



FACT SHEET ***Chambers v. Ormiston***

ABOUT Chambers v. Ormiston

Two women, Margaret Chambers and Cassandra Ormiston, both residents of Rhode Island, obtained a same-sex “marriage” license in Massachusetts in 2004. The couple then insisted on petitioning the Rhode Island courts for a “divorce,” where same-sex “marriage” is not recognized. ADF attorneys filed three friend-of-the-court briefs in August arguing that a divorce can be granted only to married couples and not to couples in other relationship contracts.

CURRENT STATUS of Chambers v. Ormiston

The Supreme Court of Rhode Island is currently reviewing the case.

FOCUS OF HEARING – WHAT IS AT STAKE?

If the Supreme Court of Rhode Island grants a “divorce” to the two women, the ruling would radically redefine marriage without legislative or voter input.

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The Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) is a legal alliance defending the right to hear and speak the Truth through strategy, training, funding, and litigation. ADF has nearly 1,000 allied attorneys who are dedicated to defending and protecting religious freedom, sanctity of life, marriage, and the family.

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