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**UH Law Center Experts Available to Comment on Supreme Court's Same-Sex Marriage Cases**

The U.S. Supreme Court will begin hearing two same-sex marriage cases this week examining the fundamental issue of whether the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection allows legal distinctions between same-sex couples and those of the opposite sex. On Tuesday, the court will hear challenges to California's voter-approved ban on same-sex marriages, Proposition 8. The following day, the court will hear arguments challenging the constitutionality of a section in the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). Experts from the University of Houston Law Center are available to discuss both cases.

**POLITICAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

[Aaron Bruhl](#), associate professor law, can address the litigation history, political and historical significance of these cases, possible rulings the court could issue, and Supreme Court procedure. Bruhl teaches and writes on statutory interpretation, federal courts and the legislative process.

**FAMILY-BASED IMMIGRATION CASES**

[Geoffrey Hoffman](#), clinical associate professor of law, can comment on the possible ramifications of the cases as applied to family-based immigration cases. Hoffman is the director of the UH Law Center's Immigration Clinic.

**LIKELY COURT OUTCOME**

[Thomas Oldham](#), professor of law, can address the odds the court will announce a constitutional right to marry for gay couples and what are the likely results. Oldham is a recognized expert in family law and marital property.

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