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The National LGBT Bar Association
1301 K Street NW
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**Re: Recommendation for Nomination of Edward Sadtler for the -
Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Award**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my great pleasure to nominate Edward Sadtler, a New York-based partner at Kirkland & Ellis, for the National LGBT Bar Association's Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 distinction.

Many are the ways in which Edward has contributed his skills to the work of the Immigration Intervention Project at Sanctuary for Families, and many are the lives he has impacted since becoming involved with our work in 2003.

Having been inspired by his experiences representing a victim of domestic violence in a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) self-petition case while working as an associate at Skadden, Edward brought the same enthusiasm and engagement to the cause of pro bono work when he joined Kirkland in 2004. With summer only weeks away, Edward single-handedly organized a pro bono summer associates program which he has helped lead ever since.

Over the past years and under his skilled watch, Kirkland & Ellis' New York office has represented more than 200 immigrant victims of domestic violence and their children in challenging legal cases to obtain immigration status. All of these cases, except for a handful of cases still being worked on or pending final adjudication, have been approved.

Edward himself has been involved in countless immigration matters, including VAWA self-petitions, battered-spouse waivers, petitions for nonimmigrant status, asylum petitions, applications for naturalization, and a host of ancillary petitions and applications.

Through his determined work on behalf of immigrant victims of domestic violence and inspiring others to follow his lead, Edward has provided desperately needed economic

stability in homes where there was none, safety where there was fear, and hope where mere survival had been all that clients thought possible.

Just to cite one example, Edward successfully obtained nonimmigrant status for a gay man from Ecuador who had spent 10 years here illegally. "Mr. B" had fled Ecuador at the age of 15, following traumatic sexual abuse and violent rapes in his own home at the hands of strangers—and in the hands of the police.

Since I met Edward in 2003, it has been my pleasure to see the reach of Edward's commitment and leadership in the pro bono and diversity areas grow. It is no surprise to me that, in addition to serving as the Co-Chair of the LGBT Subcommittee of Kirkland's Diversity Committee for many years, Edward was appointed earlier this year to be co-director of the pro bono program for Kirkland's New York office.

His enthusiasm, energy and unrelenting commitment to his pro bono clients have been contagious. Edward has not only significantly expanded pro bono legal resources that have allowed more and more victims of domestic violence to escape the shadows and find safety in legalized status under the law, he has also inspired many of his clients to be, well, just a little like him. Surely too, he has inspired many of his colleagues to do the same.

For his longstanding commitment to the work of Sanctuary for Families' Immigration Intervention Project and for his unrelenting dedication to some of the most vulnerable members of our society, I strongly recommend Edward for the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 award. He is, in every way, deserving of this honor.

Sincerely,



Carolien Hardenbol,

Co-Director, Immigration Intervention Project