

Ask, Don't Tell" (*Able v. U.S.* Co-Counsel with Lambda Legal)

- Oregon court finds state's health insurance policy, which denies benefits to domestic partners, violates the state constitution (*Tanner v. OHSU*)

1999

- Maryland court strikes down sodomy law (*Williams v. Glendenning*)
- Mississippi high court permits son's visitation with gay father and partner (*Weigand v. Houghton*)
- Maine homeless shelter admits it was wrong to exclude HIV-positive client
- Federal employee wins leave of absence to take care of cancer-stricken partner
- Nevada becomes 11th state to pass a gay employment rights law
- Challenge to dismissal of high-level state transgender employee is successfully settled (*Doe v. Kansas*)

2000

- New Jersey Supreme Court extends legal doctrine of "psychological parent" to parents in same-sex relationship (*V.C. v. M.J.B.*)
- Transgender Northern California high school teacher successfully defeats efforts to take away her teaching credential (*Warfield v. California Commission on Teacher Credentialing*)
- Federal appeals court rules that HIV-positive candidate for police department has the right to be "protected from discrimination founded on fear, ignorance or misconceptions." (*Holiday v. City of Chattanooga*)
- Vermont becomes the first state to establish civil unions.

- U.S. Supreme Court rules that public universities can collect student activities fees even from students who object to LGBT student groups (*Southworth v. Grebe*)
- *Religious Liberty Protection Act*, which would have set up religious defenses to civil rights actions, is derailed

2001

- Federal court strikes down challenge on religious grounds by Pat Robertson-funded legal group to Louisville's ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation (*Hyman v. Louisville*)
- Minnesota court strikes down sodomy law (*Doe v. Watson*)
- Federal appeals court upholds San Francisco law requiring any company that does business with the city to recognize domestic partnerships (*ATA v. San Francisco*)
- New York high court holds that housing policy favoring married students discriminates against lesbians and gay men (*Levin v. Yeshiva University*)
- Federal appeals court rules that public officials cannot compel minors to disclose their sexual orientation to family members (*Sterling v. Minersville*)
- Federal court rules that emergency medical personnel cannot be forced to take HIV tests (*Doe v. An Oregon Resort*)
- Federal court upholds right of gay/straight alliance to sue to stop harassment of students (*Loomis v. Visalia Unified School District*)

2002

- Maryland court strikes measure to repeal gay rights law from the ballot

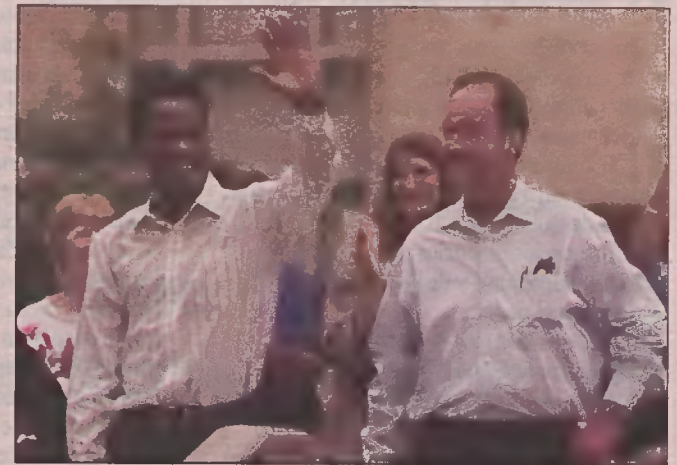
- Federal appeals court issues decision allowing gay man to sue the police for failing to protect him because of his sexual orientation (*Swidriski v. Houston*)
- Federal appeals court rejects claim that decision to allow transgender woman to use women's room violates freedom of religion. (*Cruzan v. Minneapolis*)

- Unprecedented court settlement calling for district-wide reforms of Northern California case involving harassment of LGBT high school students (*Loomis v. Visalia Unified School District*)

- First state appeals court ruling that constitutional equality rights prohibit firing of public employee because of her sexual orientation (*Davis v. Pullman Memorial Hospital*)

- Effort by rural Kentucky school district to avoid recognizing a gay student club by banning all extra-curricular clubs fails (*Boyd County High School Gay-Straight Alliance v. Board of Education*)
- Federal appeals court requires school officials to take effective, proactive steps to eliminate homophobic harassment when they learn that gay students are being harassed (*Flores v. Morgan Hill Unified School District*. Co-counsel with National Center for Lesbian

- Rights)
- Successful lawsuit for Arkansas student outed by school officials and then disciplined (in part by being compelled to read passages from the Bible) for talking about being gay to other students (*McLaughlin v. Pulaski County Special School District*)



In the historic *Lawrence v. Texas*, the ACLU was there to file an amicus brief in the case, which was brought forth by Lambda Legal.

2003

- California enacts legislation providing the best domestic partnership protections in the nation except for Vermont
- U.S. Supreme Court strikes down all remaining sodomy laws, ruling that same-sex relationships deserve the same dignity and respect accorded heterosexual relationships (*Lawrence v. Texas*. ACLU as amicus in a case)

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