

Queering the Lone Star State  
Episode 10 Guiding Questions

Why did Lambda Legal think Paul Smith would be a good choice to argue *Lawrence v. Texas* before the US Supreme Court?

What kinds of experiences did Paul Smith have as a litigating attorney before he argued *Lawrence v. Texas*?

Why had Lambda Legal attorneys been disappointed in Laurence Tribe's handling of *Bowers v. Hardwick* in 1986?

What connections existed between Paul Smith and US Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, the judge who cast the deciding vote in *Bowers v. Hardwick*?

What constitutional basis did Paul Smith use to persuade the Supreme Court to invalidate the Texas homosexual conduct law?

Why did Justice Antonin Scalia compare same-sex relationships to flagpole sitting? Was this a Freudian slip? Or was it deliberate harassment?

How did Paul Smith differentiate *Lawrence v. Texas* from *Bowers v. Hardwick*?

How did Justice Anthony Kennedy and the Supreme Court majority justify their decision in *Lawrence v. Texas*?

In what ways did *Lawrence v. Texas* lay the groundwork for other victories in the movement for queer equality?

How might the Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* threaten the rights of LGBTQ Americans?