

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings and Happy Summer! On behalf of the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago (LAGBAC), it is my pleasure to present to you the programs and initiatives outlined in this brochure. I hope you will take a minute to read through this brochure and see what LAGBAC has to offer. In it, you will find just a sample of the programs and initiatives that LAGBAC offers the LGBTIQ legal community. From CLEs to Meet the Bar, and from scholarships to mentorships, LAGBAC is hard at work for its membership. I hope you will take advantage of some or all of the offerings we have presented. I also hope that you will consider getting more involved by volunteering for a committee or a program that interests you. Either way, we would like to hear from you. Also, if you have ideas on how we can improve LAGBAC, please let us know that too! On behalf of LAGBAC, enjoy the summer and come see us soon.

Best regards,

Jeremy

MEET THE BAR NIGHTS ANNOUNCED

LAGBAC is excited to announce the return of Meet the Bar for the Fall 2008. Meet the Bar is a monthly social gathering of law students, lawyers and judges at Sidetrack (3349 N. Halsted St.). Meet the Bar attracts a large crowd of students, practitioners, and judges, and if you haven't tried Sidetrack's slushy drinks, you don't know what you're missing! Meet the Bar is a great mix of networking and fun. LAGBAC members are offered complimentary drinks and a great way to meet other LGBT law students, judges, practitioners and our supporters. Guests and nonmembers do so for \$5. Meet the Bar will take place on the following dates from 6-8 pm: September 26; October 24; and November 21. Meet the Bar is also a great venue for firms to reach the LGBT legal community through sponsorship. If you or your law firms would like more information about sponsoring a Meet the Bar night, please contact Jeremy Gottschalk at jgottschalk@lagbac.org. If you are interested, you are encouraged to hurry because sponsorships fill up fast!!

See you there!

JOIN US

Join us by checking out www.lagbac.org
OR send the form below to:

LAGBAC
P.O. Box 64933
Chicago, Illinois 60664-0933

LAGBAC members enjoy the following benefits:

- *Meet the Bar nights (nonmembers and guests will be charged \$5);
- *Lawyers for Diversity Mid-Summer Barbecue;
- * Judge's Pride Reception and other receptions and events;
- *Continuing Legal Education seminars (as offered);
- *Membership on LAGBAC's committees; and
- *Much, much more...

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Amount Enclosed: _____

ANNUAL DUES*:

_____ Sustaining Member \$100

_____ Sponsoring Member \$75

_____ Regular Member \$50

_____ Student Member \$30 (*valid through
December 31 of graduating year*)

*If applying for Student Membership,
please indicate law school/graduation
date:* _____

*LAGBAC membership follows the calendar year.



WHO WE ARE

The Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago (LAGBAC) is a professional organization of lawyers, judges, law students and legal professionals. Rooted in the common goals of mutual respect and tolerance, LAGBAC offers a vast array of networking and professional development opportunities to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning legal community. Through its educational initiatives, LAGBAC seeks to increase the awareness of the public, the legal profession, and the judicial system about legal issues of particular concern to the LGBTIQ community.

OUTLawS

The Outlaw Coalition of Chicago, now in its third year of existence, is comprised of members of the LGBT groups at all six Chicago law schools—Chicago-Kent, DePaul, John Marshall, Loyola, Northwestern, and the University of Chicago—and continues to work closely with LAGBAC's Law School Committee to plan educational and social events that bring together students from each of the schools. This October the Outlaw Coalition plans to co-host a variety of Coming Out Month events with The John Marshall Law School's Gay and Lesbian Legal Alliance (GALLA). And even sooner the OCC, currently led by Shaun Sperling and Paul E. Johnson of The John Marshall Law School, will be participating in the AIDS Run/Walk on September 20, 2008. If you are interested in supporting these efforts, becoming involved with the OCC, or you want to be part of the OCC AIDS Run/Walk team, please contact Shaun Sperling at shaunsperling@gmail.com.

LAGBAC MEMBER DIRECTORY

The LAGBAC Member Directory is a resource for members of LAGBAC that provides, on a voluntary basis, membership information to the public through the website. It is available to LAGBAC members only, and is designed to provide current and specific information about the member's area of practice, firm, specialties, whether or not the member's firm or practice is LGBT friendly, and whether the member is open to accepting referrals.

The directory is available on LAGBAC's website (www.lagbac.org). To become a participating member of the Directory, please complete and return the LAGBAC Member Directory form (on the website) to: LAGBAC Member Directory, by regular mail to: c/o LAGBAC, P.O. Box 64933, Chicago, Illinois 60664-0933, or pdfs by e-mail to jgottschalk@lagbac.org. (NOTE: Please note the disclaimers on the website!)

JUDICIAL EVALUATION COMMITTEE

LAGBAC's Judicial Evaluation Committee (JEC) helps evaluate candidates for the bench in Illinois State courts. We need you - to help do investigations and interview potential judicial candidates. Training provided! Help make sure that the best possible judges (and judges who are good on LGBTIQ issues) make it to the bench! For information about the JEC, contact Will Thomas at wthomas@lagbac.org.

ISBA UPDATE

The Illinois State Bar Association's Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity is pleased to announce that it has recognized William J. Borah with its annual award of distinction. The award celebrates individuals and organizations that have made substantial contributions to the LGBT community through professional and community initiatives. Mr. Borah is a litigator, writer and speaker on employment law issues, and his law firm, William J. Borah & Associates, has been successful in litigating discrimination and harassment claims in both federal and state forums for both the employee and employer. He is a former Chair of the ISBA Labor & Employment Law Section Council, and a member of the Chicago Bar Association's Committee on LGBT Rights.

LAGBAC Board Members William T. Eveland and John R. Richards have been appointed to serve on the Illinois State Bar Association's Task Force on Diversity. The Task Force has embarked on a program of three initiatives to promote greater diversity within the ISBA and in the legal profession throughout the state. The Task Force's initiatives include a pipeline project, which is designed to improve educational opportunities for diverse students, particularly toward entrance into the legal profession, as well as a statewide survey to raise overall awareness of the importance of increasing diversity in the practice of law. Additionally, the Task Force is preparing a report card on the ISBA's outreach efforts to attract diverse attorneys within its membership, leadership and programs. The Task Force's next meeting is slated for August 15 in Chicago, and the next meeting for the Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity is August 16 in Starved Rock. For further information on the Illinois State Bar Association's Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, and the Task Force on Diversity, please contact William T. Eveland at teveland@lagbac.org.

CBA/YLS COMMITTEE FOR LGBT RIGHTS

The CBA/YLS Committee for LGBT Rights allows regular opportunities for lawyers interested in LGBT legal issues to meet in a supportive, professional atmosphere to exchange ideas and information. The committee furthers the professional development of LGBT attorneys through the sharing of information at monthly meetings and continuing legal education programs. The committee offers an environment where lawyers and student members of the CBA can discuss practical issues of "coming out" in law school or in the workplace. The committee also enables the Association to sponsor programs that would improve access to the legal and judicial system by members of the LGBT community. All meetings are held at the CBA, 321 South Plymouth Court, on the third Monday of each month beginning at 12:15pm unless otherwise noted.

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