



MLBA's 11th Annual Conference
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LGBT Policies in 2012: A View from Minnesota's LGBT Advocates

Advocates from Minnesota's various LGBT-supportive organizations will share their key legislative priorities for 2012. Take this opportunity to learn what issues will be on the front lines, how these policies may affect you and your clients, and what legislative action you need to keep top-of-mind as you navigate 2012.

Panelists: Gia Vitali – Deputy Campaign Manager, Minnesotans United for All Families
 Phil Duran – Legal Director, OutFront Minnesota
 Amy Brugh – Director External Communication, Minnesota AIDS Project
 Eric Jensen – Communications Director, Project 515

Moderator: David Ahlvers – Chair, Minnesota Lavender Bar Association

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

TIME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	RM	PRESENTERS
9:40 -10:40	LGBT Family Planning: What's it to You	This session will cover the key legal topics around LGBT family planning.	230	Steven Snyder
	Recent Legal Developments in Cloud Computing & Social Media	This timely and informative session presents an opportunity to learn about legal developments in two hot areas of technology. Issues of privacy, ownership, and intellectual property will be discussed in relation to cloud computing platforms such as iCloud and social media sites like Facebook and Twitter. Get the latest information about the risks and benefits of cloud computing and social networking.	234	Chris Sullivan; Christopher Smith
	Business and Ethics Basics for Successful Solo Practice (1.0 ethics credit applied for)	The program will explore how honest self-assessment, an appreciation of the benefits and realities of solo practice and basic business management, awareness of ethical obligations, and self-preservation skills that are essential to successful solo practice.	240	Judith Rush



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10:50-11:50	Tax Topics for LGBT Families	This tag team of tax, legal, and financial professionals will discuss tax issues of interest to LGBT families, including medical expense deductions for surrogacy, the adoption tax credit, earned income tax credit, child care tax credit, and IRA retirement planning for same-sex partners.	230	Bev Luther; Morgan Holcomb; Sara Reisdorf; Darla Kashian
	Tribal Practice: Navigating Two Sovereign Legal Systems	This session focuses on the intersection of two sovereign legal systems. The session will cover issues such as how to navigate tribal legal systems; understanding tribal court jurisdiction; understanding how to access tribal laws; and how to cite precedent and make arguments in tribal court. Prof. Tweedy has practiced in tribal courts in Washington and Idaho and has written about tribal law.	234	Prof. Ann Tweedy; Prof. Mary Jo Hunter
	One-Click Malpractice (1.0 ethics credit applied for)	Social media are ubiquitous, powerful, and seductive. A lawyer has many reasons to embrace social media use. But you need to understand what you're embracing, and use it with both eyes open and a healthy dose of perspective. Learn where potential traps for the unwary can arise, so you can avoid them.	240	Mike Trittipo
TIME	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	RM	PRESENTERS
1:20-2:20	LGBT Immigration: Bias Past and Present (1.0 EOB credit applied for)	This session will feature a brief overview of the shamefully rich history of bias against LGBT immigrants and refugees. The speakers will then turn to contemporary problems for LGBT immigrants, including a discussion of DOMA's impact on bi-national couples. This presentation will cater to non-immigration practitioners.	230	Tom Plummer; Angela Bortel
	Top Ten Tips for Jury Trials (Criminal Focus)	The hour will fly by as Judge Jim Morrow presents his "Top Ten Tips for Jury Trials." Judge Morrow will draw on his years of experience in both federal and state courts to offer you tips and hints that you can put to work in your very next jury trial. Though geared toward criminal law, the presentation will be useful to anyone who sets foot in the courtroom. You will walk out a better trial lawyer than you walked in!	234	Hon. Jim Morrow
	The Non-traditional Lawyer	This session will discuss what it means to be in a "non-traditional" lawyer role and the possibilities available to attorneys that are not within the traditional understanding of the "practice of law."	240	David Ahlvers