

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE  
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JED S. RAKOFF  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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The National LGBT Bar Association  
1301 K Street NW  
Suite 1100, East Tower  
Washington, DC 2005

Re: Recommendation of Michael Bosworth for "40 Under 40" Award

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara intends to nominate Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Bosworth - my former law clerk - for the "40 Under 40" Award presented by the National LGBT Bar Association. I write to strongly endorse the nomination, not only because Michael is, by any measure, a superstar, but also because he has a deep commitment to social justice.

Although he wears it very lightly on his sleeve, Michael is by any measure a brilliant lawyer, as illustrated, for example, by his summa cum laude degree from Princeton, his virtually perfect record at Yale Law School, and his clerkship for Justice Breyer of the Supreme Court (following clerkships with Circuit Judge Robert Katzmman and myself). He is also a hugely talented lawyer, as illustrated by his great success as a federal prosecutor, culminating in his promotion (at still an early age) to, not one, but two high-level positions: deputy chief of the public corruption unit and co-chief of the complex frauds unit.

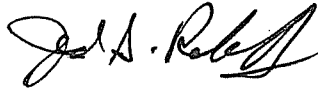
But that just scratches the surface. Michael is also one of the most innovative lawyers in an office known for its sophisticated techniques. For example, his investigation of the bribery of state officials by hospital executives, culminating in numerous successful prosecutions (including several before me), was a masterpiece of the painstaking piecing together of circumstantial evidence into a coherent, and altogether convincing whole. Or, to give another example, his successful prosecution (also in my court) of Wegelin & Co., the first Swiss bank ever convicted of U.S. tax crimes, demonstrated his unflinching will to pursue a crime wherever it might lead.

Michael is also a superb courtroom advocate, at both the trial and appellate levels. In the prosecution of Dr. David Rosen in my court, he was up against one of the most fabled lawyers of our time - the late Bob Morvillo - and proceeded to beat him handily. I have heard similar accounts of his other trials from my colleagues, all of whom sing his praises.

On a personal level, Michael is not only a delightful person with a wry sense of humor, but also someone who cares deeply about others. For example, his work as a counselor for The Trevor Project Lifeline - a suicide prevention hotline for LGBT youth - illustrates his selfless commitment to helping others in critical situations.

In short, Michael is not only a superb young lawyer who happens to be gay, he is a superb human being who inspires the deepest respect. Recognition of him by the "40 Under 40" Award would be a fitting recognition of his immense talents and accomplishments.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jed S. Rakoff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jed" and last name "Rakoff" clearly distinguishable.

Jed S. Rakoff