



Laura Hartman and Anne Dickey with their son Theo

Affidavit of Laura Hartman

COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND)
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 STATE OF ILLINOIS) ss.

AFFIDAVIT OF LAURA HARTMAN

Laura Hartman, having been duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am one of the Plaintiffs in this lawsuit.
2. I was born on April 24, 1978, and I am 34 years old.
3. I am in a permanent, loving, and committed relationship of seven years with Anne Dickey, and we wish to marry. Anne also has provided an affidavit, and we will try not to repeat each other.
4. I was born in Lexington, Kentucky. I attended Indiana University and the University of Virginia where I earned a PhD in Religious Studies. I moved to Illinois to take a teaching position in 2008, and I am currently an assistant professor in religion at a local college. I reside with Anne and our son, Theodore (2), in Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois.
5. Anne and I met at a potluck dinner. After getting to know her on a trip to the beach, I realized I wanted to live my life with her. Anne and I entered into a civil union in Illinois on June 2, 2011.
6. We are both legal parents to our son, Theodore.
7. Anne and I wish to marry for our son, who has already asked us if we are married. We wish to marry so that he fully understands – in the language of marriage, which is comprehended even by a child – the permanence and commitment of our family, and so that as he gets older, he can express at school that his parents are as married as

other children's parents, and that his family is worth as much in the eyes of his government as any other family.

8. I often see people struggling to understand that Anne, Theo, and I are a legitimate family. This hurts me deeply. I felt sad, for example, when filling out forms when I began my job, and when a coworker asked about a ring I was wearing, because I could not say "we're married." I feel loss at family members' weddings, when I yearn for that same celebration and support. Recently, I took Theo to the emergency room to get stitches in a cut on his forehead. Anne called, saying she was on her way, and I said to her, "If they don't let you in here to see us, let me know." The hospital staff was very nice but I'd heard stories about families like ours being denied the chance to see their loved ones in the hospital. The threat that this might happen to us – because we could not say we were married – added to the stress of the situation.

9. Anne is the light of my life. She is so wise, so intelligent, and so much fun. I know God loves me because God gave me Anne: the most amazing gift I could possibly wish for. She makes my life better in a thousand ways, and I can only hope to offer her a similar service. Anne is a superb mother to Theo, treating him with patience and kindness, humor and grace. Her generosity of spirit blesses our family life every single day.

10. Anne and I are both over the age of 18, have the capacity to contract, are not within the degrees of consanguinity or affinity prohibited by law for a legal marriage, are not wards under a guardianship, and are not legally married to any other person.

11. On or about the 15th day of May, 2012, Anne and I appeared in person, prepared to tender the \$60 application fee and identification documents, at the office of

the Cook County Clerk to request an application for a marriage license so that we could marry each other in the state of Illinois. We asked an employee of the Cook County Clerk for an application for a marriage license but were denied one because we are a same-sex couple.

12. I hereby declare, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated in this affidavit are personally known to me, and that they are true.

Laura Hartman

Laura Hartman

Sworn to before me this 14 day of March, 2013

F. J. Lashelle

Notary Public





Laura Hartman and Anne Dickey with their son Theo

Affidavit of Anne Dickey

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

 JAMES DARBY and PATRICK BOVA, *et al.*,
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 Plaintiffs,
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 v.)
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 DAVID ORR, in his official capacity as Cook County
 Clerk,
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 Defendant.
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Case No. 12 CH 19718
The Honorable Judge
Sophia Hall

 TANYA LAZARO and ELIZABETH "LIZ" MATOS,
et al.,
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 Plaintiffs,
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 v.)
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 DAVID ORR, in his official capacity as Cook County
 Clerk,
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 Defendant.
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Case No. 12 CH 19719
The Honorable Judge
Sophia Hall

 STATE OF ILLINOIS, *ex rel.* Lisa Madigan, Attorney
 General of the State of Illinois,
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 Intervenor,
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 CHRISTIE WEBB, in her official capacity as Tazewell
 County Clerk, and KERRY HIRTZEL, in his official
 capacity as Effingham County Clerk, DANIEL S.
 KUHN, in his official capacity as Putnam County
 Clerk, PATRICIA LYCAN, in her official capacity as
 Crawford County Clerk, BRENDA BRITTON, in her
 official capacity as Clay County Clerk,
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 Intervenor.
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**AFFIDAVIT OF
ANNE DICKEY**

COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND)
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STATE OF ILLINOIS) ss.

AFFIDAVIT OF ANNE DICKEY

Anne Dickey, having been duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am one of the Plaintiffs in this lawsuit.
2. I was born on June 20, 1974, and I am 38 years old.
3. I am in a permanent, loving, and committed relationship of seven years with Laura Hartman, and we wish to marry. Laura also has provided an affidavit and we will try not to repeat each other.
4. I was born in Charlottesville, Virginia and raised in a small farming community nearby. I moved to Rock Island, Illinois after Laura obtained a teaching position.
5. I attended the College of William & Mary and have a degree in Religion and Anthropology, and a certificate in Conflict Resolution from Eastern Mennonite University.
6. Laura and I are the legal parents to our son, Theodore (3), who was conceived by me via donor insemination and adopted by Laura. I am Theodore's stay-at-home parent.
7. I was very involved in church while growing up and as a young adult. Both Laura and I cherish our faith and are deeply involved in St. John's Lutheran Church in Rock Island.
8. Laura and I entered into a civil union in Illinois on June 2, 2011. However, a civil union is not a marriage, and the process felt more administrative than

joyful. We are waiting to rejoice without reservation in our relationship with a church celebration on the day when we can enter a civil marriage under Illinois law.

9. A civil union is an unclear status and we oftentimes need to explain what it is even in emergency situations. I recently injured my thumb badly and needed to get emergency medical attention. Laura and I arrived at the hospital but before I could be seen and get stitches, we needed to complete some paperwork. We were asked what our relationship was to each other. I responded that we were in a civil union with each other. However, there was no space on the hospital form for it, nor was it in insurance documents, and the person attending us asked us if it were closer to being single or being in a marriage. We went back and forth for a few minutes before settling on "single." This experience illustrated to me that even a year and a half after civil unions, people don't understand what they mean. Not only are we in an odd category, but society literally isn't making space for us. There is no box to check for us.

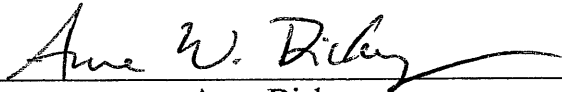
10. We want to marry for our son's sake. I want him to be able to say his parents are married – committed forever both to him and each other.

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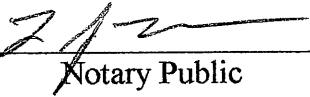
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Clerk for an application for a marriage license but were denied one because we are a same-sex couple.

13. I hereby declare, under penalties of perjury, that the facts stated in this affidavit are personally known to me, and that they are true.


Anne Dickey

Sworn to before me this 17 day of March, 2013


Notary Public

