

# Regional Lavender Law®

Regional Lavender Law is the annual conference of the Minnesota Lavender Bar Foundation. It is a tremendous– and enjoyable– opportunity for members and friends to come together to learn, share, and network with local and national leaders in the field of GLBT civil rights.

**Date:** Saturday, January 26, 2008

**Location:** William Mitchell College of Law  
875 Summit Avenue, St. Paul

Application will be made for 5.5 CLE credits.

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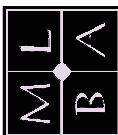
## Minnesota Lavender Bar Association

The Minnesota Lavender Bar Association is an organization of legal professionals and students committed to promoting social justice through education and advocacy, focusing on legal and public policy issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. We are dedicated to fostering solidarity, both within the organization and the legal community.



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Minnesota AIDS Project  
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## 9:00am Opening Plenary:

## 11:20am Morning Breakout Sessions:

## 2:40pm Afternoon Breakout Sessions:

### **GLBT Aging and Public Policy** **Amber Hollibaugh, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force**

The "aging of America" will not leave GLBT people behind, but the question of how GLBT people will be included remains very uncertain. Amber Hollibaugh is NGLTF's expert on policy issues relating to older GLBT Americans, and is updating the organization's publication "Outing Age." This plenary session will examine emerging trends and issues our community's older members will face, and possible public policy solutions.

### **Marketing your Practice to the GLBT Community** **Kathy Davis, Attorney at Law**

Whether you've been practicing for years or are anticipating graduation, attorneys are usually interested in maximizing their exposure to potential clients. When it comes to the GLBT community, how can practitioners market their practice effectively and ethically? Also, hear directly from business people and legal consumers what is important to them as GLBT clients, and how attorneys can serve them better.

### **Advocating for Transgender Clients** **Constance A. Hope, Attorney at Law**

While issues relating to transgender individuals become increasingly visible, statutes and rules rarely provide specific guidance on how to assist clients during the transitioning process. Traveling without a roadmap can either be a great adventure, or a daunting challenge. This session will look at current issues, legal options, and best practices for advocating for this population.

## 10:10am Morning Breakout Sessions:

### **Bankruptcy and Same-Sex Couples** **Becky A. Moshier, Attorney at Law**

As the crumbling real-estate market feeds an existing move toward more bankruptcy filings, same-sex couples are facing unexpected financial and legal challenges. How do bankruptcy laws serve, or disserve, same-sex couples, and how can attorneys best look out for their clients' interests?

### **RNC, ACLU, and You: Free Speech and the Role of Lawyers** **Terri Nelson, ACLU of Minnesota**

Later in 2008, thousands of people will converge on St. Paul for the Republican National Convention, and already free-speech concerns are being raised and controversy generated. How do free-speech guarantees play out in the context of large public events, and what role can lawyers and law students play in protecting critical rights?

### **2008 Public Policy Roundup** **Amy Brugh, Minnesota AIDS Project; Ann DeGroot, OutFront Minnesota**

A Regional Lavender Law tradition, this session features leaders in shaping the public policy agendas of two major organizations in this community working at the Legislature for progressive change. As the 2008 legislative sessions prepares to get underway, what opportunities and challenges do these advocates see coming our way?

### **Indecent, Disorderly, or Just Tacky? The Larry Craig Debacle** **Jerry Burg, Attorney at Law; Kyle White, Attorney at Law**

The widely-broadcast foibles of Senator Larry Craig in a local restroom have once again focused attention on matters relating to the regulation of public sex, public "cruising," and the unexpected collateral consequences of getting caught. How are local law enforcement, prosecutors, and even employers reacting? What long term consequences face clients who are cited and/or convicted? How can we best serve those caught up in these enforcement actions?

### **Medical Disability Planning and Asset Protection** **Lori Guzman, Attorney at Law; Janet Totter, Attorney at Law**

Following up on the morning plenary about aging, this session will review current and emerging strategies available to same-sex couples for planning for disability, and for protecting their assets when marriage is not an option. Clients often overlook this critical aspect of estate and life planning, at their peril.

### **Chipping Away at Unfairness: Legal Developments for Minnesota Same-Sex Couples and their Families** **Lee Anderson, Project 515; Phil Duran, OutFront Minnesota**

As attention increases on the hundreds of legal protections in Minnesota associated with marriage that are denied same-sex couples, quiet progress continues in working for change. This session will review recent court actions and statutory research to provide a sense of where we are and where we may be headed in protecting GLBT families.

### **GLBT Law Students: How Best to Serve Our Future Colleagues?**

**Robin Ingli, Hamline University School of Law; Erin Keyes, University of Minnesota Law School**

More and more law students are "out" at school, and more students than ever are interested in issues regarding sexual orientation, gender identity, and HIV/AIDS. Yet sometimes students get mixed messages about how "out" to be in interview and resumes. Building on recent research, this session will explore what GLBT law students themselves are asking for and asking about, and how to provide the best answers.

## 12:30pm Lunchtime Networking Event

## 1:30pm Afternoon Plenary

### **Judicial Election or Selection in Minnesota: Where to Next?** **G. Barry Anderson, Minnesota Supreme Court; Brian Melendez, Minnesota State Bar Association**

In 2007, the Quie Commission issued two reports regarding possible changes to the way Minnesota picks its judges, in light of decisions including the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Republican Party of Minnesota v. White. What are the concerns that White creates for the judiciary, and what are the proposed solutions? How can our community be a part of this critical conversation?

## Registration Form

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