

CELEBRATING EQUALITY



- 1980's** Defending Seattle's ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation.
- 1989** Representing the first lesbian couple in Washington to have their 'second parent' adoption (by the non-biological parent) upheld by a court. *IN RE REPRESENTATION OF A CHILD*
- 1994-5** First lawsuits challenging the military's practice of discharging personnel because of their sexual orientation. These were unsuccessful, as were similar lawsuits around the country. *PHILIPS V. PERRY, WATSON V. PERRY*
- 1994** Fighting anti-gay initiatives 608 and 610; along with allies, Legal Voice provided legal and technical assistance on a possible pre-election challenge. *WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES, NORTHWEST WOMEN'S LAW CENTER, ET AL., V. MUNRO*
- 1996** Forcing the U.S. military to reinstate Colonel Grethe Cammermeyer, who was removed from her position because of her sexual orientation. *CAMMERMEYER V. PERRY*
- 1997** Striking down Montana's "deviate sexual conduct" law that criminalized intimate sexual relationships between consenting adults of the same sex. *GRYCZAN V. MONTANA*
- 2001** Obtaining the right for lesbian and gay couples to have their property divided equitably when their relationship ends, or one partner dies, just as different-sex unmarried couples do. *VASQUEZ V. HAWTHORNE; 2004 GORMLEY V. ROBERTSON*
- 2002** Playing a key role in drafting and advocating for a Safe Schools bill, which prohibits bullying and harassing students in school.
- 2003** Advocating in coalition with many organizations to persuade the King County (WA) Council to require that companies contracting with the County provide domestic partner benefits to their employees. *CITIZENS FOR ENFORCEABLE DISCRIMINATION LAWS (CEDL)*
- 2003-04** Persuading the Montana Supreme Court to rely on Legal Voice's reasoning in holding that the University of Montana's refusal to recognize domestic partnerships was unconstitutional. *SNETSINGER V. MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM*
- 2004-06** Suing (at his request) King County Executive Ron Sims on behalf of eight couples who wished to get married. We prevailed at the trial court level, but the Washington Supreme Court reversed. *ANDERSEN V. KING COUNTY*
- 2005** Establishing that non-biological lesbian parents and others who have parented a child can be legally recognized and have the right to retain their relationship with their child. *IN RE PARENTAGE OF L.B.*
- 1977-2006 (ultimately)** With our allies, successfully advocating before the Washington Legislature to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.
- 2007** Persuading the Washington State Legislature to adopt a law that mandates that sexuality education be medically accurate and not discriminate based on sexual orientation, gender or other status.
- 2007-09** Helping to pass bills in three consecutive Washington legislative sessions that established, then expanded, the rights of same sex and senior different sex couples to register as domestic partners, with all the rights and obligations of married couples under state law.
- 2008** Successfully challenging the denial of unemployment benefits to a worker who leaves a job to care for a domestic partner. *LAKE V. EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPT*
- 2009** Helping ensure that Montana law protects the rights of lesbian parents to maintain relationships with their non-biological children, and to ensure that LGBT couples have the right to a fair and equitable division of their property when a relationship ends. *KULSTAD V. MANIACI*
- 2011** Getting Washington's parentage law amended to ensure that all parents, including LGBT parents, have the same rights and responsibilities with respect to their children. *UNIFORM PARENTAGE ACT (RCW 26.26)*
- 2012** Serving on the governing board of Washington United for Marriage's successful campaign to pass marriage equality in the Washington Legislature and to defend the law at the ballot box by winning approval of Referendum 74.
- 2013** Winning state pregnancy medical benefits for a lesbian couple in a domestic partnership. *SOWA-CROWDER V. DSHS*
- 2013** Protecting the right of non-biological parents to be recognized as legal parents under Washington law. *IN RE PARENTAGE OF A.F.J. AND IN RE PARENTAGE OF B.M.H.*
- 2014** Winning an appeal of an Oregon trial court's denial of a protection order to a gay man who was subjected to anti-gay threats and an attack by his neighbor. *CHRISTENSEN V. BOSKET*