



## **D.C. Superior Court increasing marriage resources to accommodate gay marriages**

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WASHINGTON (AP) - The D.C. Superior Court says it is adding a second marriage ceremony room and boosting marriage bureau staffing to accommodate an increase in applications believed to be the result of the Supreme Court's gay marriage ruling.

The D.C. Superior Court says its second ceremony room will open Monday. The clerk of the court, Duane Delaney, said in a statement that marriage license applications have significantly increased since the Supreme Court's ruling in the case *U.S. v. Windsor* in June.

The decision struck down a law denying federal benefits to legally married same-sex couples.

The Superior Court generally receives 300 to 400 marriage license applications a month. In July and August respectively the court received 977 and 908 marriage license applications.