

## **02-102 LAWRENCE v. TEXAS**

Ruling below: Court of Appeals of Texas, 14th District, 41 S.W.3d 349.

### **QUESTIONS PRESENTED**

1. Whether Petitioners' criminal convictions under the Texas "Homosexual Conduct" law - which criminalizes sexual intimacy by same-sex couples, but not identical behavior by different-sex couples - violate the Fourteenth Amendment guarantee of equal protection of the laws?
2. Whether Petitioners' criminal convictions for adult consensual sexual intimacy in the home violate their vital interests in liberty and privacy protected by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment?
3. Whether *Bowers v. Hardwick*, 478 U.S. 186 (1986), should be overruled?

CERT. GRANTED: 12/2/02