# Genital Autonomy Legal Defense and Education Fund

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#### **Legal Victory in Oregon!**



On October 23, 2025 Court room 9 at the Multnomah County Courthouse in Portland, Oregon was completely filled with over three dozen supporters who attended the one hour hearing in which the state presented its motion to dismiss attorney Eric Clopper's filing of Hadachek v. Oregon, an equal protection challenge to the 1999 Oregon statute against female genital mutilation. After hearing arguments from both the State and from Mr. Clopper, Judge Melvin Oden-Orr ruled that the plaintiff (Hadachek) did indeed have legal standing to allow the case to move forward.

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#### **Next Legal Challenge: Colorado?**



The search continues in the state of Colorado for one or more plaintiffs in a similar equal protection challenge in that state. Genital autonomy pioneer Dan Strandjord has been actively involved in promoting the lawsuit at college campuses there.

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## "Maybe the AAP should get out of the [circumcision] business."



Two former members of the 2012 Circumcision Task Force of the American Academy of Pediatrics were recently interviewed in the Journal of Medical Ethics. They admitted that the alleged medical benefits of circumcision were overstated by the Task Force and that parents should not be basing any decision to circumcise on health reasons.

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### Gay & Lesbian Medical Association Hears About Harms of Penile Circumcision



GALDEF Advisory Council members T.T. Perry and Allie Arshad, along with colleague Pallas Lysander-Romberg, offered a poster session at the 43rd annual GLMA conference in Minneapolis, MN. The poster focused on the adverse effects of penile circumcision on intersex and transgender individuals. A video review of the poster session can be viewed on GALDEF's YouTube channel here.

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# **Bioethicists Hear About Harms of Male and Intersex Genital Cutting**



GALDEF Executive Director Tim Hammond and Advsory Council member T.T. Perry assisted Intact Global with staffing their booth on October 23 and 24 at the 27th annual conference of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities in Portland, Oregon

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GALDEF will once again host a booth at the Palm Springs Pride festival on November 8 and 9th. The booth will be staffed by board members from both GALDEF and Intact Global. We'll be in Booth #217 on the west side of S. Palm Canyon Drive, between Arenas Road and Baristo Road. If you're in the area, stop by, say hello and show your support! A report will follow in the next newsletter.

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Your gift today helps GALDEF to support lawyers in courtrooms across the country to change the legal landscape in favor of ending genital cutting customs and promoting equal protection of children's bodily integrity regardless of sex.

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