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Same Sex Marriage and Tax Law...A Rough Landscape

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Another tax season is upon us, and the hardships of complying with another annual tax return filing requirement affects most of us. However, for same sex couples, the hardships are further exacerbated by the different tax laws at the state level. At the time this post is published, same-sex marriage bans remain in place in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas. These bans and various appeals cause uncertainty for some same sex couples with regard to their filing status. Fortunately, though, clarity (we hope) is just around the corner as the U.S. Supreme Court has finally agreed to take up the matter of same-sex marriage in April 2015.

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