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Attorney/Firm Questionnaire

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1. Are you and your firm actively interested in representing gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender (GLBT) clients?

Yes

2. Are you or your firm currently representing GLBT clients or have you represented GLBT clients in the past?

Yes



3. Have you or your firm worked on matters/cases in which the sexual orientation, gender identity or expression of your client or your opponent played a role in the case or was relevant to the legal advice you gave? If so, what types of cases/matters have they been (workplace discrimination, housing discrimination, child custody, adoption, etc)?

Custody/visitation  
 Adoption, including adult adoption  
 Name change + gender change  
 Child support

4. Have you or your firm worked on matter(s)/case(s) in which you advocated for GLBT rights? If so, please describe the case(s)/matter(s).

No.

5. Have you or your firm ever used sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression<sup>1</sup> against an opposing party on behalf of a client? If so, how?

As an attorney, I have an ethical duty to inform my clients about their possible legal strategies and outcomes. When representing a client in custody case where the opposing party is gay, I have pointed out that they (my client) have an advantage in court. Nonetheless, in the few cases I recall that being an issue, I encouraged the client to settle, so it did not go to court.



6. What areas of your or your firm's practice might be of particular interest to prospective GLBT clients (e.g., workplace/housing discrimination, trusts and estates, tax planning, child custody, adoption or surrogacy, medical decision-making, health care, insurance benefits, personal injury litigation, hate crimes, etc)?

All family law cases - custody, support, adoption.

Wills For individuals, & all related documents.

Name Change - Gender change documents.

7. Do you or your firm have any experience advising transgender people about the specific legal issues affecting such individuals? If so, please give examples.

I have obtained a decree of gender change, along with name change, enabling the client to obtain new ID from DMV, Social Security, etc.

8. What is your or your firm's policy on pro bono legal assistance?

I do pro bono service, only when the clients have been pre-screened by Legal Aid or Social Services, as someone deserving of free legal assistance.

I also worked pro bono on an appellate case for the ACLU.