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Noon – 1:30 p.m.

1.5 General CLE hours

12:00 – 1:30 Legal Issues in Unmarried Same-Sex Relationships

Overview of the 14th Amendment
Brief Legal History of Same-Sex Relationships
U.S. v. Windsor: The Defense of Marriage Act
Obergefell v. Hodges
U.S. Constitution and States' Rights
The 14th Amendment and States' Rights
The Birth Certificate Conundrum
Parentage Issues and the 14th Amendment
Property Issues
Same Sex Marriage and Federal Benefits
Best Practices in Advising Clients

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Merisa grew up in Canton, Ohio, always an advocate for justice and fairness and born problem-solver. A 2005 graduate of the University of Cincinnati (BA with Departmental Honors), and a 2009 graduate of the Case Western Reserve University School of Law (cum laude) in Cleveland, the practice of law was exactly the right fit. Putting her natural advocacy to work, Merisa succeeded in launching her law practice in the midst of the Recession in Cincinnati in 2010, relocating to Central Ohio in 2012. Merisa has had the honor of being mentored by some of Ohio's top litigators, including Heather G. & Beatrice K. Sowald, Terry Gilbert & Gordon Friedman, Alphonse Gerhardstein, and Kenneth J. Hawley. Merisa and her family are proud and active residents of Gahanna, where they enjoy lots of time at area parks. **INDUSTRY RECOGNITION:** Ohio State Bar Association 2012 Bar College Member; 2013-2014 Top 100 Trial Lawyers, The National Trial Lawyers; National LGBT Bar Association's Top 40 under 40, 2016; 2019 Ohio Rising Star, SuperLawyers; AVVO 10.0 Rating