filed at the United States Supreme Court this week oppose the declaration of a new constitutional right in *Lawrence v. Texas*. The briefs support Texas's sodomy law. Arguments are scheduled for March 26.

“These briefs were filed because we all support the unique stabilizing influence of marriage in our society,” said Jordan Lorence, an attorney with the Alliance Defense Fund, who co-authored a brief with the Center for Original Intent of the Constitution. The Alliance Defense Fund is a national legal non-profit organization based in Scottsdale, Arizona, serving people of faith. “Contrary to what’s been reported in the mainstream news media, there is a lot of opposition to the cultural drift toward condoning same-sex relationships and same-sex marriage,” Lorence said.

Lawrence v. Texas is a direct challenge by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund to the Supreme Court’s 1986 decision in *Bowers v. Hardwick*. *Bowers* said that individuals do not have a federal constitutional right to practice homosexual sex, known as sodomy. Seventeen years later, thirteen states, including Texas, still clearly proscribe sodomy. At one time, every state in the union proscribed sodomy.

Lambda basically uses two arguments for its case. It argues in favor of an expanded right to privacy, building upon the court’s controversial 1973 abortion decision, *Roe v. Wade*. It also argues that same-sex behavior is entitled to the same legal rights as heterosexual behavior.

“Advocates of homosexual behavior would like to use this case to advance their agenda. They want to legalize same-sex ‘marriage,’ to lift restrictions on homosexual conduct in the military, to legalize adoption by same sex couples, and to restrict free speech rights of individuals who have faith-based objections to endorsing, funding, or supporting homosexual behavior,” Lorence said.

Below is a list of organizations that submitted briefs with web addresses for their briefs.

Alabama, South Carolina, and Utah (State Attorneys General)

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_StatesAmicus_USSC_T_20030218.pdf

American Center for Law and Justice

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_ACLJ_USSCT_20030218.pdf

Jay Alan Sekulow, Counsel of Record

American Family Association

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_AFAAmicus_USSCT_20030218.pdf

Stephen M. Crampton, Counsel of Record

Center for Arizona Policy

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_CAPAmicus_USSCT_20030218.pdf

This brief refutes the errors expressed in the opposing amicus submitted by the American Psychology Association.

Len L. Munsil, Counsel of Record

Center for Law and Justice International

To be posted

Pat Monaghan, Counsel of Record

Center for the Original Intent of the Constitution

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_CtrforOriginalIntentAmicus_USSCT_20030218.pdf

Michael P. Farris, Counsel of Record

Concerned Women for America

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_ConcernedWomenforAmerica_USSCT_20030213.pdf

Janet M. LaRue, Counsel of Record

Family Research Council & Focus on the Family

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_FRCAmicus_USSCT_20030218.pdf

Robert P. George, Counsel of Record

Legislators, State of Texas

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_TexasLegsilators_USSCT_20030218.pdf

Kelly Shackelford, Counsel of Record

Liberty Counsel

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_LibertyCounselAmicus_USSCT_20030217.pdf

Mathew D. Staver, Counsel of Record

Pro Family Law Center

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_USFJAmicus_USSCT_20020816.pdf

Richard Ackerman, Counsel of Record

Texas Eagle Forum; Daughters of Liberty Republican Women of Houston, Texas; Spirit of Freedom Republican Women's Club

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_TexasEagleForumAmicus_USSCT_20020217.pdf

Teresa Stanton Collett, Counsel for Amici Curiae

Texas Physicians Resource Council, Christian Medical and Dental Association, Catholic Medical Association

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_ChristianMedAssoc_USSCT_20030218.pdf

Glen Lavy, Counsel of Record

United Families International

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_UnitedFamiliesInternational_USSCT_20030218.pdf

Paul Benjamin Linton, Counsel for the Amicus

RESPONDENT'S BRIEF

Harris County, Texas

http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/Lawrence_v_Texas/Lawrence_RespondentsBrf_USSCT_200301.pdf