

National Resource List for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Immigrants

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American Bar Association

The ABA is the largest voluntary professional association in the world. With more than 400,000 members, the ABA provides law school accreditation, continuing legal education, information about the law, programs to assist lawyers and judges in their work, and initiatives to improve the legal system for the public. The mission of the ABA is to be the national representative of the legal profession, serving the public and the profession by promoting justice, professional excellence and respect for the law.

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Phone: 202-662-1005 Fax: 202-638-3844

Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
www.abanet.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=CC103270

Commission on Immigration www.abanet.org/publicserv/immigration/home.html
Email: immcenter@abanet.org

American Civil Liberties Union

The mission of the ACLU is to preserve the protections and guarantees enumerated in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. They also work to extend rights to segments of our population that have traditionally been denied their rights, including Native Americans and other people of color; lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender people; women; mental-health patients; prisoners; people with disabilities; and the poor.

125 Broad Street, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10004

LGBT Project www.aclu.org/lgbt/index.html
Immigrant Rights Project www.aclu.org/immigrants/index.html

American Immigration Lawyer's Association

The American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) is the national association of over 10,000 attorneys and law professors who practice and teach immigration law. AILA Member attorneys represent U.S. families, businesses and industries. AILA Members also represent foreign students, entertainers, athletes, and asylum seekers, often on a pro bono basis. Founded in 1946, AILA is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit organization that provides its Members with continuing legal education, information, professional services, and expertise through its 36 chapters and over 50 national committees. AILA is an Affiliated Organization of the American Bar Association and is represented in the ABA House of Delegates.

918 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004 Toll-Free: 800-954-0254 Web: www.aila.org

Gay and Lesbian Interest Group Email: membership@aila.org



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202 216-0261
202 216-0266 fax

OAKLAND, CA

405 14th Street
Suite 1400
Oakland, CA 94612
510 663-8282
510 663-2028 fax

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation

GLAAD is dedicated to promoting and ensuring fair, accurate and inclusive representation of people and events in the media as a means of eliminating homophobia and discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation.

5455 Wilshire Blvd, #1500, Los Angeles, CA 90036
Phone: (323) 933-2240 Fax: (323) 933-2241

Immigration Inequality Media Tool-Kit

http://www.glaad.org/media/resource_kit_detail.php?id=4019

Human Rights Campaign

The Human Rights Campaign is America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender equality. HRC seeks to improve the lives of GLBT Americans by advocating for equal rights and benefits in the workplace, ensuring families are treated equally under the law and increasing public support among all Americans through innovative advocacy, education and outreach programs. HRC works to secure equal rights for GLBT individuals and families at the federal and state levels by lobbying elected officials, mobilizing grassroots supporters, educating Americans, investing strategically to elect fair-minded officials and partnering with other GLBT organizations.

1640 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036-3278
Toll-Free: 800-777-4723 Fax: 202-347-5323 Email: hrc@hrc.org

International Rights and Immigration Section

http://www.hrc.org/issues/int_rights_immigration.asp

Human Rights Watch

Human Rights Watch (HRW) is dedicated to protecting the human rights of people around the world. HRW works for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people's rights, with activists representing a multiplicity of identities and issues. HRW documents and exposes abuses based on sexual orientation and gender identity worldwide – including torture, killing and executions, arrests under unjust laws, unequal treatment, censorship, medical abuses, discrimination in health and jobs and housing, domestic violence, abuses against children, and denial of family rights and recognition. HRW advocates for laws and policies that will protect everyone's dignity.

350 Fifth Avenue, 34th Floor, New York, NY 10118-3299 USA
Tel: 212-290-4700 Fax: 1-212-736-1300 Web: www.hrw.org Email: hrwnyc@hrw.org

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights <http://www.hrw.org/doc/?t=lgbt>

Immigration Equality

Immigration Equality is a national organization that works to end discrimination in U.S. immigration law, to reduce the negative impact of that law on the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and HIV-positive people, and to help obtain asylum for those persecuted in their home country based on their sexual orientation, transgender identity or HIV-status. Through education, outreach, advocacy, and the maintenance of a nationwide network of resources, they provide information and support to advocates, attorneys, politicians and those who are threatened by persecution or the discriminatory impact of the law.

40 Exchange Place, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10005
Tel: 212-714-2904 Fax: 212-714-2973
www.immigrationequality.org

International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission

The mission of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) is to secure the full enjoyment of the human rights of all people and communities subject to discrimination or abuse on the basis of sexual orientation or expression, gender identity or expression, and/or HIV status. A US-based non-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO), IGLHRC effectuates this mission through advocacy, documentation, coalition building, public education, and technical assistance.

80 Maiden Lane, Suite 1505, New York, NY 10038

Tel: 212-268-8040 Fax: 212-430-6060 Email: iglhrc@iglhrc.org www.iglhrc.org

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund

Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.

120 Wall Street, Suite 1500, New York, NY 10005-3904

Tel: 212-809-8585 Fax: 212-809-0055 <http://www.lambdalegal.org>

Proyecto Igualdad

Provides resources and information to Spanish speakers and seeks to engage the many Latino/Hispanic communities. They provide bilingual educational materials, host community events and trainings and offer bilingual legal assistance around the country.

<http://www.lambdalegal.org/proyecto-igualdad/proyecto-igualdad.html>

National Center for Transgender Equality

The National Center for Transgender Equality is a 501(c)(3) social justice organization dedicated to advancing the equality of transgender equality through advocacy, collaboration and empowerment.

1325 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20005

Tel: 202-903-0112 Fax: 202-393-2241 www.nctequality.org

National Immigrant Justice Center

The National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC), a partner of Heartland Human Care Services, is dedicated to ensuring human rights protections and access to justice for all immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. NIJC provides direct legal services to advocates for these populations through policy reform, impact litigation, and public education.

208 S. La Salle St., Suite 1818, Chicago, IL 60604 Tel: 312-660-1370

The Asylum Documentation Project-LGBT and HIV Positive Asylum Seekers

<http://www.immigrantjustice.org/news/asylum/nijc-to-document-critical-evidence-for-lgbt-and-hiv-positive-asylum-seekers.html>

National Immigration Project of the National Lawyer's Guild

The National Immigration Project was formed in 1974 as a committee of the National Lawyers Guild and became a free-standing organization in 1980. It serves as a progressive source of advocacy-oriented legal support on immigrant rights issues. It is one of the few national-level, legal support groups that specializes in defending the rights of immigrants facing incarceration and deportation.

14 Beacon St., Suite 602, Boston, MA 02108

Tel: 617-227-9727 Fax: 617-227-5495 www.nationalimmigrationproject.org

HIV/AIDS & Immigrants

<http://www.nationalimmigrationproject.org/HIVPage/HIVPage.html>

Out 4 Immigration

Out4Immigration addresses the widespread discriminatory impact of U.S. immigration laws on the lives of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and HIV+ people and their families through education, outreach, advocacy and the maintenance of a resource and support network.

P.O. Box 14073, San Francisco , CA 94114

www.out4immigration.org Email: info@out4immigration.org

Queer Immigrant Rights Project

Led by and comprised of LGBT and HIV+ asylees, asylum seekers and immigrants from more than 50 countries, the QuIR Project aims to address issues surrounding LGBT immigrants who face isolation within their own immigrant communities, on one hand, and xenophobia and racism within both the queer and straight communities, on the other. The QuIR Project will strive to provide a much needed "safe space" for LGBT and HIV+ immigrants allowing them to network, assist one another, share information and resources, and advocate on issues affecting the queer immigrant community. QuIR works under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee.

www.quir.org Email: info@quir.org

Transgender Law Center

The Transgender Law Center (TLC) is a civil rights organization advocating for transgender communities. TLC utilizes direct legal services, public policy advocacy, and educational opportunities to advance the rights and safety of diverse transgender communities. TLC uses the term "transgender" to represent all of the innumerable genders and forms of gender expression that fall within and outside of stereotypical gender norms. TLC also understands, acknowledges, and resists non-gender based oppressions which limit people's ability to live in peace.

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