

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

WHITEWOOD et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Civil Action

v.

No. 13-1861-JEJ

WOLF et al.,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF A.W. (Whitewood daughter)

I, A.W., declare as follows:

- 1. I am 17 years old. I am a plaintiff in this lawsuit. While I am not the age of legal majority, I am of sound mind and submit this declaration with my parents' permission.
- 2. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment in the matter of *Whitewood et al. v. Wolf et al.* to explain why I wanted to be part of this lawsuit.
- 3. I have lived with my moms, Deb and Susan Whitewood, in Bridgeville my entire life. I also live with my younger sister, K.W., who is 15, and my recently adopted baby brother, L.W., who just turned 3.
- 4. My moms are just like my friends' opposite-sex parents. My mom, Deb, has been a classroom mom and is involved in pretty much everything my

sister, brother, and I do. My other mom, Susan, works a lot during the day, but she is there for the most important moments in our lives. We do a lot of things together in church, on weekends, and we take vacations. The only difference between my family and most other kids' families is that my moms are of the same sex. A true and correct photograph of me with my family on vacation, produced in this litigation as WHITEWOOD000414, is attached as Exhibit PX-30-A.

- 5. Most people at school, in our neighborhood, and at church treat my parents like a married couple, and that's how my sister and I have always thought of them. K.W. and I know that right now our parents are not allowed to be married in Pennsylvania. But now that they have been married in Maryland, it gives us hope that their marriage will someday be recognized as valid in Pennsylvania. We know that it is wrong and unfair that our family is treated differently. We are a family just like any other and think we should be treated the same as other families. When my moms told K.W. and me about the lawsuit, we really wanted to be part of it.
- 6. My moms love each other just like any other couple. I think that two people who love each other should be able to get married and be recognized as married even if they are of the same sex. It shouldn't matter who loves who, just that they are committed to each other and will love each other until the end.

7. It's important to me that if people ask about my family, I can tell them that my parents are married just like their parents.

8. If my parents' marriage were recognized by the state, it would help to prove what we already know: that we, a family with two moms, are just like any other family. It would encourage others to accept my family and treat us with the same respect that my friends' families receive.

9. I make this declaration from my own knowledge of the facts and circumstances set forth above. If necessary, I could and would testify to these facts and circumstances.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: 4/16/14

Quigail Whitewood
A.W.



