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GUEST COLUMN

Case tests limits of right to marry

By Thomas F. Coleman

Throughout California's history as a state, same-sex couples were excluded from the statutory right to marry. State law always declared that marriage is a personal contract between "a man and a woman."

Then in May 2008, the California Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling declaring that the gender restriction in the statute violated the California Constitution. *In re Marriage Cases*, 43 Cal. 4th 757. In the months that followed this historic court decision, scores of same-sex couples entered into legal marriages in California. Then came Proposition 8 — an initiative that sought

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The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau was affirmed as constitutional by a federal appellate court, but the decision is unlikely to make a big difference because Mick Mulvaney, the agency's interim director, is undoing C

DC Circuit upholds CFPB structure, but will it mean n

By Eli Wolfe
Daily Journal Staff Writer

An appellate court has affirmed the constitutionality of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, but the decision is a hollow victory for consumer advocates under the Trump administration.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued a 250-page decision on

had huge import when you had Cordray in the director position and the new administration had contrary policy positions than him," said Quyen T. Truong, a partner with Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP. "Now it's completely changed."

Mick Mulvaney, the interim director appointed by President Donald J. Trump last November, has upended several of Cor-

In its opinion, the CFPB head could be found guilty of neglect of duty or malfeasance.

Regardless of the outcome, the agency would be forced to defend its aggressive enforcement policies in its own case, a defense recently avoided