

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

Nominee Information

Name: David M. Amen Date of Birth: 3/31/81
Title: Assistant State's Attorney Firm/Organization: Cook County State's Attorney
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Nominator Information

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Relationship to Nominee: Friend

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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May 22, 2013

VIA U.S. MAIL

The National LGBT Bar Association
1301 K Street NW,
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Re: Nomination for Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40: Class of 2013

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing in support of David Amen's nomination for the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40: Class of 2013. Mr. Amen is a skilled practitioner who has devoted considerable effort toward promoting LGBT interests within the legal profession and, more broadly, marriage equality within the State of Illinois. I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Amen in several instances and have witnessed first-hand, the passion and enthusiasm that he brings to every pursuit.

As an assistant state's attorney in Cook County, Illinois, Mr. Amen represents the State in a wide range of matters, most recently focusing on prosecution of domestic violence cases. He has also served within the Child Support Enforcement and Criminal Appeals Divisions. Prior to his engagement with the Cook County State's Attorney, Mr. Amen was an assistant public defender with the Missouri State Public Defender where he defended misdemeanor, juvenile and felony cases, which included twelve jury trials with a 92% success rate. Working on both sides of the criminal justice system, Mr. Amen has demonstrated a commitment to the integrity of the judicial process, providing zealous advocacy on behalf of victims and defendants alike.

For several years, Mr. Amen has served as a board member of the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago, one of the oldest local bar associations in the nation organized around LGBT issues. During that time, he has served as chairperson of the Law School / Mentoring Committee, and I have worked directly with him in that capacity. The primary goal of the committee is maintaining a formal mentorship program that connects LGBT law students with practitioners in their areas of interest, many of whom also identify as LGBT. Based on feedback from participants, the LAGBAC mentorship program has provided a strong foundation for LGBT individuals at the beginning of their careers, and has directly furthered one of Mr. Amen's personal goals of encouraging diversity within the legal profession. Under his leadership, the

program has nearly doubled in the number of participants and, through focused events and activities, increased the depth of engagement between students and practitioners.

Mr. Amen has also served as chairperson of the Chicago Bar Association's Committee on LGBT Rights. During his tenure, Mr. Amen attracted a wide variety of speakers – including an impressive list of legislators, judges and practicing attorneys – who have presented on topics including domestic violence within the LGBT community, transgender rights, estate planning for LGBT individuals and marriage equality. I have also worked with Mr. Amen to draft a policy statement and related report arguing for support of marriage equality, which was presented to and adopted by the Chicago Bar Association. Adoption of this policy has served as the first step toward further action by the CBA, including support for amendments to the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act and participation in an *amicus* brief supporting the plaintiffs in the *Darby v. Orr* case, now pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division. A favorable result in either effort would result in full marriage equality within the State of Illinois, an outcome for which Mr. Amen has actively fought.

As evidenced by the examples above, Mr. Amen has demonstrated a commitment to the practice of law and the LGBT community. His many accomplishments make him well-deserving of recognition among the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40: Class of 2013.

Please feel free to contact me for any further information and thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randall J. Ortman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randall J. Ortman

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Cook County State's Attorney Assistant State's Attorney Chicago, IL, June 2011 – Present

- Domestic Violence Division: Prosecuted domestic violence cases, including initial consultation with victims, interviews with witnesses, filing of criminal charges, and representation of the State in all court proceedings
- Child Support Enforcement Division: Represented the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services in actions to establish parentage and support orders, and to enforce and modify existing orders
- Criminal Appeals Division: Represented the State in appellate proceedings, including review of lower court records, drafting of responsive briefs and representation of the State in related court proceedings

Contract Attorney Engagements Chicago, IL, October 2009 – June 2011

- Rakoczy Molino Mazzochi Siwik LLP: Participated in the representation of a major pharmaceutical company in relation to a patent infringement case
- Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP: Participated in the representation of an international bank in response to an SEC and CFTC investigation
- Cascino Vaughan Law Offices, Ltd.: Represented plaintiffs in state and federal courts on toxic tort cases, predominantly related to asbestos, including writing, filing and arguing substantive and procedural motions, deposing expert witnesses, and coordinating discovery for hundreds of cases in multidistrict litigation
- McDermott Will and Emery LLP: Participated in the representation of a global pharmaceutical corporation, in response to a Department of Justice investigation

Missouri State Public Defender Assistant Public Defender St. Louis, MO, November 2006 – October 2009

- Defended misdemeanor, juvenile and felony cases, which included twelve jury trials with a 92% success rate, the management of approximately 100 cases at any given time, and all attendant motions, briefs and pleadings
- Conducted depositions and suppression, preliminary and bond hearings

Boone County Prosecutor Law Clerk Columbia, MO, May 2004 – August 2004

- Assisted with case preparation of domestic violence cases, including legal research and writing

EDUCATION

University of Missouri-Columbia, School of Law Juris Doctor 2006

- Honors: Ross T. Roberts Scholarship, Fred L. Hall Jr. Foundation Estate Planning Award

University of Missouri-Columbia Major: Music; Minors: Math and History Bachelor of Arts 2003

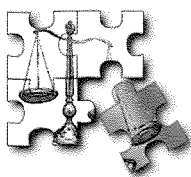
- Honors: Bright Flight Scholarship, University of Missouri-Columbia Excellence Award, O.M. Stewart Scholarship, University of Missouri-Columbia Department of Music Scholarship

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Licensed to Practice in: Indiana (pending), Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Northern District of Illinois and Western District of Wisconsin

Professional Affiliations and Volunteerism:

- Chicago Bar Association – *Chairperson of the LGBT Committee*
- Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago – *Board Member, Chairperson of the Mentoring Committee*
- Literacy Chicago – *Associate Board Member*
- Wills for Heroes Foundation



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May 22, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support David Amen's nomination as one of the LGBT Bar's 40 Under 40. Dave has been a strong advocate for the LGBT Community both in and out of the courtroom.

As well as being a board member of the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago (the local LGBT Bar affiliate), Dave has been a leader in the Chicago Bar Association's LGBT Committee, where spent two years as Vice Chair and two as Chair. During Dave's tenure, he has consistently expanded the Committee's programming. He has reached out to other committees to form alliances and cosponsor events. He has worked with LAGBAC to cosponsor programs as well as to provide MCLE credit to non-CBA members. And he has made sure that the programming during his tenure reflects the full range of people in the LGBT community by including such areas as criminal and civil legal issues, elder law, and transgender legal issues. He has also begun webcasting and recording the Committee meetings so that they remain accessible.

Dave's biggest achievement as Chair of the LGBT Committee has been working with the CBA to make marriage equality their official policy. Dave led the Committee through the organizational bureaucracy to receive the unanimous support of the CBA's Board on this change in policy. This has allowed the CBA to use its considerable clout to fight for marriage equality. Because of this change in policy, the CBA has been able to sign amicus briefs for the Illinois marriage cases working their way through the courts, and use their lobbyist in Springfield to push for marriage equality as Illinois works to become the 13th state to offer marriage equality.

For personal reasons, Dave is about to leave Chicago to move to the much less LGBT-supportive area of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. There, I have no doubt, that Dave will continue to use his considerable legal and interpersonal skills to fight for LGBT equality in an area where such advocates are desperately needed.

I think David Amen is an excellent addition to the 40 Under 40 list. He has my full support for this award, and I hope to see him in San Francisco receiving this honor.

Sincerely,

Alan H. Boudreau
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May 21, 2013

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to support the nomination of David Amen as one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40. I first met David at a meeting of the Chicago Bar Association's LGBT Committee, where I was speaking about immigration reform in the LGBT community. Since that time, I have witnessed his growth as a leader within the Chicago-area LGBT legal community.

David eventually ascended to chairperson of the LGBT committee and, under his leadership, it has grown dramatically with more than three times the number of practitioners in attendance for each meeting, on average. David has also continued to devote attention to immigration issues in the LGBT community, and invited me back to speak at a meeting co-sponsored by the CBA's Immigration Committee.

David worked with the CBA, an organization with over 22,000 members, to adopt a policy position in favor of same-sex marriage. Upon adoption, two full-time lobbyists were authorized to argue for the passage of marriage legislation currently pending in Illinois. Additionally, the CBA was able to sign an *amicus* brief in the case *Darby v. Orr* that presents a judicial path toward legalized same-sex marriage in Illinois. In his capacity as chairperson of the LGBT Committee, David also provided testimony at a congressional field forum regarding repeal of the Defense of Marriage Act hosted by U.S. Representatives Mike Quigley, Luis V. Gutierrez and Jan Schakowsky.

As a recipient of this award for the Class of 2012, I know that David is worthy of recognition as one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40. David has made a true impact on both legislation and litigation in Illinois that seeks to advance gay rights. Perhaps more importantly, he has created a forum for the LGBT legal community to gather through monthly CBA meetings. He tirelessly fights to advance gay rights and has made a noticeable difference in the LGBT community of Chicago. For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support the nomination of David Amen.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Jarecki