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National LGBT Bar Association
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Dear Members of the National LGBT Bar Association,

I am writing to you in support of the nomination of Michael S. Bosworth, Co-Chief, Complex Frauds Unit, Southern District of New York (SDNY), for the "40 under 40" award presented by the LGBT Bar Association. In the years that I have known and worked with Mr. Bosworth he has consistently exhibited the characteristics and traits this award embodies. Mr. Bosworth is the consummate professional whose commitment to the national security of our nation is second to none. I work closely with Mr. Bosworth on Cyber intrusion incidents that the New York Office (NYO) of the FBI investigates. These investigations are high paced, high profile, complex investigations. Often times the law is less than clear in certain areas and the FBI needs a partner who is willing to take risks and be innovative during the investigation. Mr. Bosworth is this partner. His willingness to become involved in the investigations, listen to the agents and share his perspective of the law is one of the main reasons the NYO's cyber investigations have been so successful.

Mr. Bosworth has overseen some of the most significant Cyber investigations in the FBI. When individuals who were part of the group Anonymous began hacking into web sites of major corporations, stealing information and posting it on the internet, Mr. Bosworth immediately met with the FBI investigative team and supported a plan to use a confidential informant to infiltrate the group. While this plan carried numerous risks, Mr. Bosworth worked through each legal hurdle, drafted numerous court documents and worked side by side with the team. His efforts resulted in the first federal arrests of members of Anonymous both in the United States and overseas. During the Rove Digital case in which more than four million computers located in 100 countries were infected with malware, Mr. Bosworth worked with the DOJ, his counterparts in Estonia and general counsels in the private sector to obtain a court order in the United States to replace the rogue DNS servers with court-ordered clean servers. These are just two examples of Mr. Bosworth's dedication and commitment to fighting the ever increasing Cyber threat. Through his collaboration with the FBI as well as other federal agencies to include the United States Secret Service, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Mr. Bosworth is recognized as an expert in his field. He has distinguished himself in the area of Cyber law and he is often called upon by Main Justice at DOJ, and other federal and local prosecutors for his guidance and insight.

Mr. Bosworth has exhibited a keen intelligence throughout his life. He did not simply attend and graduate from Princeton University and Yale Law School, he excelled at these institutions. He received Princeton's highest undergraduate honor as well as the President's Award for Academic Achievement. He was the Comments Editor for the Yale Law Review and clerked for three different federal judges to include Justice Stephen Breyer of the US Supreme Court. Mr. Bosworth never lauds his intelligence over others. He welcomes the opinions of the "newest" FBI agent or computer scientist as easily as he accepts the opinions of the court. This acceptance of all those he works with is one of the traits which distinguishes Mr. Bosworth as one of our nation's best LGBT lawyers under 40. Mr. Bosworth's commitment to the fair treatment of all individuals is evident in his words and actions. He speaks about the need for and importance of supporting and mentoring individuals from all minority groups and for diversity in the work place. Recognizing the challenges and difficulties for the young LGBT community he volunteers as a counselor for the Trevor Project Lifeline, a suicide prevention hotline for LGBT youth.

By choosing Mr. Bosworth as a recipient of the "40 under 40" your board would be selecting an individual who exemplifies everything the National LGBT Bar Association stands for. Mr. Bosworth is a person who believes in who he is, and is proud of his many significant accomplishments. He has distinguished himself in his field and has a deep commitment to LGBT equality. Mr. Bosworth is very deserving of your award and I am proud to call him my colleague and friend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary E. Galligan", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Mary E. Galligan
Special Agent in Charge
Special Operations/Cyber Division