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Civil Unions Used to Undermine Marriage

Washington Supreme Court Oral Arguments

Justice: Is there any other relief that we can provide in the context of this case? [other than striking marriage] . . .

Attorney Paul J. Lawrence arguing for same-sex marriage: [No] . . . The status of marriage is important too . . . in addition to making the separate is never equal conclusion . . .

If you are left with a situation where the only distinction is marriage versus civil union. Marriage is only based then on one conclusion. That is a moral disapproval of same sex couples. That is the only potential basis that exists to distinguish when you have taken everything else away.

And, we know on a constitutional and state law basis that moral disapproval alone is never sufficient under any standard to justify discrimination or classification. So you can't get to the result of simply saying well we can change the statutes and we solve the problem. Oral Arguments in *Andersen v. King County*, No. 75934-1 (Wash. March 8, 2005)(Online Here at Real Player 58:00:00)

California Superior Court Opinion

[Cites *Lawrence v. Texas* for proposition that moral disapproval alone is not sufficient to uphold a law] . . . In this context, the existence of marriage like rights without marriage actually cuts against the existence of a rational government interest for denying marriage to same-sex couples. California's enactment of rights for same-sex couples belies any argument that the state would have a legitimate interest in denying marriage in order to preclude same-sex couples from acquiring some marital right that might be inappropriate for them to have . . .

Thus, the State's position that California has granted marriage like rights to same-sex couples points to the conclusion that there is no rational state interest in denying them the rites of marriage as well. [Coordination Proceeding Special Title: Marriage Cases](#), No. 4365 at 9 (Cal. Super Ct., March 14, 2005)

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