

Sex, Gender, Expression, and the First Amendment at Vermont Law School...

Is an ongoing project that works to highlight conceptual issues related to the rights to free expression, assembly, and association as they concern sexuality, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and queer intersectionality.

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Life After US v. Windsor:

A Post-Argument Panel Discussion

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Transgender Rights

a panel discussion

As part of Alliance and National Lawyers Guild at Vermont Law School's

Sex, Gender, Expression, and the First Amendment

April 2nd 2014, 5:30pm

Chase Center at Vermont Law School

Speakers

Governor Peter Shumlin

Peter Shumlin is a small business owner, public servant and father of two from Putney, Vermont. His career in public service began more than 30 years ago when at the age of 24 he was elected to serve on the town's select board. Now, as Governor, Peter is determined to get tough things done. Since his inauguration, he has been working hard to create jobs, raise incomes, and control rising health care costs among numerous other things.

Jennifer Levi

Jennifer L. Levi is the director of GLAD's Transgender Rights Project and a nationally recognized expert on transgender legal issues. Jennifer served as counsel in a number of cases establishing basic rights for transgender people, including: *O'Donnabhain v. Commissioner of Internal Revenue*, *Doe v. Clenchy*, and *Adams v. Bureau of Prisons*. Jennifer is also a law professor at Western New England University and is a founding member of the Transgender Law & Policy Institute and the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition. Jennifer is a graduate of Wellesley College and the University of Chicago Law.

Gregory Johnson

Gregory Johnson is a Professor of Law and the Director of the Legal Writing Program at VLS. He has been with the law school since 1997. In 2000, he testified before the Vermont legislature when it was considering the civil union bill and again in 2009 when it was considering the marriage equality bill. He has written many law review articles and two book chapters on marriage equality. Before coming to VLS, he clerked and practiced law in Alaska. There, he helped represent the plaintiffs in Alaska's same-sex marriage case, *Brause v. State*.

Program

Today's Panel will start with remarks from special guest speaker Vermont **Governor Peter Shumlin**. Governor Shumlin, a leader in LGBTQ rights, will share his support for the Project and will bring a unique perspective on how equality victories have shaped him, the state of Vermont, and the community.

Panelist GLAD Activist and Attorney **Jennifer Levi** and VLS Professor **Greg Johnson** will discuss today's most pressing transgender rights issues in the context of the First Amendment. Professor Levi will discuss how the First Amendment protects the right to dress in a way that is consistent with one's gender identity. Gender expression – including the way we choose to dress – forms an important part of our gender identity. Professor Levi will also discuss litigation she has participated in that involved gender non-conforming youth and the backlash they experienced at their schools. Professor Johnson will discuss the issues that transgender service members face in the military. This session is CLE-approved.

5:30 Meet and Greet Reception

5:50 Introduction of Governor Shumlin

~5:55 Governor's Remarks

~6:10 Introduction of Panelists

~6:15 Panel Discussion

~7:15 Q & A