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**News From Around PA**

On July 30th **Judge Correale F. Stevens** was sworn in as state Supreme Court justice to fill vacancy left by former Justice Joan Orié Melvin resignation.

Corbett's general counsel, **James D. Schultz** has announced he will defend PA's Defense of Marriage Act against the ACLU lawsuit. The Department of Health, which oversees marriage licenses for the state, has sued to stop Montgomery County Register of Wills, from issuing more marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

**U.S. District Judge C. Darnell Jones** has awarded lesbian "widow" Jennifer Tobits a lump-sum payment of about \$41,000. Tobits and Sarah Ellyn Farley lived in Illinois, where Farley was an attorney at the Philadelphia-based law firm of Cozen

O'Connor. In 2006, they were "married" in Canada. Jones referred to the June Supreme Court decision in his ruling. Farley had designated her parents as the beneficiaries of her profit-sharing account, but her "widow" thought she deserved it.

**Pittsburgh City Council**

unanimously passed a bill that requires companies with city contracts of \$250,000 or more to offer benefits to same-sex couples and other domestic partners.

**News from National Scene**

Clarification from last week re new alternative to the **Boy Scouts**: At its inaugural convention on September 6 and 7 in Nashville, TN, the name, logo and branding information will be revealed.

**American Academy of Pediatrics**

has issued an updated policy statement. It recommends doctors display brochures and images featuring same-sex couples as well as straight ones, and affix rainbow decals throughout their offices to show they embrace homosexuality. Doctors are urged to ensure that all

office forms are gender neutral and do not presume heterosexuality; for example, forms should refer to "parent(s) or guardian(s)," not "mother and father."

A new coalition called **Americans for Workplace Opportunity** announced a \$2

M campaign to target 13 US Senators, including Senator Pat Toomey, to convince them to vote for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act forcing employers to hire homosexual/transgenders.

Senator Casey is a co-sponsor of S 815. AFA of PA encourages Christians, through education, to become involved in pro-family issues in their community, state and the nation.

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