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IN THE  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
**Court of Appeals**

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MIGUEL BRASCHI,

*Plaintiff-Appellant,*

vs.

STAHL ASSOCIATES COMPANY,

*Defendant-Respondent.*

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**BRIEF *AMICI CURIAE* OF FAMILY SERVICE AMERICA,  
INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF HUMAN  
RESOURCES, BAR ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN  
RIGHTS OF GREATER NEW YORK, Right Reverend  
PAUL MOORE, Bishop of New York, RIVERSIDE  
CHURCH OFFICE OF PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE,  
Reverend FORREST CHURCH of Unitarian Church of  
All Souls and Rabbi BALFOUR BRICKNER of Stephen  
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Dear Tom,

I don't know whether the national edition of the Times picks up "purely local" NY stories, so I thought I'd send the enclosed, which appeared on April 26, the day of the Braschi argument. As you can see, your brief is quoted from toward the end of the article. How does it feel to be the brief writer for "religious leaders and several other interested organizations"? Your strategy of getting religious co-sponsorship seems to have worked; the Times, at least, pays attention when those names appear on a legal brief.

I have not yet heard any reports on the argument, apart from a general rumor that the judges seemed seriously interested in the issues. If I hear any more, I will be in touch.

On another point, it looks like there will be a domestic partnership bill introduced here this spring, since the "political" types like Jim Levin insist that it will be a good vehicle to use as a "litmus test" for candidates in the municipal elections (City Council and citywide offices) to be held in the fall. The most likely prototype will be Harry Britt's current draft, which we understand was introduced in the San Francisco Board of Supervisors this week with the expectation that ART Agnos will sign it if it passes.

Yours,



Arthur S. Leonard

PS: When you get your copy of the May Law Notes, you will see reference to your state Task Force report.