FEDERAL LITIGATION ON MARRIAGE AND DOMA **TIMELINE**

SEPTEMBER 1996 – JUNE 2012

September 1996
President Clinton signs the Defense of Marriage Act into law

March 2009
GLAD files Gill v. OPM on behalf of gay married couples in Massachusetts, challenging DOMA Section 3 as unconstitutional

May 2009
Olson & Boies file Perry v. Schwarzenegger (now known as Perry v. Brown) challenging California's Proposition 8 as unconstitutional

1996

2009

January 2009
Ninth Circuit Chief Judge Alex Kozinski rules that Karen Golinski must be able to enroll her wife in her insurance plan

July 2009
The State of Massachusetts files Massachusetts v. HHS, challenging DOMA Section 3 as unconstitutional

January 2010
After the government refuses to insure her wife as ordered by Judge Kozinski, Lambda Legal files Golinski v. OPM on Karen's behalf

January 2010
District Court holds trial in Perry case in Northern District of California

July 2010
District Court Judge Tauro rules that Section 3 of DOMA is unconstitutional in Gill v. OPM and Massachusetts v. HHS

2010

April 2010
Dragovich v. U.S. Treasury is filed on behalf of three public employees in California who wanted to insure their spouses

August 2010
District Court Judge Walker strikes down California's Proposition 8 as unconstitutional in Perry case

October 2010
Department of Justice appeals district court decisions in Gill which had struck down DOMA Section 3

November 2010
GLAD files Pederson v. OPM on behalf of gay married couples in Connecticut, challenging DOMA Section 3 as unconstitutional

November 2010
ACLU files Windsor v. U.S. on behalf of gay married couples in New York, challenging DOMA Section 3 as unconstitutional

February 2011
Attorney General Holder announces the Obama Administration will no longer defend Section 3 of DOMA in court

March 2011
The House of Representatives Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group votes to defend DOMA in court

March 2011
Revelis v. Napolitano is filed on behalf of a binational gay couple in Illinois seeking a spousal visa

April 2011
The House of Representatives hires Paul Clement to defend DOMA on its behalf

October 2011
SLDN files McLaughlin v. Panetta on behalf of current and former servicemembers who seek military benefits for their spouses

October 2011
A disabled veteran files Cardona v. Department of Veterans Affairs to challenge her denial of military spousal benefits

2011

February 2012
Southern Poverty Law Center files Cooper-Harris v. Department of Veterans Affairs on behalf of a military veteran seeking spousal disability benefits

February 2012
3 judge panel of Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upholds Judge Walker's ruling that California's Proposition 8 is unconstitutional

May 2012
District Court Judge Claudia Wilken rules that Section 3 of DOMA is unconstitutional in Dragovich v. U.S. Treasury

May 2012
3 judge panel of First Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously upholds Judge Tauro's ruling that DOMA Section 3 is unconstitutional

June 2012
District Court Judge Barbara Jones rules that Section 3 of DOMA is unconstitutional in Windsor v. U.S.

April 2012
Chief District Judge James Ware in San Francisco rules that Christopher Nathan must be able to enroll his husband in his insurance plan

April 2012
Lambda Legal files Sevcik v. Sandoval in Nevada challenging the state's ban on marriages for gay couples as unconstitutional

April 2012
Immigration Equality files Blesch v. Holder on behalf of binational married gay couples in New York who seek spousal visas

2012

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