

**Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40: Class of 2013
Nomination Form**

Nominee Information

Name: Christian Dowell Date of Birth: August 6, 1974
Title: Legal Director, Global Brand & IP Litigation Firm/Organization: Yahoo! Inc.
Mailing Address: 701 First Avenue City, State Zip: Sunnyvale, CA 94089
Phone Number: (408) 349-1595 Email Address: dowellc@yahoo-inc.com

Nominator Information

Name: Brian J. Winterfeldt
Title: Partner Firm/Organization: Steptoe & Johnson LLP
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Relationship to Nominee: Client Representative

Optional: To your knowledge, does the nominee identify as any of the following?

☐ Racial or Ethnic Minority ☐ Female ☐ Transgender
☐ Person with Disability ☐ Other: _____

The complete nomination package must be submitted via email to nominations@LGBTbar.org **no later than 5:00 pm EDT on June 3, 2013**. Please submit the following information:

- Nomination Form
- Statement of Support of Nominee (not to exceed 2 pages). Please include:
 - Details on achievements within their legal field
 - Details on their commitment to LGBT equality
- Current Resume of the Nominee
- Letters of Support

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EXPERIENCE

Mar. '12 – Present **YAHOO! INC.**

Sunnyvale, CA *Legal Director, Global Brand & IP Litigation*

Manage team of experienced paralegals, administrative staff, third-party vendors, and outside counsel; manage global trademark and large-scale domain portfolio; direct patent and trademark litigation matters; advise regarding IP aspects of M&A deals (in addition to duties of prior role listed below).

Mar. '10 – Mar. '12 **YAHOO! INC.**

Burbank, CA *Legal Director, Global Brand Protection*

Direct global brand enforcement strategy for Yahoo! family of brands; advise business units regarding ISP liability, content issues, anti-phishing efforts, counterfeiting, and anti-spam efforts; advise regarding IP policy matters; responsible for a heavy docket of Internet domain and trademark enforcement matters, trademark opposition/cancellation proceedings and domestic/foreign trademark litigation; coordinate with commercial litigation team on various ISP liability matters, including privacy and copyright; advise information security and email team regarding spam and anti-phishing contracts; consult on offensive and defensive copyright escalation matters; advise regarding IP issues in deal and licensing agreements with advertisers and media partners; advise business units regarding international trademark prosecution and search clearances; work collaboratively with marketing, product managers, engineers, security team, outside vendors, professional organizations, and members of Yahoo! legal department staff of over 200 professionals.

Aug. '05 – Feb. '10 **KEATS MCFARLAND & WILSON LLP**

Beverly Hills, CA *IP & Commercial Litigation*

Managed IP and general commercial litigation matters in both state and federal court, including multiple class action cases, trademark, copyright, and unfair competition matters. Advised and provided analysis of complex trademark, copyright, and media law issues to leading motion picture studios, video game and toy manufacturers, and Internet entities; advised clients regarding trademark development, licensing, and enforcement; prosecuted federal trademark and copyright applications before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) and the U.S. Copyright Office; litigated complex intellectual property matters before the USPTO and in federal district court, including landmark toy industry copyright case; coordinated and managed multi-city nationwide intellectual property enforcement sweeps for counterfeit DVDs; advised clients regarding enforcement of intellectual property rights, including negotiating and acquiring domain names, trademarks, and copyrights; litigated domain name disputes before the World Intellectual Property Organization; supervised and directed global trademark enforcement campaigns for major recording artists; advised clients regarding third-party vendor and intellectual property licensing agreements; advised clients regarding Internet website development, including liability analysis, privacy policy and terms of service drafting.

Fall 2004

Los Angeles, CA

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Judicial Extern to the Honorable Ernest M. Robles

Drafted memoranda for Judge recommending rulings on various motions before the court, including motions to dismiss, motions for relief from stay, discovery motions, sanctions, and orders to show cause; researched and drafted memoranda regarding various state law issues.

Summer 2004
Los Angeles, CA **YAHOO! INC.**
Law Student Intern to Associate General Counsel, Intellectual Property
Assisted outside counsel with trademark prosecution; researched and managed the transition of disputed and newly acquired domain names to new management service; drafted domain name dispute claims against alleged infringers; worked with outside counsel and independent investigators in the Asian Pacific Rim to locate and take action against Yahoo! mark infringers; advised regarding new trademark development, viability, and enforcement.

Jun. '00 – Jul. '01
Los Angeles, CA **LOWERMYBILLS.COM, INC.**
Sales Manager, Electronic Commerce
Managed sales process development of new Internet advertising business model, including deal implementation and marketing impact; managed advertising sales pipeline, including prospecting, interviewing, technical deliverables, and contract resolution; worked closely with general counsel analyzing and reviewing advertising agreements.

PRO-BONO EXPERIENCE

Oct. '12 – Present
Sunnyvale, CA **YAHOO! EMPLOYEE FOUNDATION**
Vice-President, Board of Directors
Yahoo!'s corporate giving foundation has distributed over \$15 million to deserving non-profits across the country; provide general corporate governance to the foundation and manage national philanthropic program.

Aug. '10 – Present
Los Angeles, CA **THE TREVOR PROJECT, INC.**
Secretary, Board of Directors
Currently serve as a corporate officer and member of the board's executive committee; manage day-to-day legal operations of the corporation as acting general counsel; advise regarding all aspects of corporate governance, litigation, development, employment, and intellectual property matters.

Mar. '11 – Present
Los Angeles, CA **AIDS PROJECT LOS ANGELES**
Co-Chair, Ambassador Council
Currently serve as a co-chair of a council of executives dedicated to building sustainable financial relationships with the community for one of the nation's leading AIDS healthcare organizations with a \$20 million annual operating budget.

Jan. '11 – Present
Sunnyvale, CA **YAHOO! PRIDE**
Organizing Member
Member of Yahoo!'s LGBT employee resource group, which develops hands-on programs and communications initiatives designed to create insightful content, driving awareness of LGBT issues.

2012 – 2013 Term
New York, NY **INTERNATIONAL TRADEMARK ASSOCIATION**
Member, Enforcement Committee
Courts & Tribunals Subcommittee
Serve on the committee charged with analysis of judicial and administrative rules, and development of policies intended to harmonize international law and strengthen trademark rights; current projects include co-drafting a review of Supreme Court jurisprudence pertaining to trademark law.

2010 – 2011
New York, NY

INTERNATIONAL TRADEMARK ASSOCIATION

Member, Trademark Administrators Conference Committee

Worked with national leading trademark professionals to plan the annual three day educational conference hosting numerous continuing legal education panels and networking seminars.

**RECENT
ENGAGEMENTS**

Sept. 2012
Los Angeles, CA

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR CONFERENCE, IP AND THE INTERNET

Panel Speaker

Addressing IP Infringement on the Internet:
Brand Protection Challenges Triggered by New gTLDs

Aug. 2012
Washington, D.C.

NATIONAL LAVENDER LAW CONFERENCE

Panel Speaker

Brand Enforcement on the Internet

April 2012
Santa Clara, CA

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF LAW

Guest Lecturer

Trademark Law Course

Oct. 2011
Los Angeles, CA

ANNUAL TRADEMARK ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE, INTA

Panel Moderator

Brand Enforcement in the Internet Age:
Current Trends, Best Practices, and Recent Developments

Panel Moderator

Counterfeits in the Entertainment Industry:
Battling Piracy, Bootlegs, Fakes, and Fraud

Sept. 2011
Los Angeles, CA

NATIONAL LAVENDER LAW CONFERENCE

Panel Speaker

Expansion of the Internet:
ICANN's New Generic Top-Level Domain Program

Feb. 2011
Los Angeles, CA

ENTERTAINMENT LAW CAREER DAY, SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL

Speaker

Internet and New Media Law Panel

Jan. 2011
Vail, CO

LAW EDUCATION INSTITUTE

Speaker

Developments in Internet Law:
Managing the Perils and Opportunities of Social Networking Websites, A Trademark Owner's Perspective

Oct. 2010
Los Angeles, CA

NATIONAL LGBT BAR ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE

Speaker, National Teleconference

Cyberbullying of LGBT Students

EDUCATION

2005 <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>	SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW <i>Juris Doctor</i> Law Student Liaison, Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Section, L.A. County Bar
2001 <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>	UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX <i>Bachelor of Science in Business Information Systems</i>
1992 – 1993 <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY <i>Industrial Management</i> Coursework in Internet development, computer science, economics, and cognitive psychology

HONORS & AWARDS

2012	Yahoo! Superstar Award
2011	Out & Proud Corporate Counsel Award, San Francisco National LGBT Bar Association, American Bar Association Affiliate
2004	ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law Award for Academic Excellence
2004	Judge Mary E. Waters Scholarship
2003	Southwestern University GLBT Issues Summer Fellowship

Hemphill, Janice

Subject: FW: Nomination for Christian Dowell for the Best LGBT Lawyer Under 40 Award!

From: Winterfeldt, Brian

Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 9:19 AM

To: Hemphill, Janice

Subject: Fwd: Nomination for Christian Dowell for the Best LGBT Lawyer Under 40 Award!

Brian J. Winterfeldt, Esq.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Dianne Molina <dianne@twitter.com>

Date: June 3, 2013, 2:24:02 AM EDT

To: "Winterfeldt, Brian" <bwinterfeldt@steptoe.com>

Subject: **Re: Nomination for Christian Dowell for the Best LGBT Lawyer Under 40 Award!**

I wholeheartedly support Christian Dowell's nomination for the Best LGBT Lawyer Under 40 Award. He is an exemplary humanitarian and the consummate professional.

Over the past year and a half, I have had the honor and privilege of serving on the Board of Directors for the Trevor Project with Christian. His passion and dedication have been an inspiration to me. More importantly, the counsel he provides is invaluable to the LGBTQ youth that we serve. Every day, his work helps save young lives.

I also know Christian in a collegial capacity: We started within a few months of each other at Yahoo! I can attest that he brings the same intensity, devotion and expertise to his career commitments as his philanthropic ones. He is that rare breed of lawyer that is collaborative instead of combative.

Christian is highly deserving of this award because he is a man of action and a man of his word. He is also a tireless champion of the LGBT community. His intelligence and work ethic are only matched by his generosity of spirit and selflessness.

Sincerely,

Dianne Molina
Editorial, Global Sales Marketing
Twitter, Inc.





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June 3, 2013

RE: Nomination of Christian Dowell for the 'Best LGBT Lawyer Under 40 Award'

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for Christian Dowell's nomination for the 'Best LGBT Lawyer Under 40 Award.' I have worked with Christian on numerous occasions over the past four years and have seen the true impact and contribution he has made to several non-profit organizations.

As the Former Chair and CEO of The Trevor Project, currently serving as a Global Philanthropy Advisor and Founder & CEO of United For Equality In Sports & Entertainment, I have experienced first hand Christian's amazing leadership, legal expertise and his unwavering commitment to make the world a better place for the LGBT community.

Christian is certainly deserving of this recognition. The LGBTQ community should be very proud to have strong leaders like Christian to help create and implement real social change which is so desperately needed, particularly for LGBTQ youth.

Together,

David L. McFarland
Global Philanthropy Advisor
Founder & CEO, United For Equality In Sports & Entertainment



June 3, 2013

RE: Christian Dowell Nomination

Dear D'Arcy:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Christian Dowell for Best LGBT Lawyer under 40. I have worked with Christian for the past three years and he is a wonderful example for the LGBT community. Christian is an excellent attorney, but most importantly he is a wonderful, caring person and a shining example of humanitarianism. Christian is devoted to making the world a better place and is very committed to the LGBT community. I have listed below some of examples of the work Christian does to benefit our community:

1. Christian currently serves as Vice President on the Board of Directors of the Yahoo! Employee Foundation, which involves managing the national philanthropic program for which Yahoo! has given over \$15 million to deserving non-profit organizations.
2. Christian currently serves as Secretary on the Board of Directors for the Trevor Project. As a corporate officer and member of the board, Christian manages the day-to-day legal operations of the corporation acting as general counsel.
3. Christian also serves as Co-Chair, Ambassador Counsel for the AIDS Project of Los Angeles. In this role, Christian works with other executives to build sustainable financial relationships with the community for one of the nation's leading AIDS healthcare organizations.
3. Christian is an organizing member of Yahoo! Pride, an LGBT resource group, which develops hands-on programs to drive the awareness of LGBT issues.
4. Christian is a member of the Enforcement Committee Courts & Tribunals Subcommittee for the International Trademark Association for the 2012-2013 term.
5. Christian has also been recognized and received a number of awards including the Yahoo! Superstar Award in 2012; the Out & Proud Corporate Counsel Award from the National LGBT Bar Association in 2011 and was awarded the ABA Section of Intellectual Property Law Award for Academic Excellence in 2004.

I am very honored to nominate Christian for this award. I know he is just the type of attorney you all are seeking to recognize with this award. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you



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have any questions or if you require any additional information.

Kind regard.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

J. Scott Evans
Head of Global Brand, Domains
& Copyright



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Re: Christian C. Dowell – Nomination for Best LGBT Lawyer Under 40 Award

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am pleased to endorse the nomination of Christian C. Dowell for Best LGBT Lawyer Under 40 Award. I have known Christian for over 8 years and worked with him from 2005 when he was an attorney at our former law firm Keats McFarland & Wilson, LLP until the time that he (sadly) left to serve as Director of IP for Yahoo, Inc. in 2010. Through all those years I always found Christian to not only be an outstanding intellectual property attorney but also completely dedicated to LGBT equality. Some of his accomplishments are listed below:

- Christian currently serves as Vice President on the Board of Directors of the Yahoo! Employee Foundation, which involves managing the national philanthropic program for which Yahoo! has given over \$15 million to deserving non-profit organizations.
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The National LGBT Bar Association

June 3, 2013

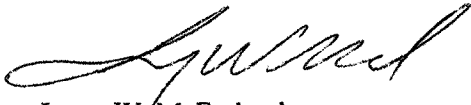
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I believe Christian's dedication and innovative work well qualifies him to be listed among the outstanding attorneys used as a resource for consumers who are searching for legal counsel amongst the LGBT community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'LW McFarland', written in black ink.

Larry W. McFarland

LWM/ac