



Name of Country and Jurisdiction:

**Venezuela**



What forms of legally recognized relationships are available?



LEGAL RECOGNITION FOR OPPOSITE-SEX COUPLE	GEOGRAPHY	LAW	AVAILABLE TO SAME-SEX COUPLE?
Marriage, registered	Venezuela (federal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Código Civil de Venezuela, Gaceta No. 2.990 Extraordinaria del 26 de Julio de 1982, Title IV, Chapters I–V.</i> [Defines elements/ requirements of marriage. Article 44 defines marriage as being between a man and a woman.]</li> <li>• <i>Constitución de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela, Article 77.</i> [Defines marriage as being between a man and a woman.]</li> </ul>	No

**NOTE:** It has been widely reported that civil unions of same-sex couples are recognized in Mérida State. See, e.g., “Venezuela’s Sexual Revolution Within the Revolution,” 25 March 2006, <http://www.venezuelanalysis.com/analysis/1673>. These reports do not cite, and we have not located, any statutory or decisional law to support such recognition.

■ **Sources:**

- *Código Civil de Venezuela, Gaceta No. 2.990 Extraordinaria del 26 de Julio de 1982, Title IV, Chapters I–V (Articles 41–102).*
- *Constitución de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela, Article 77.*
- <http://eltiempo.com/venezuela/leyes/en-busca-del-matrimonio-gay-en-venezuela/92929>.
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