

Western New England University School of Law and
the Center for Gender & Sexuality Studies present:

Using U.S. Courts to Protect Human Rights Abroad:

A Community Discussion of *Sexual Minorities Uganda v. Scott Lively*

Speaker: Attorney Pam Spees, Center for Constitutional Rights



Tuesday
April 9, 2013
6:00 p.m.
Law School Common

The U.S. District Court in Springfield is the venue for a lawsuit filed by LGBT advocacy groups in Uganda against Scott Lively, a local evangelical pastor. The plaintiffs, represented by the CCR, allege that Lively's political activities in support of anti-gay legislation in Uganda constitutes persecution under international human rights law.

The case is the first to rely on the federal Alien Tort Statute to seek accountability for persecution on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. Attorney Pam Spees, who will be introduced by Professor Matthew Charity, will discuss the pending case and the emerging role of U.S. courts as a venue for protecting human rights abroad.

Please join us for a discussion of the international case and its potential impact.

Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.



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