

There is no evidence that Defendants, the State or its citizens were harmed by the entry of the Court's original order or that they will be harmed by the clarifications contained within the Final Order and Rule 54(b) certification. However, the same cannot be said of the Plaintiffs and other same-sex couples who have not been afforded the same measure of human dignity, respect and recognition by this state as their similarly situated, opposite-sex counterparts. A stay would operate to further damage Arkansas families and deprive them of equal access to the rights associated with marriage status in this state. Weighing all factors applicable to analyzing whether a stay should be granted, Defendants' Motion for Immediate Stay is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 15th day of May, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher C. Piazza", written over a horizontal line.

CHRISTOPHER CHARLES PIAZZA
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE