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## **Gay rights group to challenge Connecticut marriage laws**

HARTFORD -- Connecticut's marriage laws that ban same-sex marriages are being challenged by a gay rights organization that successfully challenged the Massachusetts marriage law.

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders is joining forces with the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union. The lawsuit is being filed in New Haven Superior Court.

Seven Connecticut couples are plaintiffs in the case. The lead attorney for the Connecticut legal challenge will be Mary Bonauto.

She represented the seven gay couples in the landmark Massachusetts case that led to the legalization of gay marriage, beginning May 17.

Anne Stanback, president of Love Makes a Family, a same-sex marriage advocacy group in Connecticut, says her organization is supporting the lawsuit.

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