

The National LGBT Bar Association would like to invite you to a call-in with two of our nation's leading experts on transgender rights and strategy talk about the connections between transgender advocacy and medical frameworks for understanding transgender identities and transsexualism. The subject of this discussion is even more pressing in light of the American Psychiatric Association's forthcoming revision of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM) which classifies many transgender people as having a mental health condition. Should attorneys and transgender clients pursue disability claims? What are the implications for arguing that gender transition-related care is medically necessary? Come join us for a fascinating hour-long discussion to hear answers to these and other burning legal questions you may have on related topics.

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Wednesday, April 18th, 2012
4:00-5:00pm EST

Speakers Include:

- **Dru Levasseur** is an attorney for Lamda Legal, focusing on transgender rights, and the advancement of civil rights for transgender people nationwide. Mr. Levasseur is a co-founder of the Jim Collins Foundation, nonprofit funds gender-confirming surgeries by means of charity. Serving as Chair of the Legal Issues Committee of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH), and a recipient of the National LGBT Bar Associations Best LGBT Lawyer under 40 Award, he is a well versed and experienced attorney that is very well informed on transgender issues.
- **Jennifer Levi** has been with the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) for fourteen years. During this time she has participated in a number of key cases to progress the civil liberties for transgender people. Ms. Levi is a founder of the Transgender Law & Policy institute as well as the Transgender Political Coalition.

These speakers will hold a short colloquium concerning these paramount issues so that they might be fully understood, and in order to be able to fully understand transgender issues. We hope that you join us for this live discussion.