June 26, 2015

Honorable Stan Stanart  
Harris County Clerk  
201 Caroline, 4th Floor  
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Stanart:

In light of the opinion issued today in the case of Obergefell v. Hodges, et al, our opinion is that the law requires that you immediately begin to issue marriage licenses to all qualified applicants without regard to gender.

Until updated forms are supplied by the Texas Bureau of Vital Statistics, the present marriage license application form may be used by all applicants. This procedure would fully comply with the application requirements found in the Texas Family Code Chapter 2.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

VINCE RYAN  
Harris County Attorney

ROBERT SOARD, First Assistant  
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DOUGLAS RAY, Manager, Public Law