



## LAW SCHOOL AFFILIATE PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES AND BENEFITS

Law School Affiliates of the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association are expected to maintain the following minimum **requirements** in order to maintain affiliate status and receive the benefits of association as delineated below:

### Logistical Responsibilities. Each Law School Affiliate will:

- Maintain an organizational email address, rather than relying on personal emails. This promotes ongoing consistent communications between the group and the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association.
- Provide updated contact information annually to the LGBTQ+ Bar Association (including email, mailing address, organizational leadership email and telephone, and Affiliate Representatives' mailing address, telephone, and email address).
- To the extent permitted by the law school's administration, ensure annual updating (no later than October 1) of its online statement and group contact information on the law school's website.
- Promote and encourage students to attend the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association's Annual Lavender Law Conference & Career Fair by issuing reminders and conference information to the group from January through July each year.
- Encourage its members to join the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association as individual student members (\$40 annually for most law students, with a discount of \$20 available to all members of Affiliate groups; scholarships also available in case of financial need.)
- Affiliates are encouraged to share their events and successes with the National LGBTQ+ Bar's Law School Congress and other affiliates through the Law Student Congress' listserv. For assistance, contact the LGBTQ+ Bar at [programs@lgbtqbar.org](mailto:programs@lgbtqbar.org).

## Substantive Responsibilities. Each Law School Affiliate will:

- Advocate on campus for enforcement of its law school's non-discrimination statement.
- Commit to be inclusive and intersectional with people of all identities, including transgender and gender non-binary people, people of color, and women, in all group activities and leadership opportunities.
- Conduct at least two Action Items (in addition to promoting and attending Lavender Law) from the LGBTQ+ Bar's "Action Item Toolkit" over the course of each school year. (The LGBTQ+ Bar and the Law School Congress welcome feedback and suggestions for new and creative Action Items!)
- Twice annually, submit an Affiliate Report updating the Law School Congress on its membership activities and compliance with the principles in this document. Such reports shall be submitted in December (via email to the Congress Co-Chairs at [lsc@lgbtqbar.org](mailto:lsc@lgbtqbar.org) and to Bar staff at [programs@lgbtqbar.org](mailto:programs@lgbtqbar.org)).
- Encourage at least one of your members to attend the Law School Affiliate Congress meeting in person at the LGBTQ+ Bar's Annual Conference and & Career Fair
- Participate in both LGBTQ+ Bar and Law Student Congress events and programming
- Participate in the Law School Affiliate Listserv to receive and disseminate information to Affiliate members

# LAW SCHOOL AFFILIATE BENEFITS

Law School Affiliates of the National LGBTQ+ Bar Association receive the following benefits from the National LGBTQ+ Bar and the Law School Congress:

- Law School Affiliates have the opportunity to participate in national action campaigns that significantly impact the future of the legal profession and the LGBTQ+ equality movement.
- The National LGBTQ+ Bar provides Law School Affiliate groups with a support structure to engage in activism on campus and in their community on a wide variety of issues. Our Law School Congress leadership members and our program staff are available to consult with Affiliate leaders to help support activism efforts and provide resources.
- Law School Affiliates have access to learning opportunities throughout the year, including webinars and panels on topics of interest to LGBTQ+ law students ranging from career planning to LGBTQ+ legal issues. Law School Affiliate members who are members of the Bar also may access over 60 workshops and plenary panels at the Annual Lavender Law® Conference & Career Fair, and regular educational call-ins and webinars on cutting-edge legal issues facing our community and the profession at large.
- Law School Affiliate members who are also student members of the National LGBTQ+ Bar (\$40 annually) receive free registration to the LGBTQ+ Bar's Annual Lavender Law® Conference & Career Fair.
- Law School Affiliates have access to unparalleled networking opportunities. The National LGBTQ+ Bar brings together attorneys from all walks of life who are willing and ready to share advice and referrals - a diverse community of legal professionals from attorneys to judges with practice areas covering just about every specialty imaginable. The National LGBTQ+ Bar has a growing network of practice-area specific programs, including the Family Law Institute, in which hundreds of family law attorneys communicate, educate, advise, and network with each other throughout the year. In addition, the National LGBTQ+ Bar maintains a separate lawyer Affiliate program, with over 40 participating state and local LGBTQ+ Bar Associations. The National LGBTQ+ Bar works to facilitate law student connections with those groups for mentorship and engagement opportunities.