

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ritu Bhasin, GLBT Section Board Liaison  
Fred Thrasher, Deputy Director, NALP  
FROM: Andrew Chapin, GLBT Section Chair  
CC: Mike Gotham, President, NALP  
DATE: March 2009  
RE: **GLBT Section 4<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Report**

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**SUMMARY:** These pages contain GLBT Section activities and projects worked on January 2009 – March 2009 only.

### **Work Groups:**

#### **ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE WORK GROUP**

**Christina Sarchio** was invited by Dana Morris, Chair of the Diversity Section to speak at the Diversity Reception. Christina Guerola Sarchio has received national recognition for both her legal skills and business acumen. Ms. Sarchio concentrates her practice on commercial litigation, antitrust, and white collar criminal defense matters. She has significant trial experience in federal and state courts, and has represented Fortune 500 and other clients in both criminal and civil litigation, including class actions. Ms. Sarchio's cases have involved antitrust, contract, business tort, employment, intellectual property, environmental, and franchise/dealer issues. Described by her peers as "charming in person, deadly in the courtroom," Ms. Sarchio has received a number of awards. In 2008, *Hispanic Business Magazine* selected her as one of "Twenty Elite Women," and she received George Washington Law School's prestigious Belva Lockwood Woman of the Year Award. *Washington Business Journal* named Ms. Sarchio a 2007 Top Washington Lawyer in the "Young Guns" category, and she was chosen as one of the "100 Most Influential Hispanics" in the country by *Hispanic Business* magazine in 2006. She serves as the immediate past Vice President for External Affairs for the Hispanic National Bar Association and is a past President of the Hispanic Bar Association of DC, which received the Hispanic National Bar Association's "Best Affiliate of the Year" award in 2006 under her leadership. Ms. Sarchio received the 2008 Hispanic Bar Association of DC's Hugh M. Johnson award for her outstanding contributions to the Hispanic community in the areas of equality, fairness, and social justice. Ms. Sarchio has taught as an adjunct professor at George Washington University Law School and frequently provides on-air legal commentary. She began her legal career as a prosecutor in the Manhattan District Attorney's office and was a partner in the Washington office of Howrey before joining Patton Boggs.

Andrew Chapin is coordinating a **GLBT Section dinner** (self-pay) Tuesday evening following the Welcome Reception where GLBT Ambassadors will welcome new members and old friends.

#### **LAVENDER LAW COLLABORATION WORK GROUP**

2 RFPs were proposed for 2009, Brooklyn, NY Sept 10-12.

1. **1 on 1 Career Counseling:** Eric Stern, Berkeley Law coordinator.

2. **Advancing GLBT Equality in Law Schools & Employment:** Andrew Chapin, Fordham Law coordinator.

### **NALP FORM GLBT DATA REPORTING WORK GROUP**

Preliminary review of effect of NALP letter going to all employers regarding collection and reporting of GLBT data appears to be minor. Of the 15 employers initially identified, 1 employer now reports 3 associates & 2 summer associates while retaining NC in all other categories; and 1 employer now reports zero in all categories instead of NC.

**Association of the City of the Bar of New York Committee on LGBT Rights** has contacted NALP, requesting one free use of same mailing list, to use for their own letter in support of employers collecting and reporting GLBT data as suggested by NALP.

### **GLBT WEB RESOURCES UPDATE WORK GROUP**

1. Review of current web pages and update was completed by Mitchell Weitz, Fordham Law. .
2. Update of GLBT Ambassadors by Andrew Chapin Fordham Law is completed.

### **NALP BULLETIN WORK GROUP**

1. 4 articles from our section this year. No more Bulletin articles from GLBT Section are planned this year.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL SCANNING**

From Eric Stern: **Paterson Appoints Two Lesbians to NYS Appellate Division**

By: PAUL SCHINDLER 03/05/2009

#### **Former Lambda Legal Head Goes to Manhattan-based Appeals Court**

In the history of the New York State court system, there has never been an openly gay or lesbian member of the Appellate Division, the intermediate level bench just below the Court of Appeals.

Now there will be two. In a press statement issued late in the day on March 5, Governor David A. Paterson announced four appointments to vacant positions in three of the state's four Appellate Departments. Two of the four appointees are openly lesbian judges in the state Supreme Court system, the trial court level within the judiciary.

[http://gaycitynews.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=20275035&BRD=2729&PAG=461&dept\\_id=568864&rfi=6](http://gaycitynews.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=20275035&BRD=2729&PAG=461&dept_id=568864&rfi=6)

From Jim Leipold: **An About-Face on Gay Troops**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/09/opinion/09west.html?\\_r=1&th&emc=th](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/09/opinion/09west.html?_r=1&th&emc=th)

If “don’t ask, don’t tell” is rescinded, military leaders will ensure smooth compliance, as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, has said. Cohesion depends on leadership. Our troops will follow the lead of our combat-tested professionals who base their opinions on what a soldier brings to the fight, and little else.

From Eric Stern: **Fla. Bar Joins Fight Against State's Ban on Adoptions by Gays**

Billy Shields [Daily Business Review](#) February 3, 2009

The [Florida Bar](#) is coming out in a big way -- for gay adoption.

The Bar's board of governors voted unanimously to file an amicus brief before the 3rd District Court of Appeal supporting a Miami-Dade circuit judge's ruling that declared unconstitutional the state's ban on gay adoptions.

<http://www.law.com/jsp/article.jsp?id=1202427945370>

From Eric Stern: **Obama will end 'don't ask' policy, aide says**

Matthew B. Stannard, Chronicle Staff Writer Wednesday, January 14, 2009

President Obama will end the 15-year-old "don't ask, don't tell" policy that has prevented homosexual and bisexual men and women from serving openly within the U.S. military, a spokesman for the president-elect said.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/01/13/MNTG159HHG.DTL>

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