

Attorneys Rally Around High Court's Gay Marriage Decision

Law360, New York (June 26, 2015, 7:18 PM ET) -- From BigLaw to boutiques, lawyers were united in their praise for the <u>U.S. Supreme Court</u>'s landmark 5-4 decision Friday in favor of same-sex marriage, with many calling it a victory for humanity.

They applauded the court for making the union 'a little more perfect' while reflecting on what a long struggle it has been for gay couples nationwide to gain full acceptance in the eyes of the law. They acknowleded the same-sex battles that still lie ahead, especially on the employment front, but also spoke of the compassion and understanding that Justice Kennedy's opinion revealed.

Here, attorneys tell Law360 why the decision in Obergefell et al. v. Hodges et al. is a watershed moment.

Myrna L. Maysonet, <u>Greenspoon Marder Law</u>



"Fourteen years ago, I met the love of my life. In 2001, when we spoke about the future, we could not see a clear one, as we were gay. I did not think that marriage would be in our

future. Today, our very existence has been vindicated. Human dignity has prevailed and my children will not have to suffer the indignities associated with a less-than-equal status. They will certainly experience other hurdles, but it will not be the belief that our marriage and our family is less valid under the law."