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Sarah DePalma, Speaker 2, Jimmy Carper

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Sarah DePalma 00:02

However, discrimination based on change of sex, rather than sex itself is not covered. Let me repeat that change of sex is not covered. Now, I've had several people write to me in the last couple of weeks because I've become very much more vocal on the internet, since I've become the head of its time American, and really sort of put lit a fire under some of the state groups to get off their docks and do stuff in the head that responds. And I've gotten several emails from people who have said to me, Sarah, shut up, you're going to make the courts realize that we're here. And some of us aren't going to get our name changes done. Honey, you ain't got no protection. No Pay attention. There is no protection for us. Zip zilch, nada, forget events.

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Jimmy Carper 00:56

That's another form of woodworking trying to get their stuff done and the hell with everybody else.

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Sarah DePalma 01:01

There it is. Exactly. And anybody who sends me that kind of email, I've already I've already emailed them back, but I'll say if you're probably I'm going to ignore that email. So don't bother. You're wasting your time, because we're gonna keep going forward is this Oh, yeah. Now there are a couple of cases that I do want to go into. I didn't get chance to talk to him laugh about them last time. The first one is involved a case called Voiles vo y le s. Okay. Voiles was a medical technician, and was dismissed when she informed her employer she intended to undergo sex reassignment from male to female. She was dismissed on the grounds that such a change might have a potentially adverse effect on co workers and patients. She sued under the Civil Rights Act, which is a Title Seven that we just talked about. And that is ended the district court ruled against her saying that situations involving transsexuals, homosexual, or bisexual were not considered by Congress in passing yet. So right off the bat, and then there may be gays and lesbians out there will say well, okay, so transgendered people aren't covered. We are right.

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Speaker 2 02:13

No, no, no, no, no, you're gay, lesbian or bisexual.

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Sarah DePalma 02:20

You ain't covered. Okay, unless it is courts will tell you if it isn't in there. Or if it wasn't the intent to have you in there. You're not covered. Now, here's another case that happened. This was in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. This woman's name was Summers. She was fired by her employer Budget Marketing, after told and telling them that she had the anatomy of a woman. And after working for only two days, the company fired her because they said its office routine was disrupted when female employees threatened to quit if she was allowed to use the restroom. Oh, the old restroom thing again. Now, the court very interesting. The judge in this case tried to be very sympathetic. But he didn't know what the answer was. The court says should Budget allow Summers to use the female restroom, the male restroom or one for Summer's own use. The issue before the court, unfortunately, is not whether any accommodation could be reached. But what rather whether the Congress intended the civil rights act to protect transsexuals from discrimination. And the court ruled that No it didn't. So here's a case where the judge says you know, if these people really wanted to work it out, they probably could have, but they don't have to. Because the law doesn't doesn't really speak to it exactly. Right. Now there's one case I'm going to take a couple minutes with this is very important ruling was called the Kirkpatrick law and the backtick rule. This was a case where the A was a preoperative male to female transsexual and was terminated from employment for not dressing and acting as a man while at work. Okay, okay. Now, under this law, the plaintiff had to allege there's a law that you have to do that. Well, this case involves a situation where there was a dress code, oh, there was, but it was a male code and a female code. And basically, this person decided to transition on job and they said, no, no, you can't do that. So so she sued in the court. This is very important because I want to talk about this, the court said, to find the transsexuals are not a suspect class, for purposes of equal protection. Now, when we talk about that suspect, class and minute, that's a big deal. If you're not a suspect class, you have no standing under the law to sue. You're kidding. If you have you're not considered a suspect class, in essence that the judge says You have no right to bring this lawsuit, because there are no protections against you in the first place. That's a very important rule. If you want to know why transgenders I really worked up about getting the employment non discrimination act TAF, it's because it would overrule all of these horrible rulings. And there's, as you can hear that, this just goes on and on. And that that can be worse than the sodomy, sodomy laws in many ways-.

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Jimmy Carper 05:19

It is you have under that ruling.

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Sarah DePalma 05:23

You can't do anything. The court also said there was a rational basis for the employer requiring its employees who dealt with the public to dress and act as persons of the biological sex, since allowing employees do do others who otherwise would disturb the customers and cause them

to take their main their business elsewhere. Now, here, you see what they say going on.

J Jimmy Carper 05:48

They say this in one thing, but you know, there's so many other companies that allow it, and companies that do business with the public, that, you know.

S Sarah DePalma 05:56

I just can't get can't get into the some of this is beginning to change. companies like AT and T, for example, are beginning to take a very proactive stance and saying, Well, this is done. Yeah, this, you know, with it cost a lot of money to train employees. Employee Training is a huge percentage of a corporation's budget. If you've got somebody and you've invested, I don't know, saved eight or \$10,000 over a period of years, training this person is their financial sense in throwing this employee out there brains didn't work because they changed SEC know, in more and more employers are saying, you know, we can reach an accommodation.

J Jimmy Carper 06:37

And in fact, by changing sets, the morale and outlook on life will improve.

S Sarah DePalma 06:42

But there's no law that says they have to.

J Jimmy Carper 06:45

Well, so yay, to the companies that are allowing it.

S Sarah DePalma 06:48

That's exactly right. I've I have suspected and continue to think that in the end, what will happen is businesses are going to eventually just say, look, let's go ahead and do this on our own. And then Congress will say, well, we're not worried about this coming against us at election time. So we'll go ahead and do it. What you're seeing right now is all politicians, particularly federal federal ones, are running scared. Sure. They're running scared. They really are. If you're a congress person, when we went to Congress, we talked to Congress person, Lloyd got it now. Lloyd Doggett from the Austin area. Low Dogon has a very interesting district. The entire northern half is 100%. Republican. Wow. And the southern half is very much Democrat. So he's really got a very tough district. He told us very bluntly, that he would not sign on as the co sponsor of ENDA, because it will be used against them in the election. Sure. What if it came to the floor? Who votes for that? That's honest, well, that is honest. But it but it also is very good indication of what we're really seeing from politicians, which is they're scared

to death. When they go to the floor and the vote on bills now often what you're hearing from them, they're not so much afraid. And then it's not so much a matter of whether they're for or against the bill. It's Will it hurt me politically? That's a very scary thing for our country. So as you're seeing this election, we'll see the largest turnover in the Senate a single a single turnover in our history. We have more people walking away from the Senate than anytime now that they were unelected these I don't want this job anymore. It's it's in many of these are members of both parties. There are people of good conscience. And there are people who find they can't get anything done there. They are better off to get out at Warren Rudman. A Republican from Vermont is a prime example that no great front of the gay and lesbian community, but absolutely a person of conscience who simply say I don't need this. Bill Bradley of New Jersey knowing this and I know he'd be a great candidate for president but I'm not going to run for president and I'll tell you why. Because I don't wanna put my family through it. We need to do a station break it is 90 We are at 90.1 KPFT Houston, and 89.1 KEOS College Station.

J Jimmy Carper 09:10

Brian Hello wagon actually just college station now I don't know the Brian just somehow slipped off there.

S Sarah DePalma 09:17

Well, okay, at night, but one college station.

J Jimmy Carper 09:19

I've got some new music. Ya know me I love I love finding that new nuclear music. And it's by let's say I you have your choice here. This guy is Steven Kowalski ik, who does some jazz stuff. Openly gay jazz musician. And or Katy Curtis, who's kind of big in the triple A alternative adult stuff. And she does an openly gay piece too. And matter of fact, her album was the was reviewed by chastity Bono and the advocate. And it was the worst review I've ever read in my life. I mean, she was just chesty was just lethal.

S Sarah DePalma 10:13

I mean it just cruel she'd been hanging around.

J Jimmy Carper 10:15

I don't know what the deal is but I mean she's just you know, like this woman can't sing this woman hands you know do anything. I'm gonna play both of them but let's let's go with Katie right now on her two called Radical now this is getting some airplay and some other stations. So see if you like it. Give us a call. 5265738 526 KPFT Oh, yeah, his name is Steven Cowell sick. I better spell that for you. Kowal CZ YK openly gay jazz singer. And before that was Katie Curtis and you can get her album just about anywhere. Stevens was I've been hunting around for about three months trying to find his and finally found it at Lobo Lobo, by the way is moving

where, you know, Crossroads already moved right there now in the old theater there, you know and logos moving also they're moving in large building complex called the Montrose Commons. It's on Montrose between Alabama and Richmond. It's got going uptown. Yes, well, yeah, little bit. Yeah, they're going uptown, just general Joe's in there. But there's also marble marble slab Creamery.

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Sarah DePalma 11:51

That's wonderful. You know, I very seldom ever go to Lobo. But I would go to marble slab.

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Jimmy Carper 11:59

I don't like the ice cream.

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Sarah DePalma 12:00

Yeah. So our phones need to ring.

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Jimmy Carper 12:02

I do at 526-573-8526 KPFK. But we do have some people to saying we do we do we do. First of all, we have Paul, who's a regular listener and a previous member. And Paul always is. He just you know, he's there year after year after year. Helping us. Keep going. Well, thank you, Paul.

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Sarah DePalma 12:27

Those are the kinds of people that we really have you bet you bet.

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Jimmy Carper 12:30

And also I want to thank again, Sarah. And my friend Scott Tisha. Actually that Scott Kamla.

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Sarah DePalma 12:40

That's KP that seven. What the heck is our number? 526? KPFT. Thank you. 5738. Line, and my name is mud.

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Jimmy Carper 12:51

I'm Jimmy Carper. And this is Sarah DePalma.

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Sarah DePalma 12:54

Ah, you know, folks, I gotta be honest with you. I hate doing marathon.

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Jimmy Carper 12:58

Well, it's not my favorite. I got my favorite.

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Sarah DePalma 13:01

But I hate begging for money. Yeah, that's the truth. Yeah, I really do. I hate begging for money. I wish there were some other way that we could say to you look back as we need the money. That's it.

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Jimmy Carper 13:15

I know, it'd be nice to just open the show up and say, the parents are on time just, you know, call in and then we can do a regular show and then count the money at the end. Yeah, but we can't do that. It doesn't work that way. Never has worked that way. And there have been times on when we've not done very well that we all go home feeling kind of dejected, because calling in the support for this show. Kind of gives us a feeling of how we're doing in the community and let the station know that we're worth keeping on the air. Now, not only that last last marathon, we did exceptionally well. Yeah, it's the best that after hours is done and a very, very long time. Plus, even better than that we had a 92% return that means 92% of the people who pledged paid. That's right. And that's really really nice.

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Sarah DePalma 14:11

Yeah, it's I know it's got to be annoying to the listener you know the listener tunes into the show and they want to hear what we're going to talk about with the different subjects and I know it has to be annoying to you the listener to have us on the air begging for money and you know, it's a little bit like Jerry Lewis marathon you know, after a while you'd want to shake with the Oh shut up or the channel eight then the channel eight thing and yet we really don't have any other way to go about this. No. Fact of the matter is station really does need the money. It's \$50 an hour just for the for the electricity for the transmitter. That's, you know, 50 bucks an hour just for the electricity the transmitter. Folks, if you could see this station, I mean, it looks like the station that used DC and Northern Exposure. Now I always compare it to that because it really is like the equipment is old. Yeah. And the building, although they've upgraded it considerably with all volunteers.

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Jimmy Carper 15:06

That's right. That's right. That's right gardener from picking them swinging here on Sunday, Sunday afternoons, who does all the carpentry work, and he has done marvelous things here.

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Sarah DePalma 15:17

Even so, I mean, the air conditioning system here works sometimes, you know, it's so we're not squandering the money here. And so, you know, I always I feel kind of bad sometimes coming on the air and saying, Please, please, please send money. You know, it's like, it's like, like, a teenage kid with their parents. You know, please, please, please send money. But that's the fact of the matter. The number is 5265738. Fact of the matter is, if you liked the station, you like what we're doing. support it.

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Jimmy Carper 15:49

Yeah. That's, that's, that's, that's it. That's great. So let's get on with the show.

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Sarah DePalma 15:53

Good. Let's go to the interview with sissy Connolly now, I will tell you a little bit about Ceci. First of all, please, since he is very interesting, first of all, she's an older person. And I say that because when you listen to her, you're gonna hit your hair. assessee. And you're gonna think, Wow, this is a really hip, young lady. And she's living proof that age is what you think it is. Oh, another one of those. Okay. She reminds me a lot of Jane fi in that. If you asked us how old she is you she was she'd say, What do you want to know? You know, her, says he is one of those people who did not start out looking for a fight. She's minding your own business. All she wants to do is get up and go to work. And somebody fight for her. And to her credit, she says, I ain't backing down. And I and you'll hear her say, well, but you know, I'm Irish. And the Irish selected picked by and in the city is is really an amazing person. This interview runs, I think about 20 minutes, okay? And I invite you to listen to this. Especially if you're one of the cross dressers, maybe you're on your way home from the bars. Or maybe you're a member of one of the trans transgender organizations, and you're a crossdresser. And you're one of those people who emailed me and say, Well, I'm a crossdresser. What do I care about transgender politics? You know, I'm gonna go home and take my clothes off, and I become a member of the privileged class. Yeah, check out Ceci and then we'll talk about that, again. regular listeners to after hours have heard me talk from time to time about people that I consider to be heroes, or heroines of the gender movement. And tonight, you're going to get to meet one of those people want to introduce to our listeners, sissy Connolly, sissy, welcome to after our Thank you. Let me start out by talking about a little bit of your background. You You ended up in a court case through that you didn't go looking for, but ended up making some history with it. So why don't we start with some of that?



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Okay, let me let me just go back to let me set the stage here as Desert Storm, January 1990. I, I worked for the federal government as an engineer and I was in the Washington DC area on a an assignment or a TDY job, as we say at the office at that time. And sissy has been no secret for several years. It was a it was a shock at the beginning, but once I got over I was over it. But at any rate I had had checked into the motel assessee and spent a lot of the time up there. So see, although I went to work every day in my male Alter Ego, if we will. And what happened

was apparently and this is through reconstruction and not through actually being aware of it at the time, but apparently someone saw me in an elevator in a Ramada Inn in Oxon Hill, Maryland, going up to my room one evening, and I didn't recognize this particular person but this particular person not only recognized sissy, what they thought they recognized Gordon, from helping them on a project, the fall before this recognize recognizance are recognized once was phoned back to my office and asked if I was up in the DC area and what could that have been me? And it was verified that I was indeed in that area at the time. And I had been back in the office from that trip, two or three weeks. When one day I got a telephone call to come over on base that someone had a few Questions to ask about my last trip to Washington.

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Sarah DePalma 20:07

Okay, so let me let's set the stage now for the for the listener, you were basically a crossdresser. Is it that that is that point? Right? That is correct. Okay, so what happened was that you were seeing while cross dressed, and someone recognized you as your male cell, and called in because you were attached to the military. And so did you know this person is a crossdresser? That basically right?

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Yes, that's correct. I was probably a little too brief and recounting some of this, and it has been almost five years ago now. Or over five years ago now. But that is correct. I was, I was asked to sing in the cross dress rather than in my male self at that time.

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Sarah DePalma 20:52

Okay. Now, explain to the listeners why this is any of the military's business, you're a civilian working for the military? Well, how do they have any say over your private life whatsoever?

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Okay, that's, that's just getting a little bit ahead of what was getting ready to happen to me when I got pulled into the rubber room, and they pulled out the whips and chains and, and proceeded with the Inquisition. I was called over on base and asked to come to the Office of Special Investigations and ask if I was in the Washington, DC area, and was I was I indeed, cross dressed? And why was I cross dressed? And did I want to answer their questions? Or did I want to have legal advice these people knew are aware of the importance of giving you your Miranda rights or whatever. So I thought about it for a few moments. And I saw what the heck everybody knows. Anyway, what's the big deal, and I had been outed at the office by him a previous spouse 15 years or so before that anyway. So I didn't think it was a big deal. Turned out what the focus of their questioning and their investigation were. They didn't know exactly what they wanted to do with me, I had a commander at the time, who was a previous member of the Inspector General's Corps, and of those who know what inspector general's or IGS are about. They are the policemen. And they like to enforce the rules. And they like to be very severe enforcing the rules, something like the traffic cop that pulls you over for 56 and a 55 zone, you will not break the rules. And this was this person also, I believe, suffered from the

short person complex. But at any rate, they wanted to do something to me. And the first thing they wanted to do was to see whether or not there was something I had done that was against civil service regulations, because they were paying my expenses for being in the Washington DC area, even though it was after duty hours. So they looked at the civil service regulation, they got an opinion from the base legal office, to the effect that it was after hours, and it wasn't none of their business. However, there is the matter of the security clearance regulations. And this is what they decided to try to nail me under. And there is a shopping list of crimes, if you will. That includes cross dressing, child molesting voyeurism, rape, and murder, all separated by commas in the security regulations.

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Sarah DePalma 23:54

Okay, so now, I hope people begin to understand here's a person who is in a town on her own time, crossroads, we get reported in since she is civilian who work for the military, the military decides that something needs to be done if they can just figure out what that something is that about right so far?

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Yes, that's very, very, very much the situation and much of this was not immediate insight. But after the fact analysis, if you will. I'm real comfortable right now with explaining this situation. I assure you that five years ago, today at this time, it was not the case at all. What what the situation unfolded was that I was asked if I would like to make a statement. And I had discussed the situation with the with the investigators, verbally and then they asked if I would give them a statement in writing. I said sure. So I did, I prepared a two or three page document. And then I took it down to my attorney and had her read it before I presented it to them. And she suggested a couple of changes, which were made, and then it was given to them. And what eventually unfolded here was the preparation of a group of material, which is called a special security file. And the focus of this is to find out enough information, derogatory information on a person to be able to remove their social security clearance. Ergo, without a social security clearance. Your position can't be filled by you, we need your position and only your position. Sorry, even though what you did was legal about civil servants regulations, you're out the door.

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Sarah DePalma 25:57

Now, the reason I wanted the listeners to hear this story is because from time to time, we have had people who have called us and said, Well, you talk about transsexuals, lad, but you very seldom ever talk about cross dressers? Well, part of it is that usually crossdressers don't decide to make the kind of a stand that says he did. And I think we're gonna go on from here and says he's going to explain how she decides to fight this now.

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Well, the government operates on its belly, and it's a belly of paperwork. So you have to feed the paper mill, this security file, the investigative file prepared by the government included reams of paper, this, this the lien is and I obtained an almost complete copy of this package

under the good old Freedom of Information Act and the appropriate regulations. But at any rate, we're talking of close to an inch of paper. Needless to say, before it was over, there was a couple of other inches of paper that I had prepared. Trying to try to correlate the events which occurred and some of these may be given to you a little bit out of order some of these things. Some of these were parallel actions. It is amazing that how much support was provided. And of course, I'm, I'm, as I mentioned a moment ago, I'm very casual about this now, but five years ago, it was the sort of democracies hanging by this very unwinding, unraveling thin thread over my head results of which is I'm looking for would be faced with an early unwanted retirement and a diminished income of 50% or so more or less. So, at any rate, I decided early on that that wasn't going to happen if possible. And I was began immediately in a search of information. One of the several of the people who helped me are right here in Houston, Phyllis Frey are known, noted, attorney friend was helpful responded immediately to a letter that I had written to her through the cross dressing support group network. And I had written a little of this information in the newsletter and our newsletter is circulated around the country as our other newsletters of these groups. My SOS, if you will, was picked up by a group in Pennsylvania. And a letter was written to me the club president called me long distance at her own expense, where I was at in California. That was Renaissance I was joined Roberts of Renaissance had written our group and the president of our group Li Li mimic hos name is not totally unknown in the gender community called me in California and said that I should contact Renee, Renee of Houston, which I did and Renee of Houston and I won't use Renee his last night, but I'm sure it would be okay. But I won't. Renee was had gone through a very similar situation and this is why Renaissance wanted to give me this contact. Renee had gone through this and had one and Renee was a tremendous comfort to me, as I was watching this thread unfold, unwind unravel. At about the same time as this was going on. I had written the ACLU. I had been referred through ACLU to a to an attorney on the West Coast who was familiar, and I eventually contacted one of this attorneys clients who had won a similar situation With a military contractor rather than with a civil service employee, but I did talk to that person and they sent me a copy of their file, which was encouraging. I eventually was referred to Dr. Frank Kaminey of Washington, DC, who some of our listeners may know from some of his other clients and contacts are very well known in that, at least in the Washington, DC area. Dr. Kaminey is the person who ultimately prepared my appeal. And I might say at a very nominal fee. He didn't charge I'm sure what it was worth. It was priceless to me.

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Sarah DePalma 30:44

Okay, now, I'm working fused about something when they decided when they decided to have this hearing. Was this a civil hearing? Is this a criminal hearing, under what circumstances this hearing being held?

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I think I'm perhaps left out a few steps of the process. What this is all about is the security clearance. The security clearance was initially I was suspended, my clearance was suspended initially. And I was given a letter to that intent. And it was the intent of the local Indian organization to permanently revoke my clearance. And this file I spoke up a moment ago, this inch thick of very detailed paperwork included the first document I ever had when I went to work for civil servants all through any ratings, which are certainly acceptable, if not more, so over the years, over almost 30 years. At any rate, the intent of this file was to accomplish a

permanent revocation of my security clearance. Which means that once the security clearance is revoked, that I don't have a job, because I don't, one of the requirements of my job as an engineer is to have the security clearance.

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Sarah DePalma 32:13

So the crux of this issue is this person is being threatened with the loss of employment, because she processes on her own time. And the military basically just doesn't like it. That's about it.

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I think that's I think that's it in a nutshell, Sarah, the the the appeals package, if you will, the appeal that was prepared in my behalf. And by Dr. Kaminey, whose name I mentioned a moment ago, is, and it's a good thing to have someone else to do this, because you just don't look at this in a distaff manner. It's too close to home. But Dr. Kaminey, asked me to obtain some items of information. And I went first, to a local psychiatrist, a mental health professional, and ask for an opinion as to my own state of affairs, mentally, if you will, am I a few, a few cans short of a six pack or a few bricks short of a load or what have you. And I ended up meeting with this doctor of sexology, or I forget her exact title, but she was an expert in the area and was familiar with cross dressing issues. And I knew this to be a fact. Because if you don't find a mental health professional that is cognizant of this area, you're just wasting your money and your time, you're educating that person rather than that person assisting you. But at any rate, I knew that she was a certified sex therapist, the terms finally bubbled up. And she wanted to see me over a period of I ended up seeing her approximately 15 hours over a three or four week period in order to have the amount of time to, for her to satisfy herself that I was really all here and not as we said a little a little bit off to the side. After I'd been in the first interview with her for 30 minutes, she says, How can I help you?

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Sarah DePalma 34:34

Okay, so now we go through all this rigmarole and the military has come after you. Now we finally get to the hearing. Now what happens at the hearing?

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Okay. Dr. Kaminey had asked me to attend to visit with a mental health professional I had obtained other documents a professional opinion from a university professor that was had some knowledge During the area, there was a 40 page appeal based on information that I provided and recommendations of friends and what have you. And the the hearing, per se was simply a, a paper review or an evaluation of my appeal. And what happened was I first received the final notice that the was to been revoked. This was some two years after the original investigation. And I was given a period of six weeks or so to provide the response. And once they had my response in their hand, was about two weeks later before they simply came back and said that your we have reviewed your case, and it has been and here are the two key words, favorably adjudicated. No conditions.

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Sarah DePalma 36:00

Now some people are going to ask the person is a crossdresser. Why did you fight? It's unusual as what I probably would have done. But what made you decide to stand up and fight? What makes you different from other folks who say, Well, I'm going to tuck my tail and run?



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Well, maybe it's the Irish stubbornness from my good old pappy, I don't know. I had been outed, as I said before, by an ex spouse. And at that time, it was, it was a frightening sort of thing. But as soon as my children came to me and said, we realize you don't have horns or three legs, all of a sudden, you're not some kind of a freak, you're still the same relation to us. The employment issue was quickly swept under the rug. Most of the people whom my self appointed advertising agent, the ex spouse, went to simply said, we're not interested and came and offered me support. So I knew that there isn't this tremendous stigma developed through personal shame that so many people carry that it just wasn't fair. So considering the alternatives, I didn't see any point except the fight.

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Sarah DePalma 37:29

Now you've won one award from the Transgender Law conference, you're about to receive another. Are you surprised by all the attention that you that you get now Are you surprised that people look at you and go, Wow, here's a kicker when?



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Well, when I came here to the law conference last year, and I saw some of the work, the law conference had done, I met Jane fee, who was responsible almost single handedly for getting the Minnesota ordinance on the books. And I just said, Why me? I didn't do anything. It was just sort of a selfish thing of self preservation. Someone was trying to take away my livelihood, and I was just going to fight them.

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Sarah DePalma 38:13

Well, I have to say, I have very rarely met anybody who has been willing to stand and fight and especially do it the way that you did. And it's, I really consider it an honor to get the chance to interview you. I know embarrassed perhaps you're surprised by that. Maybe not. But it's a privilege in my mind, to meet somebody who will stand up for the rights I we talk on the show often that rights mean nothing unless you will demand they be enforced in so in that I really do feel like you're a heroine