

Plenary on Ideas for the Future
The Road to Lived Transgender Equality

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Jennifer Levi of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders has called in print for “A Charles Hamilton Houston Approach to Securing Trans Rights.” I am particularly interested in the multiple forms norms of sex equality might play in such a comprehensive legal strategy involving not only litigation but also legislative and administrative advocacy, public education, and other fronts. Where from 2015 might law, and the legal academy, move such a campaign forward? Much progress for trans people rests on the foundation of certain correct but perhaps contestable readings of *Price Waterhouse v. Hopkins*; how much of this progress might be lost if the Supreme Court pulled that plank out as if the law of sex equality were a game of Jenga? Where are state laws on these issues, and how much gap-filling might they do in the face of potential retrenchment of federal law? And what could they be used to accomplish if federal sex equality law holds true?