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SOCIETY OF AMERICAN LAW TEACHERS—SALT—STATEMENT ON EQUAL ACCESS TO MARRIAGE

SALT believes that equal access to marriage is a human right, protected by the constitutional requirement of equal protection of the law and recognized as part of the fundamental right to marry. We urge that all legal barriers to marriage between two persons of the same sex be removed.

SALT is committed to promoting the core values of the legal academy and the legal profession by ending discrimination, fostering social justice, and promoting equal protection under the law for all persons. The continued denial of the opportunity to marry and its attendant benefits to gay men and lesbians undermines these core values by denying a basic human right to individuals based solely on their sexual orientation.

In furtherance of this understanding of the law, SALT joined as *amici* in the case *Perry v. Coleman*, filed today in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, contesting the constitutionality of Proposition 8 in California.

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