



Commission on Human Relations, Brown and DeLoggio v. Temple University Law School collection, circa 1982-1984 : Ms.Coll.7

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Summary Information

Repository:	John J. Wilcox, Jr. LGBT Archives, William Way LGBT Community Center
Title:	Commission on Human Relations, Brown and DeLoggio v. Temple University Law School collection
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Date:	circa 1982-1984
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Abstract:	In 1982, two Temple University Law School students, Richard Brown and Loretta DeLoggio, accused the university of violating the Philadelphia Fair Practices Ordinance. The Commission on Human Relations, Brown and DeLoggio v. Temple University Law School, circa 1982-1984, contains memoranda and briefs from the case.

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Biographical/Historical Note

In 1982, two Temple University Law School students, Richard Brown and Loretta DeLoggio, accused the university of violating the Philadelphia Fair Practices Ordinance. The case challenged Temple's policy of letting the United States military recruit workers through the Law School's employment office. The complaint argued that since the military discriminated against homosexuals, Temple should not let it interview students on campus. In 1983, the staff of the Commission on Human Relations issued its own complaint against Temple on the same grounds. In reply, Temple framed the case as a First Amendment issue. The university further argued that the Commission on Human Relations, as a municipal body, had no jurisdiction over the U.S. military. Even if the case had not raised those issues, Temple's attorneys said, an employment agency should not be held accountable for the discriminatory practices of employers who use it.

In 1985, the Commission ruled that Temple's policy "aided and abetted" a discriminatory employer, and ordered the university to stop letting the military recruit on campus. The next year, a federal appeals court ruled that the City of Philadelphia had no authority to ban military recruitment from universities.

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Scope and Content Note

The collection contains photocopies of memoranda, proposed findings of law, and amicus curiae briefs filed on behalf of the complainants and on behalf of Temple University. The papers document conflicting viewpoints in this controversial case: the U.S. government's viewpoint, Temple University's, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's, that of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, and those of the complainants. Many issues involving the civil rights of gay citizens intersect in this case: questions of federal versus local authority, the autonomy of the military, the applicability of Philadelphia's antidiscrimination laws to employment agencies, and the responsibilities of state-run educational institutions. As such, the collection contains information relevant to a wide range of research areas. Folder listing:

Folder 1: University's proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law Folder 2: Complainants' proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order Folder 3: Brief of the United States Amicus Curiae Folder 4: Brief of American Civil Liberties union, Greater Philadelphia branch Amicus Curiae Folder 5: Brief of Amicus Curiae Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, Inc. on behalf of complainants Folder 6: Complainants' reply brief Folder 7: Memorandum of law in support of the position of Temple University - of the commonwealth system of higher education Folder 8: Complainants' memorandum of law Issues discussed Folder 9: Brief of Temple University

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Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

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This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was done in the HCI-PSAR project.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Censorship
- Discrimination
- Homophobia
- Philadelphia (Pa.)
- Recruiting and enlistment
- United States. Constitution. 1st Amendment
- Philadelphia (Pa.). Commission on Human Relations.
- Temple University.