

OUTSIDE THE COURTROOM: "SASSY PARODY" AND CINDY MCCAIN AGAINST HATE

✘ Two updates on the Prop 8 fight happening outside the courtroom. First, Protect Marriage has just sued the Courage Campaign for what it says is trademark infringement. At issue is the logo (on the left) Courage Campaign is using for its trial tracker—depicting two women and their children—which is a clear parody of the logo ProtectMarriage uses (to the right), depicting a mommy and daddy and two kids.

As Courage Campaign points out, to argue that the logo is indistinguishable (and therefore a trademark violation) ProtectMarriage has resorted to saying their hetero family logo is itself indistinguishable from the logo featuring a family parented by two lesbians. ✘

We continue to be entertained by the Prop 8 attorneys simultaneously admitting that the two images of gay parents and straight parents are “substantially indistinguishable,” and yet failing to grasp that that the difference between the logos illuminates the core difference between their views and ours.

Well, I guess if ProtectMarriage is willing to concede that point...

✘ In other news, Cindy McCain has signed up for the No H8 campaign, adding yet another prominent Republican voice to the growing list that opposes the discrimination of Prop 8 (this picture is from advocate.com via HuffPo).

Finally, go watch the depositions of two Defendant-Intervenors’ witnesses, Paul Nathanson and Katherine Young (here’s DDay liveblogging

the introduction of these depositions this morning). Not only will you get to see David Boies at work, but you'll see the Defendants-Intervenors' own expert witnesses (though these are two of the witnesses who have backed out of testifying) making a great case for marriage equality.