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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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The 1969 Stonewall Riots marked a critical turn in the fight for LGBTQ rights, serving as the impetus for the formation of several gay, lesbian and bisexual civil rights organizations. Today we honor the numerous individuals who have fought for LGBTQ equality and justice and the many contributions they have made to advance this modern day civil rights movement.

This year's Annual Stonewall Lecture Series keynote address, *The Battle for Pride: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow*, will be presented by Professor Regina Hillman.

5:30 PM Lecture - School of Law 283

Reception immediately following the lecture.

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Professor Regina Hillman

Professor Regina Hillman joined the faculty at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in 2017. Her courses include Legal Methods, Professional Responsibility, and Gender & the Law. Professor Hillman's scholarship focuses on the progression of LGBTQ+ rights, the expansion of federal nondiscrimination protections to the LGBTQ+ community, and the ongoing challenges to full citizenship and equality for LGBTQ+ Americans. She serves as the Faculty Advisor to OUTLaw, the law school's LGBTQ+ student organization and as immediate past-Chair of the University of Memphis Pride & Equity Alliance.

Professor Hillman earned her J.D. *summa cum laude* from the University of Tennessee College of Law and was inducted into the Order of the Coif in 2001. During law school, she was the Editor-in-Chief of the *Tennessee Law Review*. She earned her B.A. *summa cum laude* from the University of Memphis. Following law school, Professor Hillman's legal practice focused on commercial business and healthcare litigation, commercial contract disputes, environmental matters, and labor/employment issues. She also taught legal analysis and writing as an adjunct professor at The University of Tennessee College of Law for almost a decade as well as Business Law and Employment/Labor Law undergraduate and graduate classes at Tusculum College.

In 2013, Professor Hillman was an organizing member of the Tennessee Marriage Equality Legal Team that challenged Tennessee's constitutional and statutory bans on recognition of valid out-of-state same-sex marriages. Filed in the fall of 2013, the Tennessee case, *Tanco v. Haslam*, was

consolidated in 2015 with Sixth Circuit cases from Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky to become *Obergefell v. Hodges* when the Supreme Court granted certiorari. The *Obergefell* case challenged both state prohibitions on same-sex marriages and recognition of valid out-of-state marriages. *Obergefell v. Hodges* was decided by the United States Supreme Court on June 26, 2015, resulting in nationwide marriage equality.

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RWU Law looks forward to welcoming Keynote Speaker Professor Regina Hillman, University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. Learn more about the speaker and program [here](#).

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A week later from the 7th annual Stonewall Lecture with Keynote Speaker Prof. Regina Hillman of [University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law](#), and her call for our students to be changemakers still echoes in the halls, in our hearts, and in our minds. We could not have been more perfectly suited to hear this call as our students, our alumni, our institution, all strive to make little ripples everyday, helping to create change in our world.

Prof. Hillman's story of the start of her own journey with the LGBT Rights movement is inspirational--how the US v. Windsor case awoke something in her, leading her to work on *Tanco v. Haslam*, the lead case in the dispute of same-sex marriage in Tennessee, consolidated into the landmark *Obergefell v. Hodges* case, that granted federal same-sex marriage recognition. We were honored to have her at this event.

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A graphic featuring a circular portrait of Regina Hillman, a woman with dark hair, smiling. The portrait is set against a dark blue background with a rainbow flag and a transgender flag. The rainbow flag is positioned above the transgender flag, and both are slightly wavy.

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