

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

Nominee Information

Name: Martin B. Jackson Date of Birth: April 22, 1975
Title: Partner Firm/Organization: Sidley Austin LLP
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Phone Number: 212-839-5300 Email Address: mjackson@sidley.com

Nominator Information

Name: Janet Zagorin
Title: Client Services Officer Firm/Organization: Sidley Austin LLP
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Relationship to Nominee: Professional Colleague

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

**Statement of Support for Martin Jackson's
Nomination for the 2013 Best LGBT Lawyers under 40 Award**

Since joining Sidley Austin LLP in 2003, Mr. Jackson has always been recognized as a star lawyer. His keen intellect, hard work and many successes led to his promotion to partner in January 2011. He is a leader of the international arbitration practice in Sidley's New York office and clients routinely praise his trial skills, trusting him with their most important cases. He has been named to the New York *Rising Stars* list for 2011 and 2012 – as published in *Super Lawyers/New York Metro* – which recognizes the top up-and-coming lawyers in the state who are 40 years old or younger.

Mr. Jackson's professional and academic achievements are only one element of his complete life as a loyal, trustworthy, and vibrant individual committed to social improvement and opportunity. A strong supporter of equality, he is a long-term member and passionate supporter of Lambda Legal. He has also used his legal skills to improve equality for LGBT individuals in the State of New York. In 2008, Mr. Jackson and another colleague presented before the Trust and Estates Section of the New York State Bar Association a *Memorandum in Support of a Bill to Amend the Domestic Relations Law to Provide Equal Treatment of Same- and Opposite-Sex Couples Wishing to Marry under New York Law*. Previously – in 2005 – the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association voted down a proposal that would have supported same-sex marriage as the sole means of achieving equality, opting instead for a proposal recommending domestic partnership registry, civil unions, or marriage.

However, Mr. Jackson's memorandum led the Trust and Estates Section to approve a resolution supporting same-sex marriage to be presented to the House of Delegates. In 2009, with the support and leadership of the Special Committee on LGBT People and the Law and the passage of the resolution of the Trust and Estates Section, the New York State Bar Association's House of Delegates endorsed full marriage equality for same-sex couples for the first time and encouraged the New York State Legislature to enact legislation to bring about full marriage equality for same-sex couples. In 2011, the New York State Legislature passed a bill granting full marriage equality to same-sex couples.

Additional Career Highlights:

Early in his career, in connection with Sidley's representation of Bear Stearns, Mr. Jackson drafted the legal memoranda that led to portions of a statute in Illinois being declared

unconstitutional by the Illinois Supreme Court (*See County of Cook ex rel. Rifkin v. Bear Stearns & Co.*, 831 N.E.2d 563 (Ill. 2005)). He also acted as counsel for the producers of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas – the Musical*, a publicized case that resulted in the successful attainment of an injunction to allow the show to be staged during the December 2007 Broadway stagehand strike in New York City.

More recently, Mr. Jackson represented the Superintendent of Financial Services of the State of New York in his Petition for an order of liquidation of Executive Life Insurance Company of New York, which had been in rehabilitation under New York Insurance Law for the past 21 years and had a net capital deficiency of approximately \$1.6 billion. After a vigorously contested 11-day trial in New York state court (at which more than 130 objectors opposed the relief sought by the Superintendent) the Court granted in its entirety the relief requested. The proceedings were closely watched by a spectrum of insurance industry interests, and the decision in favor of Sidley's client made the front page of the *New York Law Journal*.

Mr. Jackson has successfully defended Canadian and Vietnamese clients against claims seeking \$300 million in damages for alleged breaches of long-term metals offtake agreements, in which the arbitral tribunal awarded Sidley's clients \$3.1 million in attorneys' fees. He currently has multiple international arbitration matters pending before the International Chamber of Commerce Court of Arbitration, including acting for one of the five largest conglomerates in South Korea in relation to claims exceeding \$40 million for breach of contract and related claims in excess of \$150 million concerning a joint venture in the solar (photovoltaic) industry.

In addition to his external work, Mr. Jackson is a member of Sidley Austin's Diversity Committee and works tirelessly to enhance diversity at the firm. He mentors LGBT associates and serves as a mentor to several attorneys as part of Sidley's enhanced mentoring program for diverse associates. He is recognized for his significant contributions in this area and trains both partners and associates on effective mentoring for the retention and promotion of diverse attorneys. Mr. Jackson also provides legal services to individuals unable to obtain proper legal representation. Currently, he is the New York office's supervising partner for all family law matters undertaken with inMotion, Inc., which is a public service organization providing free legal services to low-income women in New York City who seek protection from batterers, custody of their children, child support, and a safe place to live. During his career, he has represented dozens of pro bono clients in complex family law cases.

MARTIN B. JACKSON

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PRACTICES

- Complex Commercial Litigation
- International Arbitration (Commercial)
- Securities Litigation

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Business Torts
- Contract Litigation
- Financial Institutions Litigation
- International Commercial Arbitration
- Mining
- Real Estate Litigation
- Trials

GEOGRAPHIC FOCUSES

- Asia
- Latin America

ADMISSIONS & CERTIFICATIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit, 2012
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit, 2010
- U.S. District Court, E.D. of New York, 2003
- U.S. District Court, S.D. of New York, 2003
- New York, 2003

EDUCATION

- Brigham Young University - J. Reuben Clark Law School (J.D., 2002, *magna cum laude*)
- Brigham Young University (B.A., 1998)

MARTIN B. JACKSON joined the litigation group of Sidley's New York office in 2002 after graduating from law school and was promoted to partner in January 2011. Mr. Jackson has represented clients in international and domestic arbitrations, in New York federal and state court, and in litigation matters in numerous other state and federal courts throughout the United States. His arbitration and complex commercial litigation practice is focused on commercial disputes (breach of contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and other business torts), securities disputes (derivatives and securities trading) and bankruptcy disputes. Mr. Jackson speaks Spanish fluently and represents Latin American clients in international arbitrations and in legal proceedings in the United States. He also maintains an active pro bono practice, including representation of individuals in family law matters.

Representative Arbitrations Include:

- Counsel for Korean client in a pending international arbitration conducted under the aegis of the International Chamber of Commerce involving claims in excess of \$100 million concerning a commercial dispute in the photovoltaic (solar) industry.
- Counsel for Korean client in a pending international arbitration conducted under the aegis of the International Chamber of Commerce involving a long-term metals offtake agreement
- Counsel for Vietnamese and Canadian clients in an international arbitration conducted under the aegis of the International Chamber of Commerce in Toronto. Successfully defended clients against claims seeking \$300 million in damages for alleged breaches of long-term metals offtake agreements and associated alleged torts, in which the arbitral tribunal awarded the Firm's clients \$3.1 million in attorneys fees.

- Counsel for Argentina-based client engaged in the production, sale, and export of aluminum in a breach of contract dispute involving a large trader of aluminum based in Ohio. Successfully moved to compel arbitration in federal court and successfully defended client against contract claims in an international arbitration proceeding under the aegis of JAMS.
- Counsel for hedge fund marketing client in a breach of contract arbitration conducted under the aegis of the American Arbitration Association. Successfully obtained substantial monetary award and specific performance of contractual provisions.
- Counsel for telecommunications client in a breach of contract arbitration concerning a sales agency agreement conducted under the aegis of the American Arbitration Association. Obtained a favorable settlement on behalf of the firm client.

Representative Cases Include:

- Counsel for leading music company in a tortious interference and breach of contract action brought by industry competitor. Successfully obtained dismissal of claims brought against client.
- Counsel for the producers of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas – the Musical*, a publicized case that resulted in the successful attainment of an injunction to allow the show to be staged during the December 2007 Broadway stagehand strike in New York City.
- Counsel for debtors in various adversary proceedings brought in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Successfully defended debtors against temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions brought by various creditors.
- Counsel for liquidation trustee of foreign airline in cross-border insolvency proceedings of an affiliated airline, which resulted in a favorable settlement.
- Counsel for commercial bank in proceedings in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and Texas state court for various contract and tort claims concerning the sale of derivative financial products. Obtained favorable nuisance value settlement.

MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

- Sidley Austin LLP Diversity Committee, New York Office
- National LGBT Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Lambda Legal

PRO BONO WORK

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May 30th , 2013

The National LGBT Bar Association
1301 K Street NW
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Nomination Committee:

In my role as General Counsel and a Member of the Board of Aluar Aluminio Argentino S.A.I.C., I am happy to recommend Mr. Jackson based upon his excellent legal skills as a powerful advocate. Mr. Jackson effectively represented Aluar Aluminio Argentino S.A.I.C. in an important international arbitration. Throughout the representation, Mr. Jackson's skills and presence gained my trust and confidence and were instrumental in obtaining a successful outcome for Aluar. Mr. Jackson was also able to communicate effectively with witnesses in both Spanish and English, which enabled him to understand and present Aluar's best legal case. His responsibility and creativity distinguish him in his professional and compliment his own personal behavior.

For these reasons, I ask you to consider recognizing Mr. Martin Jackson as one of the best LGBT Lawyers under 40. This distinction is wholly deserved.

Sincerely yours,

DR. ALBERTO E. MARTINEZ COSTA
GERENTE DE ASUNTOS JURÍDICOS

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May 31, 2013

The National LGBT Bar Association
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Re: Nomination of Martin Jackson for Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Award

Dear Nomination Committee:

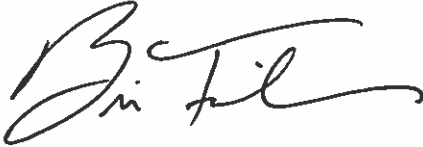
I consider it a great privilege to nominate Martin Jackson for recognition by the National LGBT Bar Association as one of the top 40 LGBT Lawyers under 40. I have known Martin Jackson since 2005 when I began working with him as an Associate at the New York office of Sidley Austin LLP. I am now Manager, Litigation Counsel at JetBlue Airways Corporation, in large part owing to the training and guidance I received working as Martin's mentee at Sidley.

In the time that I have known him, Martin has never failed to impress those around him as the unwavering consummate professional. His commitment to his clients, his work and his career is evident to all who have had the opportunity to know and work with him. It therefore came as no surprise to me to learn that in 2011 he was asked to join the partnership at Sidley.

In addition to his billable client work and extensive pro bono work, Martin has also continuously displayed a commitment to advancement of LGBT causes. At Sidley, he and I worked closely together on a December 2008 memorandum and presentation before the Trusts and Estates Law Section Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association urging its support of proposed marriage equality legislation in New York State by amendment to the New York Domestic Relations Law. Following our presentation at their meeting, the Section supported our proposal, and the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association soon followed. I therefore cannot help but believe that Martin's efforts played a role in eventually bringing marriage equality to New York State.

Most importantly, Martin embodies the ideal that an attorney in a traditional legal career can succeed as an openly LGBT professional by blazing a balanced, disciplined career path while remaining true to his personal identity. To this day, I consider Martin a career mentor and a true friend, and I endorse him without reservation for recognition by this Award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian K. Friedman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" being more prominent than the last name "Friedman".

Brian K. Friedman

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June 1, 2013

The National LGBT Bar Association
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Re: Martin B. Jackson

Dear Nomination Committee:

I am pleased to write in support of the nomination of Martin B. Jackson, a superb litigator, to be named a Best LGBT Attorney Under 40 for 2013.

I have practiced law in New York City for 28 years and have known Martin for the last five. I have had the opportunity to work closely with him on large, complex matters at both the trial and appellate levels. He brings to his work a refined intelligence, a refreshing wit, meticulous preparation and an unflappable demeanor. His character is exemplary, his work exceptional, his results outstanding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide more information or answer questions that would assist in your consideration of Martin's nomination.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Pearson Kelly', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

John Pearson Kelly