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A decision was handed down in the US Supreme Court in the case in the matter Ruben Flores-Villar in which Professor Kim Rubenstein was one of five academics named as amicus in a Brief amici curiae of "Scholars on Statelessness" filed on June 24 2010.

The case was argued in the US Supreme Court on the morning of November 10, 2010.

The issue in the case was whether the US Supreme Court's decision in *Nguyen v. Immigration and Naturalization Service* (2001) permits gender discrimination (regarding the passing on of citizenship to children) that has no biological basis.

By a vote of four to four (because Justice Kagan was recused), the Court allowed the lower court's decision to stand; that decision rejected the argument that a federal law which establishes different standards for children born out of wedlock outside of the United States to obtain U.S. citizenship, depending on whether the child's mother or father was a U.S. citizen, is unconstitutional.

All public documents about the case are available

<http://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/flores-villar-v-united-states/>

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