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# A Mother's Work

Women involved in high-profile same-sex parenting case show fight for equal protection not always cut-and-dried

BY CORNELIUS SWART

In November of 2010, *Just Out* profiled an unprecedented legal battle between Sondra Shineovich and Sarah Kemp over two children, referred to here as Paul and Agatha. Kemp conceived both children through artificial insemination while the two were partners. But after they separated, Kemp limited Shineovich's access to one child and denied her access to the other. Shineovich filed a lawsuit arguing that non-biological partners who consent to artificial insemination are legal parents, regardless of their gender, sexual orientation or marital status. At the time, Oregon's statutes were unclear. Domestic partnerships, parental judgments and birth certificates were often insufficient to guarantee non-biological parents access to children when relationships ended. That changed in 2009 when the Oregon Supreme Court sided with Shineovich and decided that laws governing insemination for "husband and wife" applied to same-sex couples as well.

While some regarded the decision as a breakthrough, Shineovich and Kemp are only now just settling their legal dispute. This October, *Just Out* checked back to see what impact the dispute has had on them, their children and same-sex parents in Oregon.

**Sarah's side**

Sarah Kemp lives with her new partner, Carmy Roberts, in the Rockwood section of Gresham. Even after the settlement, she continues to have sole custody of the children, but

due to an agreement now being finalized Kemp shares the children with her ex 50 percent of the time during the summers, and 40 percent of the time the rest of the year.

"I feel like I'm seen as a traitor," said Kemp. "It's really not like that."

Kemp doesn't see her story as a civil rights issue, but one about domestic violence. Only now is she fully willing to speak with friends, family and the media about her side of the story, one that involves what she claims was an abusive relationship that she tried to protect her children from.

Kemp was 19 years old and Shineovich was 32 when the couple began dating in the late '90s. They started a business, bought a home and in the court's eyes, began a family together as a couple. But according to Kemp, after the first four years, the relationship went bad. Kemp claims she suffered repeated and sustained verbal and physical abuse, and that by the time their first child Paul was born, they were a couple in name alone.

"She was essentially an abusive roommate," said Kemp, now 33, who claims she was too young, and too terrified, to talk about the real nature of their relationship with others or to leave. "It got to the point where I would say [to myself], 'I'm never going to get out of this.'" So, the children were the one thing that could be mine. Having babies was all I had."

According to Kemp, it wasn't until she was pregnant for the second time that she found

"This family has been living on pins and needles and in the center of chaos for years. It's time for us to be normal and happy and to move on and to stop the fight."

-SARAH KEMP

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