

Medina County Common Pleas Court

PROBATE AND JUVENILE DIVISIONS

93 PUBLIC SQUARE, ROOM 104, MEDINA, OHIO 44256

Kevin W. Dunn
Judge

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PRESS RELEASE:

RE: SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Obergefell et al v. Hodges, Director, Ohio Dept of Health, et al.

Today the United States Supreme Court issued a decision in the above case. The decision of the United States Supreme Court in its 5-4 opinion states that:

Same Sex couples may exercise the fundamental right to marry. State laws to the contrary are held to be invalid to the extent that they exclude same-sex couples from civil marriage on the same terms and conditions as opposite sex couples.

The Fourteenth Amendment requires States to recognize same sex marriages validly performed out of State and there is no lawful basis for a State to refuse to recognize a lawful same sex marriage performed in another State on the ground of its same-sex character.

The Court is prepared to follow this decision and has implemented procedures to issue marriage licenses to all couples who successfully complete the application process, pay the filing fee and who are otherwise qualified per the Ohio Revised Code and local Rule of Court. All such applications are processed on a first come first serve basis at the court, which is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, E.S.T.



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