

# The Gay Bar: LGBT Attorneys in the Profession

Date: Friday, July 31, 2009 Times: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Location: Seville Ballroom West, Lobby Level  
InterContinental Chicago  
505 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Cost: \$0

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Ever wonder about what it's like to be a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) lawyer practicing in an inhospitable region?

Come hear testimony before SOGI Commissioners about the real life experiences of LGBT lawyers who have faced discrimination by employers, judges and others in the profession. Also hear from leaders in law firms, corporate legal departments, and bar associations who have developed model programs and policies to ensure that legal employers make their working environments welcoming to LGBT employees and treat them fairly and equally.

A preliminary schedule is presented below.

Topic	Time	Speakers
ABA Leadership on LGBT Issues	8:30—9:00	SOGI Chair Jeffrey Gibson ABA President H. Thomas Wells ABA Immediate Past President William Neukom
Personal Testimony of LGBT Attorneys	9:00—10:00	Dru Levasseur (Transgender Center Legal Defense and Education Fund), Allen Orr (Baker & McKenzie), Brent Adams (Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation), Others To Be Announced
Bar Association Efforts	10:00—11:00	Kelly Dermody (Bar Association of San Francisco); Andrew McCallin (Colorado GLBT Bar Association); Kathleen Nalty (Colorado Campaign for Inclusive Excellence)
Best Practices for Employers	11:00—12:00	Gail Morse (Jenner & Block); Hilary Ware (Google); Michael Daugherty (Chubb Insurance)

Thanks to the following entities for their cosponsorship of SOGI's inaugural program!

Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, Commission on Mental & Physical Disability Law, Commission on Women in the Profession, National LGBT Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, GP I Solo Division, Section of Intellectual Property Law, Section of Tort, Trial, Insurance and Practice, Criminal Justice Section, Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, Section of Dispute Resolution, Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources, Judicial Division, Law Practice Management Section, Section of Science & Technology Law, Section of Labor & Employment Law, Law Student Division, Section of State and Local Government Law, Diversity Center, Section of International Law, Section of Business Law

Further information about the program and the SOGI Commission at [www.abanet.org/sogi](http://www.abanet.org/sogi).