

May 28, 2013

National LGBT Bar Association  
1301 K Street NW, Suite 1100 East Tower  
Washington DC, 20005

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to support the nomination of Kinna Crocker for the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Award. In January of this year, Ms. Crocker approached the Executive Director of the Sonoma County Bar Association about creating a new section devoted to LGBT issues. In response to the Bar Association's requirements, Ms. Crocker provided a comprehensive proposal to the Board of Directors regarding the creation of the LGBT Law Section. Her proposal included a list of potential topics and speakers, a long list of attorneys and support staff who were interested in joining such a section, and a clear vision of what the section would accomplish. Ms. Crocker then formally presented the idea at the Sonoma County Bar Association Board of Directors February 2013 meeting, which was unanimously (and appreciatively) approved.

I am encouraged that a young lawyer, who is new to our county, is interested in the betterment of our community as a whole, not just the legal community. Since the LGBT Law Section was created three months ago, Ms. Crocker's vision has materialized. She organized the section's first event, which was held on May 13, 2013. It featured a U.C. Davis School of Law Professor, and two attorneys who represent the plaintiffs in *Hollingsworth v. Perry*. This inaugural event of the LGBT Law Section was immensely successful. There are other events scheduled by the LGBT Section throughout the year, featuring speakers from the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Lambda Legal and the State Board of Equalization. I recently learned that Ms. Crocker is a guest speaker for a four-part series on OutBeat Radio News, a monthly radio program discussing LGBT issues, presenting on family law topics that affect LGBT couples and individuals.

Creating a new section for the Bar Association is not for the faint of heart. It requires work which very few attorneys are committed to giving out of their already busy schedules. In the case of the LGBT Section, it was rather embarrassing that our bar association did not already have such a section, to fill so obvious a void in our legal community. Ms. Crocker recognized

the need, took initiative, and filled the void. Along with other dedicated members of the LGBT Section, she has made our local bar association even stronger.

I am pleased that Ms. Crocker has made her home in Sonoma County and look forward to seeing her continue to thrive in our community. Your consideration of Ms. Crocker as one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 would honor her commitment.

Respectfully,

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Bonnie Freeman, Partner

Senneff Freeman & Bluestone, LLP

Vice President, Sonoma County Bar Association (2013)



May 31, 2013

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I met Kinna in Sacramento nine years ago, as a member of Sac L.E.G.A.L (Sacramento Lawyers for the Equality of Gays and Lesbians). I have had the pleasure of watching Kinna establish herself as a preeminent LGBT family law attorney and marriage equality activist. Kinna has been a tireless leader for our community and over the years has organized and implemented countless rallies, sit-ins, and demonstrations in Sacramento. It did not matter whether the event was big or small, as Kinna felt that each event presented a valuable opportunity to talk with people, educate them and change their views.

During my time with Kinna as a member of Sac L.E.G.A.L., the group called upon her to help organize our annual fundraisers benefitting the National Center for Lesbian Rights. Kinna is a natural leader and provided assistance in every aspect of planning and organizing. She secured speakers from Marriage Equality USA, including the plaintiffs in the same sex marriage cases. She also obtained major sponsorships for the fundraisers each year. As an added benefit, Kinna's band donated its time to provide the main entertainment for our events in 2004, 2005, and 2008.

Kinna has always been involved in the political side of LGBT issues. When Assembly Bill 205, the Domestic Partnership Rights and Responsibilities Act, was moving through the California legislature, Kinna testified at legislative hearings and organized volunteers to encourage the Governor to sign the legislation. She also provided a unique perspective with respect to Assembly Bill 102, the Name Equality Act, the legislation that allows domestic partners and married spouses to change their surnames, regardless of gender. Not only was it difficult and costly for a husband to change his surname to his wife's surname, domestic partners also faced the same adversity. Prior to the passage of Assembly Bill 102, Kinna changed her surname to her domestic partner's surname, and incurred the legal costs of doing so. She testified at legislative hearings regarding her personal experience and was a guest on radio programs, discussing the inequities in the law. Kinna's work in the Capitol over the years demonstrate her commitment to the cause of equality under the law for the LGBT community.

I strongly recommend Kinna for the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Award. She is not only a talented attorney and a great political activist, but she is also a very genuine person. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

R. Todd Vlaanderen  
Supervising Attorney, Business Programs Division, California Secretary of State  
Past President, Sacramento County Bar Association  
Past Co-Chair, Sacramento Lawyers for the Equality of Gays and Lesbians

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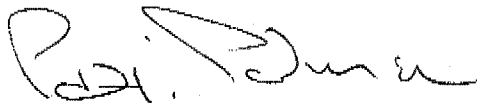
I am excited to support Kinna Crocker for the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Award. I met Kinna when she began working at Northern California Family Law Group in 2004. I worked with Kinna for four years and have now known her for nine years. I enjoyed working with Kinna, as she was always a determined and skilled attorney, focused on helping the LGBT community. The owner of the firm at the time handled LGBT cases, but she had not created a niche in that area. Kinna came to the firm with a plan to specialize in issues affecting LGBT clients, and that is precisely what she accomplished.

Kinna was the organizer and presenter for many seminars that discussed LGBT family law issues. She organized teams of estate planning attorneys, family law attorneys, tax advisors and financial experts to present information relevant to the LGBT community. As the laws for LGBT individuals and couples were changing from year to year, Kinna held multiple seminars to assist the community in keeping up with those changes. Kinna truly cares for the LGBT community.

Not only did Kinna excel in her legal career and provide legal services for the LGBT community, she also joined the fight for marriage equality. As the Sacramento Chapter Leader for Marriage Equality California, Marriage Equality USA and Equality California, Kinna worked tirelessly to organize and speak at rallies in support of marriage equality. She spent countless hours lobbying legislators in the Capitol, and assisting youth in learning the process of legislative change. She is still well known in Sacramento for her efforts.

Kinna also is a wonderful friend, wife and mother. I was present when Kinna married her wife, and was able to share with her the birth of their beautiful twin girls. Despite the rejection from her immediate family when she came out years ago, she has created a strong family unit and is instilling values of equality in her girls. I appreciate the opportunity to support Kinna for the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patti Palmer", written in a cursive style.

Patti Palmer, formerly of the Northern California Family Law Group