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## FAMILY LAW

### The U.S. Supreme Court Rules on Same-Sex Marriage

Held: "The Fourteenth Amendment requires a State to license a marriage between two people of the same sex and to recognize a marriage between two people of the same sex when their marriage was lawfully licensed and performed out-of-State."

On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that states must license and recognize same-sex marriages. This long awaited victory, slowly catching fire from one state to another, finally came to a head with the final decision from the highest court of the land. The 13 states previously banning same-sex marriage will now have to face the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause, that "No state shall... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote, "No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were."

The Harris Law Firm continues to work with the LGBT community to assist with legal issues pertaining to Colorado family law.



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