

Jim Obergefell, the named plaintiff from the landmark marriage equality case *Obergefell v. Hodges*, is a speaker on LGBTQ+ equality and civil rights represented by Keppler Speakers. He is a candidate for the Ohio House of Representatives in the 2022 general election.

He sits on the Board of Advisors of the Mattachine Society of Washington, DC, and the National Advisory Council of the GLBT Historical Society. Jim is a past member of the Board of Directors of SAGE, and he was previously a staff member at Family Equality.

Jim co-founded Equality Vines, the first cause-based wine label, to support organizations devoted to equality for all.

Jim co-authored the book *Love Wins*, published by William Morrow, and he has written book forewords, chapters, and afterwords as well as essays and Op-Eds.

Jim had previous careers as a high school German teacher, corporate trainer, relationship manager, software education consultant, and real estate agent.

Born and raised in Sandusky, OH, Jim returned to his hometown after living in Cincinnati, OH; Columbus, OH; and Washington, DC.