

Beyond Marriage:

The Broader Implications and Unforeseen Consequences of State Defense of
Marriage Acts.

February 13, 2009
Tulane University Law School
New Orleans, Louisiana

Purpose

State Defense of Marriage Acts, or “Mini-DOMAs” are currently found in 45 of the 50 states. Ostensibly defining the union of marriage as something which may only exist between a man and a woman, these statutes are often broadly written, vague and often implicate much more than the legal right of marriage.

Our intent is to inform attendees with the broad legal implications of state defense of marriage acts, and how to best protect their client’s interests in this chaotic legal situation.

Scope

This Symposium will gather knowledgeable, skilled practitioners and academics to address the legal issues presented by state defense of marriage acts.

Special attention will be given to the role of counsel in protecting client interests in the face of an often uncertain legal climate—with emphasis on the role of interstate recognition of legal rights of GLBT individuals and couples.

Selected Topics

Among the issues our speakers will be addressing

- Risk management: The impact mini-DOMAs have on multi-state corporations
- Client Preparation: What happens when same sex unions cross state lines and how to protect client interests.
- Sources of law: Finding workable precedent in unexplored territory.

About Our Panelists

Andrew Koppelman

John Paul Stevens Professor of Law—Northwestern Law

Professor Koppelman is a noted expert in constitutional law and legal enforcement of moral norms. He is the author of [Same Sex, Different States](#), an excellent guidebook to understanding the implications of same sex marriage in a mobile society.

Jennifer Brown

Professor of Law—Quinnipiac University School of Law and Charles Mechem Senior Research Scholar Yale Law School

Professor Brown is a noted scholar in the area of legal ethics and LGBT representation as well as economic analysis of the role of sexuality and gender in the law.

Joel Wm. Friedman

Jack M Gordon Professor of Procedural Law—Tulane Law School

Professor Friedman is the author of several seminal works on employment discrimination, including [The Law of Employment Discrimination](#). He joins us as a labor expert and a foremost scholar in procedural law.

Regina Matthews (Invited)

Martzel & Bickford

Full Biography forthcoming

Stacy Sobel

Lecturer in Law—University of Pennsylvania Law

Stacy Sobel is the former executive director of Equality Advocates Pennsylvania. She has served as an advisor to the White House and Congress and is widely considered an expert on gender and sexual orientation discrimination

John P. Cerise

John P. Cerise is an Assistant General Counsel for Entergy Services, Inc. in New Orleans, LA. practicing in the areas of employee benefits and ER-ISA. Mr. Cerise graduated *magna cum laude* from Loyola Law School in New Orleans in 1988 and received a Masters of Law in Taxation from New York University. He is a member of the Louisiana State Bar Association.



*Program for Friday,
February 13, 2009*

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8:00-9:00

Mini-DOMAs and Legal Ethics. Serving Client Interests in Differing Legal Regimes

Jennifer Brown

Qunipiac University Law School

9:15-10:30

Types of State Defense of Marriage Acts—Legal ramifications of state differences

Andrew Koppelman

Northwestern Law

Stacy Sobel

University of Pennsylvania

Joel Friedman

Tulane Law School

10:45-12:00

Non-Marital Legal Implications of State DOMAs to GLBT Individuals

Jennifer Gerarda Brown

Qunipiac University Law School

Regina Matthews (Invited)

Martzell & Bickford

Stacy Sobel

University of Pennsylvania

9:00-9:15 Break

10:30-10:45 Break

12:00-1:15 Adjourn for Lunch

We will be resuming promptly at 1:30.

With a Focus on:

- What State Defense of Marriage Acts mean to Employers and related parties.
- The difference state laws make.
- Choice and Conflict of Law entanglements
- Issues Now and In the Future

1:30-2:45

Legal Consequences of State DOMA's to third Parties

Andrew Koppelman

Northwestern Law

Joel Friedman

Tulane Law School

John Cerise

Entergy Legal Counsel

3:00-4:15

Legal Advocacy and the Future of Mini-DOMAs

Andrew Koppelman

Joel Friedman

John Cerise

Stacy Sobel

Jennifer Gerarda Brown

Regina Matthews (Invited)

2:45-3:00 Break

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Reception ONLY _____	\$20
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Students _____	\$0

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Reception:

On Friday, February 13th, from 5:00-7:00pm, please join a other attendees and our speakers for cocktails and hors d’oeuvres. .