

Works Cited

Primary Sources

ABA Journal. books.google.com/books?id=XZafGl4vhmYC&pg=PA96#v=onepage&q&f=false.

This is a journal of earlier rulings in the first and second legal battles that shows the initial thoughts of those in the Appellate Division. Although it may seem like this source only shows how people disagreed with Braschi, it actually also explains the impact and changes in perspective, since the New York Court of Appeals had a very different opinion.

ACLU. www.aclu.org/news/lgbtq-rights/for-love-and-for-life-lgbtq-people-are-not-going-back.

Accessed 24 Feb. 2025.

This website is the official site for the American Civil Liberties Union Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. I used it for the image of a gathering in my case page, in order to attempt to show where William Rubenstein worked.

"AIDS Quarterly – PBS (9/27/1989)." *YouTube*,

www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6dIUHt73kQ&t=2211s.

This was a very helpful primary source, as it included two interviews that were very important. One with Miguel Braschi himself, and another with William Rubenstein. These two interviews helped me better understand their views, and the many other interviews in the video explained opposing views as well.

BrainyQuote. www.brainyquote.com/quotes/jerry_falwell_388900?src=t_aids. Accessed 1 Mar. 2025.

This source was for a quote I used in the background, where I explained the negative attitude that the general public held against the LGBTQIA+ community.

Although it got the point across, I'd like to make sure it's clear that what Jerry Falwell said is, and was, very, very, homophobic.

Braschi v Stahl Assoc. DropBox,

www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/j83ki7xlhfwbhssy8qbb3/h/VIDEO_TS?dl=0&preview=VTS_01_2.VOB&subfolder_nav_tracking=1. Accessed 28 Feb. 2025.

The following video was part of the recording of the arguments in court of *Braschi v. Stahl*. It's a video of the real case, and was helpful to give me primary sources such as quotes and videos. Additionally, this was given to me through DropBox by William Rubenstein, and I must thank him once again.

Braschi v Stahl Assoc. DropBox,

www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/j83ki7xlhfwbhssy8qbb3/h/VIDEO_TS?dl=0&preview=VTS_01_1.VOB&subfolder_nav_tracking=1. Accessed 28 Feb. 2025.

This is another video clip of the actual court case inside the courtroom, and showed the very beginning of the argument, where William Rubenstein is opening his reasoning and opinions. I found these clips to help a lot, as it inspired me in many ways and told me what his opinions were with words he actually said.

Braschi v Stahl Assoc. DropBox,

www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/j83ki7xlhfwbhssy8qbb3/h/VIDEO_TS?dl=0&preview=VTS_01_3.VOB&subfolder_nav_tracking=1. Accessed 28 Feb. 2025.

This was the third and final part of the argument, and it includes a little bit of Dean Yusek, Stahl's lawyer's opinions and thoughts. This video was nice and helpful since it gave me the opposing perspective, which broadened my view of the event.

British Journal of Photography.

www.1854.photography/2023/01/gideon-mendel-the-ward-fitzrovia-chapel/. Accessed 25 Feb. 2025.

This source was used for the background section explaining the AIDS Crisis where I imported an image of people who were devastated by the epidemic. I used this image in order to try to express what type of pain the disease had caused, and what type of consequences there could be if the government continued to not act up.

Code of Federal Regulations. Orbinote,

hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/08/crer-proposed-rule-text-8.16.22.pdf.

This is the rent and eviction regulations that were mentioned on my website. I used this source as an image in the case page, and also to further understand the law that was present in the case. It proved to be helpful. This page has recently been removed from the host website.

CNN. www.cnn.com/2022/06/01/health/pride-month-explainer/index.html. Accessed 2 Apr. 2025.

This article from CNN gave me a photo of people celebrating LGBTQIA+ rights during pride month. I included this photo in my website because I wanted to express that people around the world celebrate the rights that they have, and that they want it to be known and remind people that their rights are something that should be a given; and if it's not, they'll fight for them.

France 24.

www.france24.com/en/europe/20231130-russia-s-top-court-bans-international-lgbt-movement-over-extremism. Accessed 2 Apr. 2025.

This source was a page from France 24, and I used a photo from the page in a section where I talked about the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community around the world. I think that the photo I used of people protesting in Russia was helpful towards my understanding since it broadened my knowledge around situations around the world, and was a good fit for my website.

HeinOnline. heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPage?handle=hein.journals/jlp8÷=12&id=&page=. Accessed 23 Feb. 2025.

This source was a written reflection done by the lawyer for this case; William Rubenstein. It helped me gather my thoughts and inspired many of my ideas. He explained many technical sections of the case, such as reasons why he used the term 'family' in his legal arguments.

"Living with AIDS: A WETA Town Meeting – PBS (1989)." *YouTube*, www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTMzLbYOtXc. Accessed 23 Feb. 2025.

This source was a PBS broadcast from 1989 on the impact of AIDS on different people. Although it wasn't my main topic, this video helped with my understanding of the different thoughts of real people on the AIDS crisis during the time of the epidemic.

National Geographic.

nationalgeographic.com/history/article/fauci-recalls-the-terrifying-early-days-of-the-aids-epidemic. Accessed 25 Feb. 2025.

This site was used by me so I could take an image of their protest against the government for help in the AIDS Crisis. I thought that this photo reflected the looming thought that if nothing is done, then the government is just leaving the people to die. As many may know, the AIDS epidemic wasn't addressed at all until many years after it had started, which resulted in thousands of victims already.

New York's Lesbian and Gay Magazine. www.outweek.net/pdfs/ow_5.pdf. Accessed 25 Feb. 2025.

This source was a magazine from 1989 that held information on the Braschi v. Stahl case. It was simpler information, and although the information was small, it was the magazine that really seemed as a good source. It was a real magazine that was there at the time, and showed how big of a deal it was for the LGBTQIA+ community that this case resulted in a victory back then.

The New Yorker.

www.newyorker.com/news/our-columnists/the-lgbtq-rights-movement-wins-its-biggest-supreme-court-victory. Accessed 2 Apr. 2025.

In this article about the fight for LGBTQIA+ rights, I utilized the photo underneath the title in my website in order to express the current on-going battle for LGBTQIA+ rights in America. I felt that it was important to convey that America is still not perfect (although that is quite obvious), especially visually.

The New York Times.

www.nytimes.com/1989/12/03/realestate/perspectives-rent-regulation-extending-the-right-to-a-renewal-lease.html. Accessed 25 Feb. 2025.

This is a very similar article to the other 1989 newspaper I cited, though this one goes a little more in depth about the thought of the non-traditional and traditional ideas of family, which I found useful for my research.

The New York Times.

www.nytimes.com/1989/07/07/nyregion/new-york-court-defines-family-to-include-homosexual-couples.html. Accessed 25 Feb. 2025.

This was another newspaper article from 1989 in the *New York Times*. It was describing *Braschi v. Stahl*, after the case had just won. I found it useful as it gave an interesting perspective to what the public opinion was on the case at the time.

New York Times.

www.nytimes.com/1993/08/01/realestate/your-home-roommate-law-staying-on-if-a-tenant-doesn-t.html. Accessed 25 Feb. 2025.

This source was from the New York Times, and it gave me an early newspaper article on the Roommate Law, which was important to understand, as it was a law that was the basis of *Braschi v. Stahl*, since it gave authority to *Braschi* to cohabit in Blanchard's apartment.

Preview Braschi v Stahl Jan 1989.

www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/j83ki7xlhfwbhssy8qbb3/h?e=1&preview=Braschi_v_Stahl_April_1989.pdf. Accessed 28 Feb. 2025.

This was a source for one of the many case briefs I received from a federal individual. This brief talks of technical strategies and reasonings that played a part in the case, as well as the statements of *Braschi* and the ideas of family, spouse, couples, and same-sex relationships. I found it useful in order to expand my

understanding on all the small details of *Braschi v. Stahl*, and thought it was quite useful.

Preview Braschi v Stahl Jan 1989.

www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/j83ki7xlhfwbhssy8qbb3/h?e=1&preview=Braschi_v_Stahl_Jan_1989.pdf. Accessed 28 Feb. 2025.

This was another case brief by a federal agent, and although it was written by a different person, the material is somewhat the same to the other one in a similar format. They answered thoughts about different subjects in the case such as family, the defendant's view, the opposing opinions, etc. It overall deepened my perspectives and expanded my understanding about *Braschi v. Stahl*.

Rubenstein, William. Interview. Conducted by Yueshin Yu. *Interview with William Rubenstein*. m4a.

This was a source that I received quite late in the project construction, but still inspired me much more than many of my other sources. This sound recording is an interview I conducted over Zoom with William Rubenstein, the lawyer representing *Braschi* during the case over a zoom meeting, and I asked him 9 questions I had prepared, as well as many other thoughts I wondered on the way. Overall, I must thank Bill for his contributions again, he was very kind and informative, and tried to help me as much as possible. Our chat helped me understand many things about what I was thinking of proving and thoughts about *Braschi v. Stahl*.

The Smithsonian Magazine.

www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/was-first-major-news-article-hiv-aids-180963913/

. Accessed 24 Feb. 2025.

This source was for one of the images on the AIDS crisis. I used the image to try to depict how the people protesting felt about the government, and to describe the lack of action by federal agents.

United States. *Braschi v. Stahl associates. H20*, open.casebook.org/documents/3997/. Accessed 25 Feb. 2025.

This source was the document for my topic, *Braschi v. Stahl*. It was used for basic understanding, while other documents were used for more details.

Untitled.

www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/j83ki7xlhfwbhssy8qbb3/h?e=1&preview=543_N.E.2d_49.pdf.

Accessed 28 Feb. 2025.

This source was the third and final case brief I received from DropBox (William Rubenstein), and this one included multiple different versions of briefs, all from different additions. This source talked more of different perspectives, like many of the other case briefs, though there was much more variety in its language throughout the different serieses.

Yelp. www.mapquest.com/us/new-york/wincig-wincig-275195490. Accessed 25 Feb. 2025.

Although this website is not an ideal source, it was the only one I could find with an image of Owen Wincig, the first lawyer for *Braschi*, who called for a preliminary injunction. Although later I found a better suited media source, I was still able to learn about Wincig's company.

Secondary Sources

Case Briefs.

www.casebriefs.com/blog/law/family-law/family-law-keyed-to-weisberg/alternative-families/braschi-v-stahl-associates-co/. Accessed 26 Feb. 2025.

Though this was another case brief, I liked this source since it was useful when I was trying to understand the laws and technical parts of the case. Other than that, the source gave small bits of basic information.

CDC. www.cdc.gov/museum/online/story-of-cdc/aids/index.html. Accessed 22 Feb. 2025.

This source was another source I used to learn more about the AIDS Crisis. I mentioned the AIDS Epidemic in the background section. It was important as it played a role in the opinions of the LGBTQIA+ Community to the government, due to their lack of action on the virus.

CNN. www.cnn.com/2015/06/19/us/lgbt-rights-milestones-fast-facts/index.html. Accessed 22 Feb. 2025.

Again, even though this website was one that was not about *Braschi v. Stahl*, it was still very useful. While I was trying to research the impacts and specific events in history for the LGBTQIA+ Community, I came upon this website; a detailed timeline of major events in LGBTQIA+ History. It helped me understand how certain events played out, and the impacts of *Braschi v. Stahl*.

Fordham Urban Law Journal. Vol. 21, no. 4,

ir.lawnet.fordham.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=2578&context=ulj. Accessed 23 Feb. 2025.

This source was another review of the court case *Braschi v. Stahl*, and helped me put together information on how the case operated. This law review was mainly on the definition of family in the issue, where there was a lot of debate on whether or not a same-sex relationship could be defined as one of a familial relationship.

From the Closet to the Courtroom. Google Books,

books.google.com/books?id=mE8FCd73rIYC&printsec=frontcover#v=onepage&q&f=false. Accessed 22 Feb. 2025.

This book was one of the major sources I used for a lot of my understanding in this case. Although only the first chapter contained information related to *Braschi v. Stahl*, there were pieces of information I found that were much more specific than other websites and sources. This was because the author, Carlos A. Ball, conducted many interviews with people who knew specific details. For example, on *Braschi* and *Blanchard*'s personal life. Overall, this source was amazingly helpful.

Harvard Law School. hls.harvard.edu/faculty/william-b-rubenstein/. Accessed 23 Feb. 2025.

This source was a page from Harvard's website on William Rubenstein, the second and main lawyer for *Braschi*. This web page was very useful since it gave me his school email, and told me a little bit about him. I later used this information to ask if I could interview him, which he very kindly accepted.

Historical Society of the New York Courts. 12 Sept. 2019,

history.nycourts.gov/the-braschi-breakthrough-30-years-later-looking-back-on-the-relationship-recognition-landmark/. Accessed 22 Feb. 2025.

This source was one that helped me quite a bit, as not only is there a web page that gives some background information on *Braschi v. Stahl*, there's also a 1 hour video recording of the meeting that took place discussing the importance of *Braschi v. Stahl*. It explains how although the case itself is forgotten, its impact still stands. I used this source through multiple excerpts of the media in which I put in my website, but not only this, but the source also helped me create a deeper understanding of the impacts that *Braschi v. Stahl* had on the U.S

History. www.history.com/topics/1980s/hiv-aids-crisis-timeline. Accessed 23 Feb. 2025.

This was a spectacular source as it allowed me to really get the basic understanding of the AIDs Crisis. Although it was not about my topic, AIDs had a lot of relevance to this case, so understanding the epidemic was very important as well.

HIV.gov. www.hiv.gov/hiv-basics/overview/about-hiv-and-aids/what-are-hiv-and-aids. Accessed 2 Apr. 2025.

This was a source I used to learn more about what the HIV virus was, and helped my understanding with the impacts of the virus, and the real cause of the virus, as opposed to what the public thought the cause was in the 1980's.

Hofstra Property Law Journal. Vol. 3, no. 1, scholarlycommons.law.hofstra.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1019&context=hplj. Accessed 23 Feb. 2025.

This was another journal discussing the case of *Braschi v. Stahl*. Although it was a little bit different from the other ones, it still talked of the impacts *Braschi* had, and was useful for my understanding nonetheless.

Legally Wed: Same-Sex Marriage and the Constitution. Internet Archives,

archive.org/details/legallywedsamese00stra/mode/2up. Accessed 22 Feb. 2025.

Although this book had little to do with *Braschi v. Stahl*, it was about what came after; specifically, same-sex marriages. This helped me understand more about the impacts and legacies of *Braschi v. Stahl*.

Legal Recognition of Same-sex Partnerships: A Study of National, European and International Law. Google Books,

books.google.com/books?id=0X68zQSoWGgC&pg=PA139#v=onepage&q&f=false.

Accessed 22 Feb. 2025.

This book was a useful source near the beginning of my research, as it was mainly for my understanding on how the events of the case happened in chronological order. It was similar to many other sources I used, but it's best to have multiple different places to fact check.

NYC LGBT Historic Sites Project.

www.nyclgbtsites.org/site/miguel-braschi-leslie-blanchard-residence/. Accessed 23 Feb. 2025.

This source helped me in multiple ways, such as the fundamental information on *Braschi v. Stahl*. I believe that this was my very first source that I used, and led me to find multiple more detailed sources that helped me greatly. Although this website and information itself were secondary sources, it also led me to find many videos and images that were primary sources.

PBS News. 9 July 2017, www.pbs.org/newshour/arts/aids-activists-public-private. Accessed 22 Feb. 2025.

Although this source wasn't about *Braschi v. Stahl*, it was still very useful. As I was doing my research, one of the first things I realized was that the case took place during the time of the AIDs epidemic, and that it actually had a lot to do with my issue, which I mentioned. So, I did some research on the AIDs crisis, and this was one of the sources I used. Not only was it helpful for information about my background, it also deepened my understanding on how AIDs impacted the perspectives of many different people.

Quimbee.

www.quimbee.com/cases/braschi-v-stahl-associates-co?__cf_chl_tk=9SaZ1_4GvL3KFyCgQtDQLXFv82mGMJQqfdgp_cKN4kM-1736381823-1.0.1.1-zSiHgxyHQCxxztBO7zTu_Ur5YS19bATUEcQABCNdfpk. Accessed 22 Feb. 2025.

This source is one that I used very early in my research, as it didn't really go into depth that much, but it did help me get a basic grasp of my topic. This is still important, as it allowed me to think about what questions I had and how to approach my topic and more detailed research.

Rutgers Law School.

www.newark.rutgers.edu/news/personal-stories-behind-five-landmark-lgbt-rights-decisions-are-told-new-book-rutgers-newark. Accessed 22 Feb. 2025.

This source was another source I used in order to find out more about the author of the book 'From the Closet to the Courtroom', though unlike the other source, this one talks of the book as well. Additionally, they added some quotes of what Ball had said, such as him saying that the cases have "have helped to make LGBT

people visible by forcing society to grapple with both their existence and their aspirations." deepening my understanding of the impacts of *Braschi v. Stahl*.

Rutgers Law School. law.rutgers.edu/carlos-ball. Accessed 22 Feb. 2025.

Although this source is not about my case, I used this to gain information on Carlos A. Ball, the author of 'From the Closet to the Courtroom', a source I found very useful. I wanted to interview him in order to hear more of his personal opinions, as well as gain knowledge on him. Later, I did not have the chance to interview him, but nonetheless, this source was still helpful on some level.

Studicata. studicata.com/case-briefs/case/braschi-v-stahl-assocs-co/. Accessed 23 Feb. 2025.

This was a case brief of *Braschi v. Stahl* that was done for students in order to put into simpler terms and formatting. This website was another one I used mainly to gather basic understanding of my topic, not something I used during more specific and detailed research. Nonetheless, a helpful source.

"The Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts Gives Unmarried Couples Standing to Petition to Adopt Children, but Is This Really an Endorsement of Non-Traditional Families." *Suffolk Journal of Trial and Appellate Advocacy*, vol. 2, no. 1.

Although the involvement of this source is very light, it still helped me with my understanding of the range of impact *Braschi v. Stahl* had. When I was trying to find specific events that *Braschi* had impacted, I had found myself a little bit confused, as there weren't many I could find. So, I tried to find any form of evidence of *Braschi* holding impacts that affected different court decisions.

Texas Wesleyan Law Review. Vol. 13, no. 2,

scholarship.law.tamu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1260&context=txwes-lr.

This document was another review of *Braschi v. Stahl* done by Law students. Although it told of fundamental things in the events I already knew of, these sources still gave me bits of information that helped me deeply with my understanding of the topic.

TimeOut.

www.timeout.com/newyork/things-to-do/see-beautiful-photos-of-nycs-iconic-fire-escapes. Accessed 1 Mar. 2025.

This source was a New York magazine I used for my background in my website. Originally, I wasn't so sure if I should have a background, since they occasionally look very, well, bad. But, I wanted my website to look a little less bland and boring, so I decided to add some color. I chose the image I chose because it's a picture of an apartment, a home. And that's what *Braschi v. Stahl* is all about; keeping a home where you and your family lived.

Vlex. case-law.vlex.com/vid/adoption-of-robert-paul-886272147. Accessed 27 Feb. 2025.

This was a source that is related to a different court case, but it is still connected to *Braschi v. Stahl*. When the New York Appellate Division rejected *Braschi's* idea of family between him and Blanchard, they used this court case as reasoning to their denial. So, curious, I decided to learn a little about the specifics.