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Sarah DePalma, Jimmy Carper, Speaker 3

S Sarah DePalma 00:02

In most cases, there are some other circumstances that led up to it. But the point that I wanted to make to you is be honest about yourself and behave, use your head, if you one of the problems that we run into in our community is that we have an element of people out there that really are men and dresses. Yes, okay. And they behave that way. You can't go to a bar, spend the night sitting there talking about power tools, and various male things in a male voice, and then they get up and go to the ladies room. You just can't.

J Jimmy Carper 00:34

Well, yeah, you're right.

S Sarah DePalma 00:36

You just You just can't it doesn't work that well. No, it just doesn't. Now, and now people will say to me, well, now look at the trouble I would cause if I went to the men's room. Yes, that's true. Yeah. So if you want to be treated like as a lady, you better learn to act like one. I don't like the gender codes. I think the gender codes are stupid. Regardless of that, it doesn't matter what we think the gender codes are there, you either have to obey them.

J Jimmy Carper 01:00

Or I would rather have unisex bathrooms anyway, we know just make it all stalls, and they don't have to worry about it. I mean, I break the law myself in small restaurants, where I know that the restrooms are one holders. If the men's room was occupied, I go into the women's if it's on occupied Well, now that's against the law, isn't it?



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Sarah DePalma 01:22

Well, it is in the problem that I'm having I'm having with these people who are going into the restroom is that they making it very tough when it comes time for us to go and work on employment issues. I had a very long conversation the other day with an person named Sharon Stewart. And Sharon Stewart is the transgender representative to the negotiations involving ended the employment non discrimination act. The number one problem that they are encountering right now when they go and talk to employers is the restroom issue. Sure, the restroom issue is the number one reason why transgendered people lose their jobs. We have documented cases now documented, where female employees have gone to the employers and said, If you allow this person to use our restroom, we'll all quit. We'll all quit.

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Jimmy Carper 02:13

Now, I don't get it. It stalls.

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Sarah DePalma 02:16

I understand that. But now here we are. We're trying Am I missing something here? You what you're missing is people just need don't don't need much of an excuse. You know, and to me the restroom issues and excuse for something more. They just don't want to say well, yes, I'm a prejudiced son of a gun. And oh, really? Like, okay, I think I think it's just basically an excuse. But here, we are worried. And we're trying to get this kind of stuff fixed. And then I get constant calls from people who are out in public, doing exactly the kinds of things and employers can turn to and say, See, this is why we don't. Or this is why we don't want to have to work with-.

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Jimmy Carper 02:52

Yes, but someone who's in a work environment is not going to be drinking alcohol.

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Sarah DePalma 02:58

And well, that's the point we make. Okay, yeah, that's a point that we make. I just, I just want people to use their head in normal common sense, it will go a long way. And please, if I have yet one of the most important points I want to make here is out of all those complaints, no one has been arrested.

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Jimmy Carper 03:15

Do you think a lot of cross dressers make a big deal about the restroom? Because it's, it's part of that territory they're not allowed to go into?

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Sarah DePalma 03:30

I think, and I'm gonna really get a lot of trouble for saying this.

J Jimmy Carper 03:34

I'm just asking you the question. Yeah, I'm reading. I don't know,

S Sarah DePalma 03:37

I'm gonna get myself in trouble here. And so I'll preface it with that. I think there are, there are. I don't want to just label it as crossdressers because it's true of transsexuals, too. I think there are people out there who are really trying to delude themselves into saying, I am a woman, when in fact, to be a woman or to live as a female takes far more than just simply declaring that. Oh, yeah. And it's unfortunate. But I think the restroom is exactly that. It's one way of being able to reinforce and say, See, I'm a woman I can use the ladies room. When being female is not about the restroom at all.

J Jimmy Carper 04:21

It's funny, we talked about we talked about the blur of gender and what does gender really mean? But when it comes down to it I mean, all of this stuff that were brought up with and taught, we really get into that.

S Sarah DePalma 04:39

And you have to understand women are are the restroom to women is much different than it is to men. Yeah. The women's restroom is a very private place. It's a place where women will go out of the earshot of men and say things they would never say anywhere else to one another. So it is it's more than just a place where for As in would go to do the restroom things is also kind of a sheltered sort of say for a transfer a transgender person to come in and use that space then feels to these women as some sort of a violation of their space. So it's it's not in it's a hard thing for men to understand because men going to the business get the hell out.

J Jimmy Carper 05:23

Oh men are pigs will do it and the questions will they will front yard.

S Sarah DePalma 05:27

But most essay most in more than that. I mean women will say things in restrooms that you'll never hear anywhere else. It's it's it's a private space. In transgenders need to be more sensitive to that fact, if they want to avoid a problem. Now, I've never had a problem in a restroom, that again, I'm only five foot three, that's true. Okay, if you're six foot three, you're going to have bigger problem. I hate to say that. I think it's terrible, but it's the truth.

J Jimmy Carper 05:57

So you know, I think a person born a woman who is six foot three is going to have problems in the restroom.

S Sarah DePalma 06:05

Yes. And it's interesting. I've had very tall women tell me that. And then they are often mistaken for transsexual way. And so they understand our issue, which, which is sort of ironic. But I just wanted to bring it up because I get so many of these phone calls. And most of it is just needless silliness if they just use their head a little bit. Now. Phyllis Fried Telesis has told me this before that when she first went public about being transsexual, and the court is an attorney, they only allowed her one restroom in the in the employment entire court complex, didn't she get like a bladder, bladder infection from it, and she had several ladder accidents, she resorted to carrying around a medical bottle that she can urinate in bikinis. So in case she didn't make it to the restroom. Wow. Now, thankfully, we haven't had that kind of, you know, people don't have to do that so much anymore. But if you're going to go into what are very private spaces for women, then you better be able to fit in and not draw attention to you. So that's right.

J Jimmy Carper 07:09

When do that the whole idea anyway? Well, it is because if you're going about it for any other reason, then that's not the right reason.

S Sarah DePalma 07:19

And so far, none of these people have been arrested for all the complaints that I've heard, not one person has been arrest.

J Jimmy Carper 07:26

That's amazing, I guess. Do you think it's sort of like the sodomy law, nobody wants to,

S Sarah DePalma 07:32

They're afraid to let it they're afraid of being sued? Yeah, I you know, this is a very litigious society. And I think generally speaking, managers really are not looking to exit their get their place of business sued. So it's a lot easier to just simply put them out and say, Look, be quiet, go home, you know, sleep it off, or whatever. So, okay, I just, I just wanted to get that out. Because our next thing I wanted to talk about was civil rights. Yes, and particularly about, and I have, as I said, I've talked with Sharon Stewart for quite a while. And the first thing I want to tell people is, after all the stuff that we've said about the Human Rights Campaign in this program, the Human Rights Campaign has stuck to their word. They have been very good with transgenders. And they have to work to try and keep us informed in included in what's been

going on. There's a lot going on, in the end, in negotiations I can't talk about but there were, there is a little bit that I can say. That is the end is pretty much on track. Hi, Phil Blum, who was the designer of the People With Disabilities Act, and is on the payroll or the Human Rights Campaign has been very, very good about keeping us informed and included and getting our advice in what it would take for us to get in. And now it's pretty clear that since this is an election year, and it's not going anywhere, you can just just forget that. So the next time that Ender would actually have to come up again, would be in 1997. Although the Human Rights Campaign has not actually come right out and said it, essentially the goal is going to be as far as anyone can tell, that we're going to work for ended in 97. And there is a very definite strategy taking place with this. And it has taken a major commitment from HRC to make this happen. This is not something that they pulled out of their hat. They have been working with very high powered attorneys at their expense to help get help us get into this. Wow. So I really want to point out to people that the HRC has stuck to their word. Another thing that has come up is the hate crimes Reporting Act. And we've talked about that here when we talked about oh, yeah, about tonight is what happened was that Senator Hatch, who Orrin Hatch from Utah is the head of the Senate Judiciary Committee. And Senator Simon is the senior Democrat on that committee. He's from Illinois. they jointly made an agreement that the bill would not be opened for debate at all. Now, the reasoning behind this was not to keep transgenders out it was to get any bill passed. They were very afraid, and apparently rightly so that if they open this bill to debate, the Strom Thurman's and Jesse Helms of the world would attack the hell out of it, a lot of what had been gained would suddenly be lost. Even worse, if it went to the House of Representatives, they were going to be the death. So that the only way that the bill was going to be passed, was to take the current language, pass it through with no changes, other than to eliminate the sunset provision. So in other words, it will stay on the book, The Human Rights Campaign did work to get transgenders included. But as it turns out, there will be no changes of any kind for anybody, this bill is going to go through as it was written the last time. Now that means there are a lot of gay groups are unhappy because there are some language in the bill that like they have removed. On the other hand, if you open it up, it's very likely that what you end up with is something that's more to the liking of Jesse Helms, and a lot less than liking nutrient gay groups exists now. True, true. So already I have seen on the internet, where people are saying, well, the Human Rights Campaign sold us out, they didn't do any such thing. And I wanted to make sure we got that out. They didn't do any such thing they have an anti Boomer or the Human Rights Campaign has been very good about staying in contact with me to telling me what's going on supplying information. They have been true to their word, and they've stuck with it. Okay. And so, sometimes I'll get going, and I'll talk about how this gay group or that gay group has sold us down the river. I also want to point it out when people have stuck by us, and when it's cost them money, or time or effort or wherever. And that's been that's really good to hear. One of the things I wanted to talk about about people call me all the time with employment discrimination cases, yes. And now and I want people to know what their rights are.

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Jimmy Carper 12:07

Yeah, so we talked about that earlier in the show. Let's talk about it. We don't know what our rights really are. Right.

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Sarah DePalma 12:12

Okay. Now, first of all, it's talking about what's constitute sex discrimination. Okay. Sex

Discrimination is either over or covert, overt or covert? Well, that covers everything well, okay. What this means is overt discrimination exists where specified personnel policies, deny Equal Employment Opportunities basis unset okay. Okay, that's okay. So those would be includes things such things as the establishment of different job qualifications for men and women performing identical or similar functions. Okay, now, discrimination against transsexuals is generally but not always, based on the presence that would they might have the potentially adverse effect on co workers and customers, co workers and cousin customers. Wow,

J Jimmy Carper 13:01
Boy, that leaves it wide open, doesn't it?

S Sarah DePalma 13:04
Well, that's right. And the second most common thing is the disruption of Office routine, because employees threatened to quit if the transsexual is allowed to use the restroom.

J Jimmy Carper 13:12
They all restroom, the bathroom deal.

S Sarah DePalma 13:15
Yeah. Now, I've had several people call me and they asked me about something that's called Title Seven. Title Seven was part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Okay, the fact is Title Seven does not apply to transsexuals period. It has been brought up in court numerous times. We are not covered under Title Seven. Okay. If Black.

J Jimmy Carper 13:40
Okay. I don't even know what Title Seven.

S Sarah DePalma 13:44
Title Seven prohibits discrimination in employment in federal, state and local government and in the private sector based on race, color, religion, sex, or national, a national origin. Okay, no. Gender identity is not in it. Yeah,

J Jimmy Carper 13:59
But okay, well, sex if you've legally changed your sex?

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Sarah DePalma 14:04

Well, no. There was a case called the Yulian case. And that was something I wanted to talk about, because we've mentioned that a little bit on the show before the person this person was a pilot for Eastern Airlines. And she was fired after undergoing sex assignment surgery. And she she, she sued? Yes. And she was reinstated with back pay by a US district judge by the name of Grady. And he said that Eastern was guilty of sex discrimination. Grady ruled that you Lane was fired not because of any legitimate safety reason, but because Eastern officials were concerned with the image of having a transsexual flying their airplanes, oh, Grady attacked Easterns ostrich like motives and compare the airline's position to that of the opponents of civil rights legislation, saying the ignorance prejudice and discrimination and hatred have throughout history been just testified by, I don't know, we can't take a chance. He ruled the Easterns medical witnesses were in his view contemptuous of transsexuals with an intolerance and prejudice, that's culpable. Wow, sounded great, got overturned, Oh, got overturned and this is the law that's just to this day, the decision was overturned and according to them, they said, quote you Elaine is entitled to any personal belief about sexual identity that she desires. After surgery, hormones, appearance changes, and a new birth certificate and a new FAA pilot's license. It may be that society as the trial judge found considers you Elaine to be a female. But even if one believes that a woman can be so easily constructed, what remains of a man that does not decide the case. In fact, was because the judge actually decided was that this person you Elaine was not fired because of sex discrimination. She was fired because of change of sex discrimination, which is legal.

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Jimmy Carper 16:08

Ah.

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Sarah DePalma 16:11

Okay. That is still the law. Today. That is a case in virtually every case that I can find it has come up since then. They all point to the Yulian case and say it's not sex discrimination. That's why we're not covered under the title seven, because Title Seven prohibits discrimination by sex, but we're not considering-.

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Jimmy Carper 16:34

Okay, because we're talking about Eastern and a pilot since then. Hasn't other haven't other airlines?

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Sarah DePalma 16:44

Yes. Jessica Stern, in continental case. Yes. The problem with that case, so if you're New Jersey's law.

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Jimmy Carper 16:52

J Jimmy Carper 16:52

If continental can have a transsexual pilot, why can't Eastern.

S Sarah DePalma 17:00

Well the problem the problem is that the case came up that the the Jess Externes case took place in New Jersey, where there had been a ruling that trains that the transsexuals were covered under the state, gender protection law or other so because the DEA, you're shaking your head, no, is that wrong?

S Speaker 3 17:21

No. That case was decided on New Jersey's disability law disability, which covered a perceived disability.

S Sarah DePalma 17:30

Unfortunately, it only applied in New Jersey, right, not throughout the rest of the country. So it's in that precedent. That's the that's the thing about the law, is that the law? Once you get a negative precedent out there, it's darn hard to get it back. Did you do anything about it? Because I'm not going to bore people with it. But I've got three pages of precedences of precedents involving transsexuals, they're all negative. Yeah, every one of them is negative. There has not been a single instance, where a transsexual has been upheld, in a federal case, is not yet happened. Where were the rule? Yes, this is discrimination. And as long as that continues to be the case, we're not going to have any job protection. And I point this out, because I've had people call me or write to me and say, Why are you always talking about into what's the big deal about and if the employment non Discrimination Act was passed, the lane case won't matter. It won't matter.

J Jimmy Carper 18:29

And I know you told me that it only applies in New Jersey and blah, blah, blah. But that, you know, in my mind, I'm thinking, well, if continental can have a transsexual pilot, why not anybody else?

S Sarah DePalma 18:44

Well, in fact, it actually has happened since then the Eastern Airlines has become one of the not Eastern. But United, united, United Airlines has become one of the best employers in the country for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. In fact, Apple it's D isn't it isn't United Airlines. It's going to be given an award by the National good task force, I believe.

S Speaker 3 19:05

American Airlines was given an award by the ICFE, the International Foundation for gender

American Airlines was given an award by the IFGE, the International Foundation for gender education. That happened in Minneapolis two, three weeks ago.

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Sarah DePalma 19:16

And that's because they had to have transgender people working for them

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Speaker 3 19:19

All through the system, from cockpits to hangars.

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Sarah DePalma 19:24

So see some changes are going are occurring are occurring outside the law. Yeah. So what has happened is you might get one company like, like, Isn't it you said it was American American, you might get a company like American that's very progressive. And you get another company like IBM, that's very progressive. But you might also get another company that's just exactly the opposite. And if they fire you, you have no protection. So it's a matter of being able to get catch up with the right company. That's real hit and miss. It's really hit and miss. It's not a lot different than what gay lesbian people went through several years ago.

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Jimmy Carper 19:57

Sure, you know, and there are companies like Levi Strauss. that are very pretty, very good. Then. Then there are companies like Randalls.

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Sarah DePalma 20:06

Well. Another thing that says I've had several phone calls about people who want to know, is it illegal to be a crossdresser in the city of Houston? No, no, it is not a violation of the law. The case that's actually I found the law case, the word cited. The case was called doe versus makan. They guess we all a lot of us who live here remember Jim Makan? Oh, that Makan. Yeah, yes, that and what it did is it it declared that the Houston city ordinance making it illegal to appear in public areas dressed with the design and intent to disguise his or her true sex was unconstitutional. Ah, but it was interesting. It was a because of a case involving a transsexual, and cross dressers simply fat included up into it. Oh, okay. What had happened was that was a transsexual who had sued. And the Court essentially ruled that yes, transsexuals have to be able to cross dress, it's part of their, it's part of their regimen of being a transsexual. And by the way, this law is probably overbroad, and it never been used, except in cases to discriminate against anybody. So it's unconstitutional. So because the ruling of the court said, look, the whole thing is just unconstitutional. It's an invasion of privacy. It turns out that there was really no way to enforce an ordinance against anybody inherent in terms of cross dressing, unless you could show that it was being done for criminal intent. They used to do it all the time they used to That's exactly right. Phyllis Frey was the other part of that story. And then Phyllis went to City Hall in the city ordinance and got it dropped.

J Jimmy Carper 21:42

Gosh, I when I think, you know, in the 50s and the 60s, women in lesbian bars, you know, were dragged off to jail because they wore zipper front. Pants.

S Sarah DePalma 21:57

And you know, who won that case? Who did that was fraud. Yeah, that's right.

J Jimmy Carper 22:03

It's just you know, in this day and time, it's, that seems so ridiculous. But it happened all the time.

S Sarah DePalma 22:13

I was standing behind a lady in the supermarket the other day, this woman he had had hair far shorter than mine. I mean, it was close to being a crew cut. Her breasts were much flatter than mine. This is a person who under any other circumstances could easily pass as a man. And yet I think if you ask this person she was What are you talking about? I'm not transgender. So it's a matter of it's a matter of how you think about yourself. But it is very strange. In the city of Houston, it is not illegal to be crossdress. Now, I want to bring up something while the wall D is here. When you if you were stopped by a police officer, the police officers are trained to call you what they see on your driver's license or so if your driver's license. If you're out on your way home tonight and you get stalked by a police officer. The police officer initially will probably call you man because that's how you present yourself. After they get your driver's license. If your license says V S is male, they are likely to come back and call you sir. Now I know DEA is trying to teach something different in the academy. Right?

S Speaker 3 23:21

Right. You know, what I tell the cadets is if somebody is present, you should address somebody as a member of the gender, which they are trying to present as.

J Jimmy Carper 23:39

I think that's good advice for the population. Yes. I know a lot of a lot of gay and lesbian people don't know how to address cross dressers?

S Speaker 3 23:51

No, no, we had exactly right. We had a case in Minneapolis. A workshop that Phyllis and I were putting on at the AFGE convention there was a person in the third row vouna hair shorter than I

ever had done honest to be crooked um, rather feminine features small breasts visible under the sweater. Phyllis address this person is sir. Just going around the room where where's everybody from? This person is at a gender convention and is looking like a female to male and said I don't identify as a male. This was a genetic female presenting as a female dressing in a highly ambiguous fashion she would she was surprised To be addressed as served, but she was not offended. Right.

J Jimmy Carper 25:05

Do you think she she was there to make that point? Do you think she did that on purpose?

S Speaker 3 25:13

I don't know. I haven't quite figured her out yet. She's she's coming to the law conference. So I'll have a chance to get better acquainted.

S Sarah DePalma 25:22

You were telling me about Melinda Paris, versus the Executive Director of the National Gay Lesbian Task Force. And you East is just d was giving a description of her I thought that was interesting.

S Speaker 3 25:33

Melinda is a female to male crossdresser. She doesn't identify as that. But she wears men's style, suit and tie man style shoes, even when she goes to the White House to get her picture taken with Bill and Hillary. Wow. Now the color of the suit she wore at the conference was not a color that a powerful man would wear.

J Jimmy Carper 26:01

Like like navy or-.

S Speaker 3 26:03

What she was wearing either a very light tan or a peach or my my my coloration wasn't quite good enough. isn't good enough to distinguish all some of these finer shades. No man would wear that color. And she's she's Shorter. Shorter than Sarah.

J Jimmy Carper 26:24

Wow. Well, Sarah, Sarah is short on battery. Yeah.

S Speaker 3 26:29

Melinda is about five feet. She is a cute little doll. That's a terribly sexist thing to say. Yeah, but but physically, there is no way no possible way. I don't care how much of a beard she she might grow. There's no way she will ever pass for a man.

S Sarah DePalma 26:50

I wanted to bring this up because the national gala has been taskforce is on its way to becoming far more inclusive.

S Speaker 3 26:56

Not on its way. The TF doesn't stand for Task Force anymore. I think it stands for trans friendly.

S Sarah DePalma 27:04

It's getting more so all the time. And now I'm beginning to understand why when this definitely explanation Melinda Paris.

S Speaker 3 27:10

Melinda understands our cause.

S Sarah DePalma 27:14

You see, I think that's pretty interesting.

J Jimmy Carper 27:16

You know, and as as the as the community progresses, I have noticed around the Montrose area a lot of people that even after studying I I'm not sure of their. of their sex.

S Sarah DePalma 27:31

I think androgyny is becoming Yeah, are more common. Yes. In frankly, course I'm in favor. Sure. I think that's I think that's really-.

J Jimmy Carper 27:40

What it does become a problem -- to have to address a person

what it does become a problem as to have to address a person.

S Sarah DePalma 27:44

Yeah, it's interesting, um, Martine Rothblatt is working right now on trying to come up with pronouns that have nothing to do with gender.

J Jimmy Carper 27:52

We'll see that's the problem in English. It's an offence to call someone a neuter? Yes. Even I wouldn't like that. But in other languages that that is that's perfectly acceptable as a non male non female right?

S Sarah DePalma 28:13

It's right. I don't know. I don't I don't know what the answer was for I but I thought DS M. telling me about moving to Paris was pretty interesting. It explains a lot.

J Jimmy Carper 28:23

Yeah, it does. It does. Wonders, nice to know, you got somebody in your corner.

S Sarah DePalma 28:29

You know, I wasn't gonna I wasn't gonna bring this up. But since since you mentioned, I'll always I'm gonna say this in passing. It's very likely I'll probably become the next chair of its time America that I will probably become the executive director.

J Jimmy Carper 28:41

Isn't this the person that said they were gonna back off a few months ago?

S Sarah DePalma 28:45

Yeah, I said it in, you know, I'm like, I'm like an old racehorse when it's time when the bell rings I answer, you know, but one of the things about that I'm learning is up getting more and more nationally active is the extent to which we are making progress everywhere except Texas. Texas, is next to Alabama, probably. Texas is just about the most transgender resistant place in the country.

J Jimmy Carper 29:13

Okay, now, maybe. Because I know six months ago, you're saying that Houston was one of the best places to live.

S Sarah DePalma 29:22

Politically, okay. Okay. politically. If you're talking about say, for example, lesbian, gay gay rights lobby, or you're talking about the Houston Gay, gay caucus. It is just in just just last week, the Houston gay Chamber of Commerce voted down becoming transgender inclusive. And it's it's a little frustrating to me to look around and see how well we are doing nationally, but not here. Yeah. I have been not apparently I'm going to receive an award from the transgender conference and I'm going to probably the Pioneer Award. Yeah.

J Jimmy Carper 30:00

I'm glad but you- know, I'm not old enough to be a pioneer. Hon.

S Sarah DePalma 30:04

Well, you know, I'm in real good company, you know, you know who won this award last time? Oh, I'm in the same company with Jane field take this award.

J Jimmy Carper 30:14

That's right. I was there. I remember. That's right. Yeah.

S Sarah DePalma 30:17

But the point is, is to me, it's a little embarrassing to get this award because it's nice that I'm being recognized for it. But I feel like I'm being recognized for it in a state that is just about one of the toughest

J Jimmy Carper 30:30

Well, I guess, I mean, it's nice, but it's, it's like the folks standing up in the Republican convention. That didn't take guts. Yeah. And working in a state like Texas takes a lot of guts to you know.

S Sarah DePalma 30:48

I don't know, I wanted to talk about the right to transgenders in the armed forces. Okay. It's real simple. You don't have any.

J Jimmy Carper 30:56

That's right. It's we thought it was bad for gays and lesbians. Whoa.

S Sarah DePalma 31:01

The actual I actually got a copy of the law of the ruling, and it's very interesting. The rule, the military rule actually says, looking at the wording here, and major abnormality and defect of the genitalia, such as a change of sex? What a major abnormality and defect of the genetic abnormality such as a change of sex, right, it would preclude a person from becoming a part of the military. The rationale for implementing and implementing this is based upon the determination that enlistment of transsexuals would not be in the best interest of the individual or the military service. transsexuals are not considered psychologically or sociologically suited for military service. And here comes the real truth. And that require continuing sophisticated medical care because of the absence of organs, organs, and glands. Normally present in an individual with birth. militaries want to pay for the hormones. That's it, there it is. It's, you know, gee, didn't have to pay for the hormones and maybe the medical treatment, so kick them out.

S Speaker 3 32:11

50 cents a day at retail.

S Sarah DePalma 32:14

Yeah, and there's a whole listing of people who have who have sued under various laws, and and try to get the military to overturn it. And I'll make this real nice and short. transsexuals lived under the Don't Ask, Don't Tell rule long before there was no that you're sure if you were transsexual, and it never became discovered, you could leave the military with an honorable discharge. If you told somebody that was the grounds for immediately getting kicked out. And unusually with a dishonorable discharge. In effect, it was the Don't Ask, Don't Tell long before there was such a rule. Now, there have been numerous challenges to the milk to this military rule. And there was even one one case in here where the wife of a transsexual sued on the grounds that by kicking her transsexual husband out, it was depriving the family of food and medicine. And the Court essentially said, Well, you married the wrong person tough. Just about those were just about those words. So essentially, it's this, if you're in the military, you've got no rights, you're going to get no rights. Just forget it, there are none. Now the thread that comes through in almost all of the things whether it was in the military, or in employment, was that as more and more case law is coming to the fore, what's becoming very evident is the court is not equipped to deal with the issue. It turns out the courts generally are not equipped to deal with modern medical issues, whether the issue is euthanasia, or abortion, or transsexuality, the courts are tended 15 years behind medical technology. In this, it's a problem that has become clear to me as I've read through this, it's a continuing thread is that the opinions you're getting from the judges is 15 years behind what medical technology or psychology or psychiatry knows Gosh. And so the prospects for for winning it law in most respects, right now don't look very good. They really don't. There may be a case here and a case there. We'd like to finally get a case to knock off the lien one case. But right now, which is

really doesn't look very good. The exception being interestingly, child custody cases. What interestingly, yeah, I there's a whole section here on family law and on child custody, more and more often it is turning out that the transgendered person with a transvestite transsexual is at least gaining joint custody. Wow. Now, interestingly, what's happening throughout it was happening here. Hear is more and more the courts are saying, wait a minute, what's in the best interest of the child? Well, right, and they are actually going to the children and saying, What do you know about this? Now, the most interesting case that I came across I thought was a case a, it came from Minnesota. And the court ruled that the best interest of the child would be served if the grant of sole custody of a daughter to her transvestite father. And what they said was the decision were that the facts were that the father did not cross dress at home. He would agree to tell his daughter about his cross dressing at an appropriate time with the help of a therapist. In this case, apparently, the child had been abused while in the custody of the mother. Whoa. To the court said this case give a transvestite was better than the natural. No, it was in the mat natural mother. Now what has happened hearing-.

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Jimmy Carper 35:55

I don't want to make it sound like the lesser of two evils.

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Sarah DePalma 35:58

Well, essentially that's what the court has been saying. But we are starting that we're starting season changes. I know I know. There have been some cases there have just been one in Texas recently, where transvestites are able to maintain custody of the children and even transsexuals are starting to so all hope is not lost. We are starting to see some progress, but it's boy it's far and few between. No kidding. I realized we're coming up to the end of the show and we certainly are if getting time has flown by-.

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Jimmy Carper 36:30

Yes. You've been listening to after hours queer radio with attitude on KPFT Houston and KEOS College Station, Jimmy Carper and Sara dipalma has been here all evening. Like I said in the beginning, it's really Sarah department with Jimmy Carter. Coming up at one minute after the hour, we'll be monitor news for three minutes, and followed by the return of the sons of musical chairs with Billy Gilbert and Randy and elmo.

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Sarah DePalma 37:09

A whole bunch of boats a whole whole went to people Elmo. Just remember the model that we use for its time Texas when decorum becomes repression. The only dignity free people have is to speak out.