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The Williams Institute is a major donor to the Birds of a Feather commemoration and will host the webinar. It is the leading research center on sexual orientation and gender identity law. It ensures that facts — not stereotypes — inform laws, policies, and judicial decisions that affect the LGBT community.



With representatives from nearly 200 ABA- approved law schools, the [Law Student Division](#) of the American Bar Association is sponsoring the project.



Founded in 1979 as Lawyers for Human Rights, the LGBTQ+ Lawyers Association of Los Angeles is a major donor to the project.



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The David Bohnett Foundation is a major donor of the project in memory of Rand Schrader. Rand was the second openly gay judge in the nation, having been appointed by Governor Jerry Brown in 1980.



Dick Gayer (left) was a trailblazing law student and pioneering lawyer in the 1970s. He is a major donor to the project in memory of his life partner, Chuck Marquis, who passed away in May 2022.



The Tom Homann LGBT Law Association is a benefactor to the project.



California Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins (left) and Senator Christine Kehoe (ret) made a major donation to the project.





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California Legislative LGBT Foundation in partnership with the California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus are major donors to the project. Formed in 2002, the caucus provides a forum for legislators to discuss issues that affect LGBTQ Californians and to further the goal of equality and justice for everyone.



Assembly Members Alex Lee, Christopher Ward, Evan Low, Sabrina Cervantes



Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins and Senators John Laird, Scott Weiner, Susan Talamantes Eggman. Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara is an ex officio member.



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Mel Heifetz is a major donor to the commemoration. Based in Philadelphia, Mel is a real estate developer, philanthropist, and LGBT rights advocate. He is a nationwide supporter of gay rights causes in America. In 2018, he was given the Philadelphia Award.



The David B. and Edward C. Goodstein Foundation became a major donor to the commemoration in memory of David Goodstein (photo). David purchased *The Advocate* in 1975 and transformed it into the nation's premier LGBT news magazine.



The Sentience Foundation is a major donor in memory of Arthur C. Warner (photo). Arthur became a gay rights advocate in the 1950s. He founded the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties in 1970 and was a mentor to gay law students and lawyers in the 1970s.



The Bob Ross Foundation is a major donor in honor of trailblazer Tom Horn. Tom was general counsel to the *Bay Area Reporter* for several years and became its publisher after its founder, Bob Ross, died in 2003.







## Who is involved? Benefactors

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## Organizational Sponsors



OutLaw is an association of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) students and their allies at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, California.



Boston University School of Law is ranked among the top law schools in the nation. OutLaw is the school's student group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and allied students.



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The following nonprofit organizations and student associations have endorsed the project.



The Rainbow Roundtable of the ALA was the nation's first LGBT professional organization.

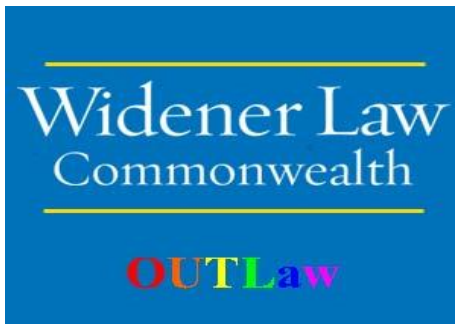


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Then called the Gay Community Services Center, the Los Angeles LGBT Center was where the first gay law student association in the nation held its meetings in 1972.



With over 900,000 members, Equality California is the nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization.



Widener Commonwealth Law School's OutLaw student organization provides a safe forum for self-expression and addresses social and legal issues affecting the LGBTQ+ community.



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SacLegal, Sacramento's LGBTQ+ Bar Association, is comprised of attorneys, professionals and legislative advocates affiliated with the County Bar Association.



The History Project documents the history of New England's LGBTQ communities and shares that history with LGBTQ individuals, allies, and organizations as well as the general public.



Founded in 1987, Lambda Archives of San Diego is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization. Expanding its holdings over the years, it is now one of the best-maintained collections of LGBT history in the nation.



While its original focus was on the history of Cleveland and the Western Reserve, the Western Reserve Historical Society now concentrates on the history of Northeast Ohio.



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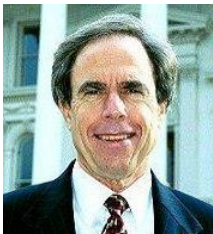
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Appointed to the bench by Gov. Jerry Brown in 1979, Stephen Lachs was the first openly gay judge in the nation. As a public defender in 1972, he was a mentor attorney to the first gay law student association.



Before his retirement from the bench, Burt Pines was a judge in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. During his tenure as Los Angeles City Attorney in the 1970s, he hired the first openly gay and lesbian attorneys in that office.



Dan Pinello (1975 – NYU Law School) is a LGBT law student trailblazer from the 1970s. A CUNY professor for many years, he is the author of *Gay Rights and American Law* (2003) and *America's Struggle for Same-Sex Marriage* (2006).



Kinna Patel Crocker is the chair of the LGBTQI Law Section of the Sonoma County Bar Association. She was named one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40, Class of 2013, by the National LGBT Bar Association.





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Arthur Leonard (1977 – Harvard) was a founding member of the New York Law Group in 1977, which is known today as the Bar Association for Human Rights of Greater New York.



Lousene Hoppe is the current president of the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association. She is a litigator at Fredrikson & Byron, P.A. where she represents individuals and corporations in a variety of criminal cases.



Jay M. Kohorn (1974 – UCLA) was a law student in the 1970s who became a trailblazing attorney. In 1983 he won a landmark case in the California Supreme Court voiding mandatory sex registration for consenting adult sex.



Nick Russo (1971 – Case Western) was a founding director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund.



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Gerald Gerash was a founder of the Gay Coalition of Denver and a trailblazing attorney and political activist for gay and lesbian rights in Colorado.



John Ward (1976 – Boston University) was the founder of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders and an advocate for justice and equal rights for decades.



Leonard Graff (1975 – Cooley) is a LGBT law student trailblazer from the 1970s. He was the legal director for the National Gay Rights Advocates in the 1980s.

Other donors include: Barry Geenberg in memory of David Rosenbaum; Lisa Knox in memory of Craig Patton; Mark Urbach in memory of Keith Urbach; and attorney Mark Danek.