TRIAL COURT ISSUES JUDGMENT OF DISSOLUTION ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

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Over two years since filing for divorce in St. Louis County, the two men, referred to in court filings as M.S. and D.S., were finally granted a divorce yesterday. In February of 2015, The <u>Missouri Supreme</u> <u>Court</u> ruled that the <u>St. Louis County Circuit Court</u> did have legal jurisdiction to hear the case and was wrong in <u>dismissing a request</u> to divorce the same-sex couple.

The two men in the case, who were married in late 2012, were one of the first 5,900 couples to be legally wed in Iowa. The couple separated nine months later and filed for divorce in St. Louis County in January of 2014. After being denied a divorce in the circuit court, due to Missouri's refusal to recognize same-sex marriages, Capes Sokol attorneys <u>appealed the decision</u> to the Missouri Supreme Court.

In February of 2015, the Capes Sokol team helped obtain a reversal at the Missouri Supreme Court, remanding the case to the circuit court for rehearing.

Updates: *In re the Marriage of: M.S. v. D.S.*

- CSGS Presents Oral Argument to the MO Supreme Court on Same-Sex Partner Divorce Action
- Missouri Supreme Court Hears Oral Argument in Same-Sex Divorce Case
- Trial Court Issues Judgment of Dissolution on Same-Sex Marriage

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