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# Civil rights defender turns 70

· New York high court strikes down sodomy law (People v. Onofre)

· Defense of San Francisco gay weekly paper against libel suit filed by police

 Suit for Bereavement Leave for San Francisco gay man whose partner died Brinkin v. Southern Pacific)

· Privacy defense of membership lists of gay rights organizations involved in a boycott (Solidarity v. Coors)

· U.S. Supreme Court strikes down Oklahoma law targeting teachers who support gay rights (NGLTF v. Oklahoma)

## 1986

· U.S. Supreme Court upholds Georgia sodomy law (Bowers v. Hardwick)

 Court requires Catholic university to recognize gay student group (Gay Rights Coalition v. Georgetown University)

• U.S. Supreme Court rules disability discrimination laws apply to people with contagious diseases, including AIDS (School Board v. Arline)

## 1988

Ginsberg's "Howl" against obsceni-• Challenge to Dannemeyer ty charges for gay content. Initiative, which would quarantine people with AIDS (California

Medical Association v. Eu)

• Federal courts rule that federal law protects people with AIDS from discrimination (Chalk v. District Court; Doe v. Centinella Hospital)

- Federal court overturns discharge of gay man from the military (Watkins v. U.S.)
- New York courts recognize gay families (Braschi v. Stahl Associates)

 Consent decree establishes prisoners with HIV have right to equal treatment and access to prison programs (Gates v. Deukmeijian)

## · CIA agrees to stop discriminating against gay employees (*Dubbs v. CIA*)

- · Minnesota courts recognize domestic partnership in guardianship case (In Re:
- · California court overturns Concord anti-gay rights initiative (Bangle v. City of Concord)
- Kentucky Supreme Court strikes down sodomy law (Commonwealth v. Wasson)
- · New York courts allow adoption by gay partner (Adoption of Evan)

· Virginia court gives custody to boy's grandmother over objections of lesbian mom (Bottoms v. Bottoms)

## 1996

- · Federal court rules FBI illegally fired San Francisco doctor with HIV who conducted physicals on agents (Doe v. Attorney General)
- · U.S. Supreme Court strikes down Colorado constitutional amendment which would have prevented lesbians and gay men from being protected by civil rights laws. (Romer v. Evans. Co-counsel with Lambda Legal) Federal Defense of Marriage Act enacted
- South Carolina drops its ban on insuring people with HIV (Doe v. SCHIP)
- Federal court strikes down state law against lesbian and gay student groups (GLBA v. Alabama)
- · New Jersey becomes first state to expressly authorize joint adoption by gay couples (Galluccio v. New Jersey)
- U.S. Supreme Court strikes down law restricting gay materials on the internet (ACLU v. Reno)

In 1957 the ACLU defended Allen

- Federal court in Utah reinstates lesbian high school coach (Weaver v. Nebo School District)
  • Federal court in New York upholds "Don't

