

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION**

Christopher Inniss and Shelton)	
Stroman; Rayshawn Chandler and)	
Avery Chandler; Michael Bishop)	
And Johnny Shane Thomas; and)	
Jennifer Sisson, on behalf of)	
Themselves and all others similarly)	
situated,)	
Plaintiffs,)	
v.)	Civil Action Number
)	1:14-CV-01180-WSD
Deborah Aderhold et al,)	
Defendants.		

CONSENT MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO ANSWER

COME NOW Defendant Aderhold and Defendant Fenton (hereinafter Defendants), by and through counsel, and hereby file this consent motion for extension of time in which to answer the Amended Complaint in the above styled case.

The case at bar concerns the constitutionality of O.C.G.A. §§ 19-3-3.1, 19-3-30(b)(1) and Ga. Const. Art. I, Sec. IV, Para. I which define marriage for the state of Georgia as a union between and man and a woman. (Doc. 1). On January 8, 2015 this Court denied Defendants’ motion to dismiss and determined that the laws were subject to a rational basis review. (Doc. 49). On January 16, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States granted certiorari in four cases *Obergefell*,

James, et al. V. Hodges Richard, et al 14-556; *Tanco, Valeria, et al. v. Haslam, Gov. Of TN, et al.* 14-562; *Deboer, April, et al. V. Snyder, Gov. Of MI, et al.* 14-571; *Bourke Gregory, et al. V. Beshear, Gov. of KY, et al.* 14-574

The Court will address the following questions:

- 1) Does the Fourteenth Amendment require a state to license a marriage between two people of the same sex?
- 2) Does the Fourteenth Amendment require a state to recognize a marriage between two people of the same sex when their marriage was lawfully licensed and performed out-of-state?

As a result of this development, Defendants filed a Motion to Stay proceedings pending a ruling by the United States Supreme Court. The Court has not ruled on this motion. Defendants are authorized to advise that the Plaintiffs consent to this motion. Defendants' answer would be due on January 26, 2015. Defendants seek an extension of time to file their answer until either the Supreme Court rules and a scheduling order is entered subsequent to the grant of the motion to stay or until 14 days after the Court denies Defendants' motion to stay.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this date I have electronically filed the foregoing Consent **Motion to Extend Time to Answer Amended Complaint** using the CM/ECF system which will automatically send electronic mail notification of such filing to counsel of record as follows:

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I hereby certify that I have mailed by United States Postal Service the document to the following non-CM/ECF participants: NONE

Done this 22nd day of January, 2015.

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