



Lawyer hopes marriage suit gets decided in 2014

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PHOENIX (AP) - An attorney who filed a lawsuit seeking to overturn Arizona's same-sex marriage ban says he hopes to get a decision from a federal judge before the U.S. Supreme Court rules on any similar challenge from another state.

The lawsuit came Monday as the U.S. Supreme Court halted same-sex marriages in Utah while a federal appeals court considers the long-term question of whether gay couples have a right to wed in Utah.

The Supreme Court didn't rule on the merits of the Utah case or on same-sex marriage bans, but is expected to eventually decide the issue.

Attorney Shawn Aiken says that he hopes to get a decision this year in his clients' challenge to the Arizona law and believes the Supreme Court wouldn't likely resolve the issue until 2015.

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