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Greetings from the National LGBT Bar Association

The National LGBT Bar Association (formerly known as the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association) is excited to return to New York City for our Annual Career Fair & Conference: Lavender Law. The name of our organization may have changed, but our commitment to being the voice of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) legal community has not wavered, nor has our mission of achieving LGBT equality both in and through the legal profession.

Each year, the National LGBT Bar Association (and its sister organization, the National LGBT Bar Foundation, a 501(c)(3)) hosts the Annual Career Fair and Conference as an opportunity for the leading legal minds in the LGBT community to come together and share their knowledge with each other and the next generation.

This year’s programming is our most expansive yet. With over 35 workshops and general attendance sessions to choose from, attendees will have the opportunity to learn from distinguished panelists on a wide range of topics including family law, transgender law, intimate partner violence, “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” diversity on the bench, HIV/AIDS, immigration, the first amendment, and seminars designed to guide those interested in pursuing a career as a solo practitioner, legal scholar, law firm attorney or member of the judiciary. New in 2009 are advanced day-long seminars geared toward specific practice areas: the Family Law Institute and the Transgender Litigators Roundtable. We also welcome a new Division of attorneys to our conference this year, the In-House/Corporate Counsel Division, members of which are planning the future of the Division and are interested in moving toward greater LGBT diversity in corporate legal departments across the country.

This year’s career fair and conference was made possible by the generosity of our sponsors and their ongoing commitment to supporting the important work of the National LGBT Bar Association. Our sponsors understand that diversity is not a “feel good extravagance” but rather an on-going business imperative.

With so many educational, career and networking opportunities, we hope you will leave the Annual Career Fair and Conference excited about the work ahead. We also hope to see you at next year’s conference in South Beach, Miami!

D’Arcy Kemnitz, Executive Director, National LGBT Bar Association
Laura Maechtlen, President, National LGBT Bar Association
John T. Hendricks, President, National LGBT Bar Foundation

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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all gathered in the dynamic Borough of Brooklyn for the 21st Annual Lavender Law Conference of the National LGBT Bar Association.

Throughout history, members of the legal community have been the leading advocates and defenders of justice across this great State and Nation. Those engaged in any of the various areas of legal practice understand the weight and magnitude of their work, and uphold the highest standards of fairness and responsible jurisprudence.

The National LGBT Bar Association exemplifies such a tradition of distinguished service through its members who are well-versed in legal issues encountered in every aspect of life. It is, without doubt, one of this Nation’s most important organizations of legal professionals who reflect the tremendous intellect, skill and diversity of their respective fields.

This meeting brings you together in a spirit of unity and fellowship as representatives of our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) legal community. Not only are you individuals bound by a common professional affiliation through your excellent work within the legal community, but persons who share pride as members of the LGBT population, dedicated to the furtherance of equality and justice in matters of civil and human rights.

Those who practice law and work on behalf of our overall legal system remain vigilant in ensuring that individuals are protected within our communities, courthouses and government institutions. Your efforts certainly inspire us and remind us that we must always defend the democratic ideals upon which America is founded.

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_Law & Sexuality_ is the official legal publication of the National LGBT Bar Association. The Journal publishes the winning article of the annual LGBT Bar Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition. This exciting competition is dedicated to encouraging and recognizing outstanding law student scholarship on the legal issues affecting LGBT persons.

_Law & Sexuality_ is published annually. Subscriptions are $12.00 per year for students, $18.00 for domestic individual orders, $20.00 for domestic institutions, and $25.00 for international subscribers. The Journal also welcomes the submission of unsolicited articles, essays, and book reviews at:

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Dan Bradley Award

This year, the National LGBT Bar Association honors Dr. Frank Kameny, one of the nation’s first and foremost gay activists, for his trailblazing work on behalf of the LGBT community. He has been recognized across the nation for his service and activism. His personal papers and collection of early LGBT rights memorabilia, including signs from the 1965 demonstration at the White House (widely acknowledged as the first public gay rights protest) are on display at the Smithsonian’s “Treasures of American History.”

Please join the National LGBT Bar Association in thanking Dr. Kameny for his tireless crusade on behalf of the LGBT community.

The Dan Bradley Award is the National LGBT Bar Association’s highest honor. It recognizes the efforts of a member of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender legal community whose work has led the way in our struggle for legal equality. Dan Bradley was the first chair of the American Bar Association Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities’ Committee on the Rights of Gay People. Bradley saw the law as a powerful instrument of social justice, and he believed that lawyers had an obligation to place their skills as advocates at the service of the least powerful among us.

DAN BRADLEY AWARD WINNERS:

2009 | Lavender Law 2009—Brooklyn, NY
Dr. Frank Kameny, LGBT Civil Rights Pioneer

2008 | Lavender Law 2008—San Francisco, CA
Shannon Minter, Legal Director, National Center for Lesbian Rights • Therese Stewart, Chief Deputy City Attorney, City of San Francisco

2007 | Lavender Law 2007—Chicago, IL
Patricia M. Logue, Associate Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County

2006 | Lavender Law 2006—Washington, DC
Urvashi Vaid, Executive Director of the Arcus Foundation

2005 | Lavender Law 2005—San Diego, CA
Arthur S. Leonard, Professor of Law at New York Law School and author of Law Notes

2004 | Lavender Law 2004—Minneapolis, MN
Ruth E. Harlow, former Legal Director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund; Lead Counsel in the landmark case, Lawrence v. Texas

2003 | Lavender Law 2003—New York, NY
Matthew Coles, Director, ACLU National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project • Leslie Cooper, Staff Attorney, ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project

2002 | Lavender Law 2002—Philadelphia, PA
Kate Kendall, Executive Director, National Center for Lesbian Rights, San Francisco, CA

2001 | Lavender Law 2001—Dallas, TX
Phyllis Randolph Frye, Transgender Activist and Civil Rights Leader, Houston, TX

2000 | Lavender Law 2000—Washington, DC
Mark D. Agrast, Legislative Director & Counsel to Rep. William H. Delahunt, Former NLGLA Co-Chair

1999 | Lavender Law 1999—Seattle, WA
Hon. Stephen M. Lachs, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge

1998 | Lavender Law 1998—Boston, MA
John Ward, Founder & Former Executive Director of Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders

1997 | Lavender Law 1997—West Hollywood, CA
Abby Rubenfeld, Rubenfeld & Associates, Nashville, Tennessee; Former Legal Director of Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund

1996 | Lavender Law V—New Orleans, LA
Suzanne Goldberg, Attorney for Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund • Tom Stoddard, Former Executive Director of Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund • Jeanne Winer, Trial Counsel for Plaintiffs in Evans v. Romer

1994 | Lavender Law IV—Portland, OR
William E. Adams, Jr., Nova University School of Law, Fort Lauderdale, FL

1992 | Lavender Law III—Chicago, IL
Sue Wilson, Attorney for Sharon Kovalski

1990 | Lavender Law II—Atlanta, GA
Nan Hunter, Professor, Brooklyn Law School; Former Head of Gay & Lesbian Rights Project, ACLU
Established in memory of Michael Greenberg, a former National LGBT Bar Association board member and Philadelphia attorney who died in 1996 from complications of AIDS, this exciting competition is dedicated to encouraging and recognizing outstanding law student scholarship on the legal issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons. Each year, the National LGBT Bar Association receives submissions from law students on the cutting edge legal issues affecting the LGBT community.

Congratulations go out to the winner and runners-up of the 2009 Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition. The honorees will be recognized at the Annual Career Fair and Conference during the Law Student Celebration on Saturday, September 12th.

**FIRST PLACE:** Krista Stone-Manista, Northwestern University School of Law—“Parents in Illinois Are Parents in Oklahoma: An Argument for Mandatory Interstate Recognition of Same-Sex Adoptions”

**FIRST RUNNER-UP:** C. Hays Burchfield, University of Mississippi School of Law—“Gay or Straight – Marriage Should Not Be a Requirement for Enforceable Gestational Surrogacy Agreements”

**SECOND RUNNER UP:** Matthew Coleman, Rutgers School of Law Newark—“Segregating the Cycle: Same-Sex Domestic Violence and the Threat of State Constitutional Amendments Limiting Marriage”

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our competition judges!

Luke Boso  
Kylar Broadus  
Christine Clarke  
Allen A. Drexel  
Ryan Dunn  
Katie Fletcher

Rowena Gargalican  
Sarah Goldfrank  
Craig Konnoth  
Shawn Kravitch  
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Christopher Leslie  
Becca Levin  
Laura Maechtlen  
Theodore A. McCombs  
Doug NeJaime  
John K. Olson

Hon. Sebastian Patti  
Christopher Scott  
Jack Vitayanon  
Samuel E. Wolfe  
Zeke Zeidler
M. Barusch is a fearless legal advocate for transgender rights and a respected leader in her law school community and in the greater Boston area. As an undergraduate at Harvard College, she served as the co-chair of the Harvard BGLTSA for two consecutive years, and was the driving force behind a successful effort to persuade the Harvard General Counsel to add “gender identity” to the university’s nondiscrimination code. She also served as a peer counselor on issues of gender and sexuality and a volunteer staffer on the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders legal hotline.

Throughout her undergraduate and law school careers, Barusch has been deeply involved with the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (MTPC), a grassroots organization working to pass legislation to protect transgender people under statewide nondiscrimination and hate crimes laws. She has dedicated countless hours to legislative, fundraising and training efforts. She has spoken to legislators, organized “lobby days” at the Massachusetts State House, designed educational materials about nondiscrimination laws and currently serves on the MTPC Steering Committee.

Barusch also took her commitment to social justice work to Boston University School of Law. Barusch was at the top of her class academically (graduated magna cum laude in June) and is widely respected by students and professors for having brought originality to discussions and adding a personal, socially-conscious dimension to classroom dialogue.

In one of her most impressive accomplishments, Barusch co-founded a legal clinic for indigent transgender people in Boston – the first of its kind – as a 1L. The Massachusetts Transgender Legal Advocates (MTLA) is an entirely volunteer-run organization that is staffed by law students, supervised by a volunteer lawyer from the Aids Action Committee, and aided by volunteer attorney consultants. In just a year, MTLA has already served 100 clients, undertaken cases of first impression, and clocked over 1900 volunteer hours. Barusch has taken on the heaviest workload, including cases that are emotionally draining and time consuming, and done so with enthusiasm. She fights tirelessly for transgender rights, seeking protection for communities facing disproportionately high rates of violence, homelessness, and discrimination, and she inspires other advocates to keep pressing forward.
This year, the National LGBT Bar Association has chosen to recognize two individuals who have had an unparalleled impact on the lives of transgender individuals. Even as those in the halls of Congress continue to debate whether transgender persons should be safe from workplace discrimination or violent hate crimes, these two pioneers have, over the course of their careers, led the struggle for transgender equality and inclusion.

**2009 ADVOCACY AWARD WINNERS:**

**Jamison Green,** Education and Policy Consulting on Transgender and Transsexual Issues

In appreciation of his decades of brilliant leadership, scholarship, and public education on behalf of transgender people worldwide, and for his unfailing kindness, mentorship, and personal support for countless transgender individuals.

**Phyllis Randolph Frye,** Attorney at Law, Transgender Legal

In appreciation of her decades of fierce advocacy, innovative legal representation, and tireless political organizing on behalf of transgender people worldwide, and for her unmatched devotion to building community and empowering transgender people to fight for equality.

These outstanding honorees will be recognized at the 2009 Annual Career Fair and Conference at a special luncheon on Saturday, September 12th.
Every year, the sharpest legal minds in the LGBT community gather at the National LGBT Bar Association’s annual conference and career fair.

Hundreds of practicing attorneys, scholars, students and members of the judiciary are expected to attend over the course of this year’s events.

Thursday, September 10, 2009

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Recruiter and Attendee Check-In

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. National LGBT Bar Foundation Board Meeting (By invitation only)
Golden Boardroom

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Career Services and Job Search Strategies for Law Students
Grand Ballroom Salons F, G, H & I

A panel of legal practitioners with experience working in government, non-profit, small and large firms guided by a law career services professional will discuss the tools, considerations and critical aspects to find, research and evaluate gay-friendly employers in each of these legal arenas.

Speakers: Robert Depew, Elaine Arabatzis, Carlos Dávila-Caballero, Arthur Fama, James Leipold

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Coffee Break
Sponsored by Kirkland and Ellis Foyers

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Career Fair
Grand Ballroom Salons A, B, C, D, & E

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Transgender Litigators Roundtable Part 1 (By invitation only)
Brooklyn Actors

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Family Law Institute
Robinson & Whitman Room

10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Individual Career Counseling
Gleason

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. National LGBT Bar Association/National LGBT Bar Foundation Lunch (By invitation only)
Golden Boardroom

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Transgender Mentoring Program
Brooklyn Actors

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Student Appreciation Lunch
Grand Ballroom Salons F, G, H & I

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. National LGBT Bar Association Board Meeting (By invitation only)
Golden Boardroom

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Transgender Litigators Roundtable Part 2 (By invitation only)
Brooklyn Actors

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Law Student Congress
Brooklyn Writers

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Corporate Counsel Meeting (By invitation only)
Brooklyn Athletes

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Corporate Counsel VIP Reception (By invitation only)
Brooklyn Comedians

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dan Bradley Award Reception
Sponsored by Seyfarth Shaw LLP
Grand Ballroom Salons F, G, H & I
Kathleen Sullivan, Keynote Speaker

Friday, September 11, 2009

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Attendee Check-In

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Relationship Recognition Through a Federal Lens
Grand Ballroom Salons D & E

Now with marriage in the heartland and throughout New England, the broad impact of federal discrimination against same sex couples is finally being felt. Litigation strategies focusing on Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act may provide much needed relief. With recent filings in the Boies/Olson suit and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts challenging DOMA on 10th Amendment grounds, Federal courts are becoming central to the marriage issue.

Speakers: Janson Wu, Shannon Minter, William Eskridge, Patricia Cain, Suzanne Goldberg
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  Coffee Break
Affiliates Gathering—All representatives or members of regional, state or local LGBT voluntary bar associations welcome!

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  Concurrent Workshops—Session One

Revisiting Disability Frameworks
Grand Ballroom Salon A
Developing effective frameworks for advancing the rights of LGBT persons and persons with an intersex condition is complex and controversial. Activists and scholars working on issues that affect transsexuals and persons with an intersex condition are in the process of developing theoretical and practical approaches to address issues of concern. The DSM deleted homosexuality as a psychological disorder decades ago, but drafters of the current DSM revision are debating whether and how to address issues relating to gender identity. Similarly, those working in the intersex movement are discussing whether labeling intersexuality a disorder will best advance the interests of those born with an intersex condition. This workshop will provide an interactive discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of utilizing a disability framework for the members of the various communities.

Speakers: Prof. Julie Greenberg, Anne Tamar-Mattis, Shannon Minter, Marybeth Herald, Jennifer L. Levi, Janet Green

The Ins and Outs of Starting Up (and Growing) Your Own (LGBT) Law Firm
Grand Ballroom Salon B
This workshop will feature the freedoms and limitations of developing an "all gay, all day, for pay" GP/Solo practice. Presented by experienced veteran practitioners who have seen it all, as well as those just leaving BigLaw, this discussion will answer some of your questions—while prompting more—about whether or not you have what it takes to experience the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat in the race of building your own business.

Speakers: Susan Silber, James W. Spencer, David Taylor, Michele Zavos

The Last Thing Hanging in the Closet: LGBT Intimate Partner Violence
Grand Ballroom Salon C
Intimate partner violence is as prevalent in the lives of LGBT individuals as it is in heterosexual relationships, yet the movement has avoided facing that fact head on choosing instead to work on issues that position our families in a favorable light. There are very few resources, legal and non-legal, for LGBT survivors. In this workshop we will review the unique barriers LGBT victims face accessing legal options, identify legal issues and remedies, and discuss how lawyers and law students can work on this important issue facing our communities.

Speakers: Wayne Thomas, Terra Slavin, Morgan Lynn, Hon. Marcy L. Kahn, Lisa A. Linsky, Julie Goldscheid, Elizabeth Schwartz

Queering the Bench: Judicial Selection Methods and the Impact on LGBT Diversity
Grand Ballroom Salon F
Even as more attorneys than ever before are openly-identifying as LGBT, the number of openly LGBT jurists has remained extremely low. This workshop will examine how state judicial elections and other selection methods impact diversity on the bench, paying particular attention to the number of openly-LGBT judges. Panelists will explore cutting-edge research into best practices for increasing diversity; which selection methods may help and which may hinder increasing diversity; steps that all attorneys can take to help increase the numbers of LGBT jurists; and, suggested strategies and reforms to affect long-term change.

Speakers: Hilary Meyer, Bob Bacigalupi, Hon. Michael Sonberg, Ciara Torres-Spelliscy

Social Science Research and LGBT Litigation and Legislation
Grand Ballroom Salon G
This workshop will bring together social scientists discussing new findings relevant to LGBT policy issues and attorneys discussing how they have used empirical data in both legislative work and litigation on LGBT rights. Panelists will explain how they made the US Census more relevant to the LGBT community and what that means for litigation and legislation in the future, and present new studies on LGBT parenting and how such research is analyzed by courts.

Speakers: Somjen Frazer, Gary Gates, M. V. Lee Badgett, Nanette Gartrell, Camilla Taylor

Junior Scholar Forum
Grand Ballroom Salons H & I
The objective of this panel is to encourage the development of the next generation of sexual orientation and gender identity scholarship by fostering cross-generational support and feedback from experts in the field. Topics from papers selected include sexuality in public schools, polyamory as a sexual orientation, custody disputes with a non-homosexual parent, the race-sexual orientation analogy, political
compromises made in the name of advancement, the relationship between same-sex marriage and religious exemptions, and the social constructs that hinder gender expression.

Speakers: Elizabeth M. Glazer, Steven Macias, Craig Konnoth, Kim Pearson, Sonia Katyal, Amy Dillard, Ann Tweedy, Doug NeJaime, Jennifer Wilson

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Break
Attendees are encouraged to dine at Archives, the host hotel’s restaurant, or a nearby eatery. For a list of nearby restaurants, please ask the concierge.

12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. International Association of Lesbian and Gay Judges Meeting (By invitation only)
Fulton Ferry Room

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Workshops — Session Two

Constitutional Gender
Grand Ballroom Salon A
The right to gender autonomy has been defined as the right of self-determination of one’s gender, free from state interference or contradiction, and the right to state recognition of that self-determined gender. Denial creates problems in employment, education, medical care, housing, government benefits, marriage rights, restroom access, and prisoner rights. Recent law reviews discuss potential sources in constitutional law, including due process, equal protection, right to privacy, First Amendment, right to travel, full faith and credit, and the Ninth Amendment. The panel of four speakers will discuss pathways to creating an enforceable right of gender autonomy.

Speakers: Prof. Jillian T. Weiss, Prof. Julie Greenberg, Prof. Mary Anne Case, Prof. Taylor Flynn

The New Adoption and Foster Care Battle: Cohabitation Bans
Grand Ballroom Salon B
In the wake of successful court challenges to laws banning adoption and fostering by gay people, our opponents have shifted strategy. Their new tactic is to promote cohabitation bans, cloaking the exclusion of gay couples in a requirement based on marital status. In November, 57% of Arkansas voters passed such a law, a challenge to which is pending in court. Identical bills have since been introduced across the South. This session will address litigation and legislative strategies being used to challenge this new generation of parenting bans and how they are informed by and different than advocacy against gay exclusions.

Speakers: Leslie Cooper, Kara Suffredini, Naomi G. Goldberg, Hon. Mark King Leban, Carlos A. Ball

Family Law: Ethics and Professionalism
Grand Ballroom Salon C
Representation of LGBT clients in an ever changing and sometimes hostile legal environment can present unusual ethical issues as well as create professional conflict. Come to this workshop to hear from those with decades of experience on how to navigate ethical and professionalism issues in all areas of LGBT family law, especially in light of the various demands of transactional practice (donor agreements, co-parenting agreements, guardianship, adoption, parenting, surrogacy agreements) and litigation (custody and visitation disputes and division of property and debts).

Speakers: Lynn Perls, Claudia D. Work, Abby Rubenfeld

HIV/AIDS under President Obama: How is the National Policy Strategy and Civil Rights Faring So Far Under the New Administration?
Grand Ballroom Salon F
What has the new Administration and Congress done about domestic HIV issues? Important HIV issues were raised during the nation’s elections and by the Presidential Transition Team. As advocates continue to work on those issues, this panel will explore what has happened and how to extract the needed next steps from power brokers in the White House and on Capitol Hill. The primary focus will be on development of a National AIDS Strategy for a coordinated federal response for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, and HIV/AIDS civil rights priorities in areas including employment, access to health care and other essential services in these troubled economic times.

Speakers: William D. McColl, Bebe J. Anderson, Catherine Hanssens, Dr. Marjorie J. Hill

Coming Out in the Profession: “But, What Will the Clients Think?”
Grand Ballroom Salon G
Diversity in the profession – everyone’s talking the talk, but who is walking the walk. Hundreds of conferences and CLEs, thousands of speakers and leaders, millions of dollars in programs and incentives; yet still only a fraction of the top paying partner positions are filled by diverse attorneys. Meanwhile, everyone is wondering whether the “business case” for diversity still applies during the doldrums of the Great Recession. Come to this workshop to hear from the clients themselves as well as a managing partner who have all “made it” being out and proud.

Speakers: Corey Reese, Lisa Damon, Michelle A. Peak, John V. Treviño, Jr.
Cutting Edge Issues in Legal Scholarship
Organized by NY Academics
Grand Ballroom Salon H
To honor the location of this year’s meeting, this panel showcases the work of legal academics in the New York area who are writing on issues of sexual orientation and gender identity. The panel features innovative approaches to the problem of transgender discrimination, as well as a novel understanding of the same-sex marriage debate by reference to principles of property law.

Speakers: Prof. Elizabeth M. Glazer, Prof. Marc Poirier, Prof. Sonia Katyal, Prof. Bill Araiza, Prof. Paisley Currah

Yes, Lawyers in Mainstream Practices Can Still Serve the LGBT Community
Grand Ballroom Salon I
Choosing a legal career that doesn’t focus on LGBT rights and the LGBT community does not mean that legal professionals cannot make a difference. Panelists will discuss various ways that LGBT attorneys in mainstream workplaces (law firms, the government sector, non-profits, corporations) can serve the LGBT community through efforts such as developing and leading diversity initiatives and affinity groups; mentoring younger lawyers; building community responsibility programs; advancing pro bono efforts; educating and working with bar associations; forming LGBT bar organizations; getting involved in local government; and serving on non-profit boards. Panelists will address the importance of visibility, building alliances, and how to start from scratch.

Speakers: Joe Evall, William Hibsher, Lisa A. Linsky, Hon. Steven Kirkland, William Weinberger

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  Break
3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.  Concurrent Workshops—Session Three

Intersections with HIV/AIDS on the Road to Vienna: Immigration
Grand Ballroom Salon A
The National LGBT Bar Association has been one of the leading educators on HIV/AIDS issues over the past twenty years. As the Nat’l LGBT Bar, along with the American Bar Association prepares for the 18th Annual International AIDS Conference in 2010 in Vienna, Austria, we take a detailed look at the issue area of aging. The panel will lead a discussion of recent changes in immigration law such as the repeal of the HIV travel and immigration ban and administrative and regulatory efforts in that area as well as in the area of immigration rights. It will also discuss legislative efforts (Uniting American Families Act (UAFA) and a partial or complete repeal of DOMA) that would recognize lesbian and gay bi-national couples under US immigration law. Finally, it would explore the complex legal environment that these couples would face if DOMA is repealed in light of US immigration officials’ prior treatment of marriages that are recognized in some, but not all, US states (e.g., biracial marriages).

Speakers: Prof. Scott Titshaw, Julie Kruse, Jeremy McLaughlin

The Cutting Edge in Trans Rights: Health Care, IDs, Prisons and More
Grand Ballroom Salon B
Transgender rights are rapidly evolving, but some areas are moving faster than others. Administrative rules for changing sex designation on identity documents are in flux, with great victories in some states and increasing burdens in others. Insurance coverage for gender transition is not keeping pace with strong resolutions from the AMA and other associations in favor of inclusiveness. Transgender people in prison continue to endure horrible mistreatment, but advocates continue to win more protective policies. In this workshop, attorneys with their fingers on the pulse of these developments will share an up-to-the-minute report, and will discuss their thoughts about what is coming next.

Speakers: Lisa Mottet, Cole Thaler, Melanie Rowen, Benjamin L. Jerner, Prof. Darren Rosenblum, Kylar W. Broadus

Similar Struggles, Different Paths: LGBT Rights and Reproductive Rights
Grand Ballroom Salon C
This panel aims to highlight emerging intersections between the LGBTI and reproductive rights movements, setting the groundwork for collaboration for innovative research, advocacy and litigation. Presenters will include both scholars and advocates in the fields of LGBTI and reproductive rights. The discussion will address historical links and common theoretical underpinnings of the two movements, from the constitutional right to privacy to the human right to dignity.

Speakers: Jaime Todd-Gher, Shannon Minter, Prof. Mary Anne Case, Hon. D. Zeke Zeidler, Nancy Northup

So You Want to be a Judge
Grand Ballroom Salon F
This program will bring together judges, lawyers and others who are interested in increasing diversity within the judiciary. The program will address the difficult and complex issues confronted by gays and lesbians who aspire to become judges at all levels of the judiciary
through the elected, appointed, and nominations process.


Access to Justice for Low-Income LGBT People
Grand Ballroom Salon G

The need for services to low-income LGBT people is only increasing in our current economic times. The legal issues that particularly affect low-income people, such as public benefits eligibility, are becoming more complex as some - but not all - jurisdictions advance toward equality. This workshop will discuss poverty among the LGBT community, and highlight specific obstacles that low-income LGBT people and their families face. We will also discuss examples of how LGBT organizations and legal services organizations are collaborating to provide more comprehensive services to low-income LGBT people.

Speakers: Cathy Sakimura, M. V. Lee Badgett, Richard Blum, Natalie Chin, Terra Slavin

Family Law: Update on Family Law Issues
Grand Ballroom Salon H

Members of the National Family Law Advisory Council of the National Center for Lesbian Rights will provide an update on family law issues around the country, including both formation and dissolution issues.

Speakers: Deborah H. Wald, Joyce Kauffman, Michele Zavos, William S. Singer

Great LGBT Books: Author and Commentators
Grand Ballroom Salon I

Nancy Polikoff is the author of Beyond (Straight and Gay) Marriage, a book that has been nominated for two literary awards. She will discuss the book's thesis with commentators Pat Cain and Carlos Ball, as well as with members of the audience.

Speakers: Patricia Cain, Prof. Nancy D. Polikoff, Carlos A. Ball

5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Diversity Reception
Sponsored by Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP
Grand Ballroom Salons D & E

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Night Out
Sponsored by Saks Fifth Avenue

Please join us at the Saks Fifth Avenue flagship store in Manhattan for an evening of cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, live music, fashion and shopping. Conference registrants will receive a discount on purchases for the evening with a portion of the sales benefiting the LGBT Bar. One lucky attendee will win a free look from Michael Kors!

Saks Fifth Avenue, 611 Fifth Avenue
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Saturday, September 12, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Priorities for the LGBT Agenda in a New Administration
Grand Ballroom Salons D & E

With a constitutional scholar as our new President, key leaders of major LGBT advocacy organizations share how they, and their groups, are working to achieve equality and to identify critical legal issues that will arise over the next four years to achieve equality for our community.

Speakers: Kevin Cathcart, James Esseks, Rachel B. Tiven

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break
Sponsored by Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP

Join us for coffee and enter for a chance to win a Garmin-nüvi GPS system! You must be present to win.

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Concurrent Workshops—Session Four

Ethics and Immigration Law
Grand Ballroom Salon A

Immigration attorneys who advise clients with limited legal rights face unique ethical challenges. This panel will posit several real life hypotheticals frequently faced by immigration practitioners who work with the LGBT community and describe best practices under relevant ethical rules.

Speakers: Victoria Neilson, Eric Berndt, Scott Titshaw

Family Law: Advanced Estate Planning
Grand Ballroom Salon B

Estate planning in a world of limited relationship recognition poses serious and complicated legal questions. Couples may be protected at the state level, but the lack of relationship recognition and attendant tax benefits at the Federal level make it necessary for many LGBT couples to avail themselves of certain trust and gifting strategies that many practitioners are not familiar with. This seminar focuses on both lifetime wealth transfer strategies, as well as the probate planning techniques. Becoming familiar with these trust instruments, as well as local probate rules, deadlines and strategies is a must for any estate
planner who wishes to assist their clients throughout the entire estate planning process. Further, we will provide practice tips and advice on joint representation and resolving issues for couples who travel. 

**Speakers:** Joan M. Burda, Patricia Cain, Tamara Kolz, Anthony M. Brown, Richard Milstein

**DADT Repeal & Beyond: The Practical Implications of Repealing ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ and Implementing Open Service**  
Grand Ballroom Salon C

With the re-introduction of the Military Readiness Enhancement Act in the U.S. House of Representatives, the introduction of a companion bill in the Senate, and a President who has pledged to sign repeal legislation, the stars seem to be aligned for repeal of ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ (DADT). But how will repeal work? This presentation will examine what the military needs to do to prepare for open service. What, if any, updates need to be made to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the Department of Defense’s other rules and regulations? How, if at all, will life be different for LGBT service members and for their straight counterparts? Experts will discuss these and other practical implications of repeal that service members and their leaders will face in a post-DADT world, looking, in part, at the experiences of our allies in eliminating their own gay bans.

**Speakers:** Emily Hecht, Aaron Tax, Bridget J. Wilson, Prof. Jackie Gardina, Prof. Diane H. Mazur

**Dukeminier Awards**  
Grand Ballroom Salon F

Winners of the Dukeminier Awards for the best law review articles on sexual orientation and gender identity topics in 2009 will discuss their work and emerging themes in LGBT scholarship. Winners are selected by a rigorous process involving faculty at the UCLA Law School - Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy and a student editorial board. The board screens several hundred articles to identify the top forty, which are closely analyzed in a law school seminar. Seminar participants select ten finalists, and a committee of Williams faculty and students chooses the best three to five articles.

**Speakers:** Prof. Nan Hunter, Rhonda Wasserman, Prof. Marc Poirier, Dean Spade

**Pedagogy for Sexuality Courses**  
Grand Ballroom Salon G

This panel will address methods of teaching law and sexuality. Panelists will offer insights on teaching courses specifically devoted to the topic of law and sexuality as well as insights on incorporating examples involving sexual minorities into other courses in the law school curriculum. Specific attention will be devoted to different methods of teaching the law and sexuality course, with panelists offering perspectives on teaching the course in the context of a law school’s clinic and as a course in public interest lawyering. In addition, panelists will offer perspectives on dealing with students of differing geographic, ethnic, and political backgrounds, as well as students of differing sexual orientations, when addressing in the classroom the law as it relates to sexual minorities.

**Speakers:** Elizabeth M. Glazer, Ruthann Robson, Zachary Kramer, Prof. Taylor Flynn, Prof. Suzanne B. Goldberg, Prof. Dean Spade

**Workplace Protections and Employee Wish Lists**  
Grand Ballroom Salon H

This panel will guide conference attendees through the changing landscape of workplace protections for LGBT employees. Panelists will discuss employee benefits issues, analyze developing employment discrimination case law and provide a federal and New York State legislative update. Speakers include impact litigators and private sector plaintiff and defense-side employment law practitioners.

**Speakers:** Lauren Schwartzreich, Ken Choe, Natalie Chin, Lee Schreter

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Transgender Advocacy Award Presentation and Lunch  
Grand Ballroom Salons D & E

12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.  Academic Advisory Committee Meeting  
Fulton Ferry Room

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Meet and Greet with Current Law Professors (Open to all registrants interested in a career in academia)  
Fulton Ferry Room

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Concurrent Workshops—Session Five  
How Bar Associations Across the Nation are Pushing for LGBT Rights  
Grand Ballroom Salon A

Mandatory and unified bar associations are engaged in some of the most cutting edge lawsuits involving our community. From Florida to the Bay Area and stops in between, including the ABA, the “Big Bars” are strong advocates for LGBT issues within the law and legal
profession - but this doesn’t just happen. For the first time, that Nat’l LGBT Bar Association is featuring its affiliated state, regional and local bar associations from across the country that have successfully cultivated productive relationships with bar associations in order to deepen the conversation about diversity and inclusion where it really counts – with our straight allies in the profession. This workshop, especially valuable for members of affiliate local LGBT bar associations, will explore effective ways to engage your bar association in this critical work, including special considerations for working with mandatory, voluntary, and national bar associations.

**Speakers:** Phil Duran, Jeff Wolf, Anthony Gipe, Wayne LaRue Smith, Richard J. Podell, Justice Rosalyn Richter

**Opening Doors: Innovative Strategies to Protect LGBTQ Youth in Juvenile Justice, Foster Care and on the Streets**

*Grand Ballroom Salon B*

Participants will discuss the challenges faced in providing effective services to LGBTQ youth who are homeless or in the foster care or juvenile justice systems. The presenters will share advocacy tools for ensuring LGBTQ youth’s safety, permanency and well being. Participants will learn about advocating for nondiscrimination legislation, the adoption of best practice guidelines, training judges and defenders, implementing LGBTQ-inclusive sexual health care and promoting the adoption of written agency- and state-wide polices prohibiting discrimination. Participants will learn to work with LGBTQ youth in foster care on understanding their legal rights with the assistance of the Opening Doors Project’s Know Your Rights guide.

**Speakers:** Andrea Khoury, Mimi Laver, Hon. Larnzell Martin, Jr., Tom Burrows, Flor Bermudez, Jody Marksamer, Margo Kaplan

**Legal Clinics from Seattle to New York: In Your Neighborhoods and in Your Schools**

*Grand Ballroom Salon C*

Neighborhood and University-based legal clinics offer legal advice to our community in vast and important ways. Clinics not only offer help to our families but solid experience to attorneys and law students while providing a forum for public education. Given that LGBT legal clinics are new to the clinical model, what are community leaders doing to queer clinics to help our community, hone a new generation of practitioners and educate the public? You will hear from leaders from the Ivy Leagues as well as attorneys in the real world who have successfully started a neighborhood legal clinic as part of their local bar association. Find out the steps to take, share ideas for success, and learn how attorneys, law students, and law firms can all play a vital role in creating these opportunities for service.

**Speakers:** Spencer Bergstedt, Jill Mullins, Prof. Suzanne B. Goldberg, Adrien Leavitt

**Torts Issues**

*Grand Ballroom Salon F*

There are many tort issues that affect the ability of LGBT individuals to recover damages for tortiously inflicted harm. Some issues arise from the refusal to recognize our relationship, such as in the context of wrongful death and bystander emotional distress. Other issue that arise involve claims of defamation, invasion of privacy and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

**Speakers:** Prof. Lawrence C. Levine, Prof. Anita Bernstein, Hon. Paul Feinman, Jim Holmes, Patricia Lambert, Mark Scutri, Thomas Ude, John Culhane

**So You Want To Be a Law Professor**

*Grand Ballroom Salon G*

This panel will discuss choosing legal academia as a career goal and how to plan for that goal. Panelists will provide general information on the academic job market as well as share specific insights from their personal paths to becoming a law professor. Panelists: Elizabeth Glazer, Courtney Joslin, Holning Lau (moderator), and James McGrath.

**Speakers:** Elizabeth M. Glazer, Prof. Courtney Joslin, Holning Lau, Prof. James McGrath

**First Amendments and LGBT Issues in Schools**

*Grand Ballroom Salon H*

Forty years after the Supreme Court issued its seminal decision in Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District, speech rights within school communities remain of fundamental importance. The multidisciplinary panelists will present the legal theories, scientific research, and on-the-ground strategies that have been deployed in defense of pro-LGBTQ student expression, particularly where Gay-Straight Alliances are concerned. The workshop will also explore the policy advocacy leading to, and the legal actions following from, comprehensive and scientifically sound school curricula.

**Speakers:** Emily A. Greytak, Hayley Gorenberg, Ken Choe, Adam Tenner, Kristina Wertz

**3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.  General Attendance Plenary Session Three**

*Grand Ballroom A*
Federal Courts, The Nine Supremes and LGBT Equality
Federal court judges with their lifetime appointments, can be a president’s more enduring legacy. Some experts are predicting that within one term, President Obama could get Democratic majorities on nine of the 13 appeals courts. While we can expect new judges to side with workers, consumers, women and people of color, can we expect them to understand – and come down on the side of – LGBT equality? On the Supreme Court, four justices are older than 70, and more retirements are expected, and seven justices were appointed by Republicans; how will Sonia Sotomayor balance out the power where justices often divide 5-4 on ideologically charged issues.

Speakers: Kathleen Sullivan, Robert Raben, Prof. Art Leonard, David Lat, Matt Nosanchuk

4:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  Law Student Celebration
Sponsored by Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
Green Room
Air transportation for student awardees graciously provided by American Airlines.

Michael Greenberg Writing Competition Award Winners
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