# SALUTING OUR SISTER LEGAL DEFENSE FUNDS

Lambda Legal does not stand alone in our fight for equality, but as a proud member of a team of long-standing organizations working for similar goals. Too often, our missions appear disconnected and our histories divergent, so as we look back over the past 40 years, we find it imperative to acknowledge our foremothers and the family of legal defense funds that have supported us in our mission since the beginning.



#### Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)

"For four decades, Lambda Legal has been a fearless advocate for equal justice and civil rights. The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) has been honored to support your litigation through *amicus* briefs and work together on advocacy campaigns to end police misconduct and the harassment of students, and to support marriage equality. Your efforts have transformed the public discourse about LGBT rights and strengthened the broader movement for social justice. Congratulations on your 40th anniversary!"

- Margaret Fung (Executive Director, AALDEF)

# LATINO JUSTICE

#### LatinoJustice PRLDEF

"American society has undergone significant transformations in the four decades Lambda Legal has contributed to a more open, more encompassing discourse on the promise of equality within the realm of constitutional and civil rights in our country. Those promises would be hollow if they failed to protect all of us who are stereotyped, vilified and excluded from the fruits of our collective labor. And that is perhaps the biggest transformation that Lambda Legal has helped to make: that our fates, indeed, our lives today are interconnected such that discrimination against the LGBT community is discrimination against us all."

-Juan Cartagena (President and General Counsel, LatinoJustice PRLDEF)

The Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund

#### Legal Momentum (The Women's Legal Defense & Education Fund)

Legal Momentum congratulates Lambda Legal on 40 years of courage and commitment and is proud to celebrate with you on your 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We share your goal of equal rights for all persons, regardless of sexual orientation or gender expression and stand with all LGBTQIA persons in the fight for the establishment and enforcement of legal protections against discrimination as applied to all facets of our society. We know that equality under the law is not a choice but a basic human right, and that all individuals deserve the opportunity to live free from oppression and safe from violence. We are your allies.

-Elizabeth Grayer (President, Legal Momentum)



#### Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF)

"Some progressive leaders have asserted that courts are no longer the right venue for securing positive social change. The best rebuttal to that point of view is the success of Lambda Legal and its allies in strategically using the courts -- necessarily attached to communications, community education and policy advocacy -- to advance significant, even paradigm-shifting, change in progressive law and policy. At MALDEF, our history demonstrates a similar approach to advancing constitutional and civil rights. MALDEF has often struggled, like Lambda Legal, to shift established legal doctrine to meet the real-world needs and experiences of the community we represent, so we have a special bond and appreciation for our sister civil rights organization. On behalf of all of MALDEF, I salute Lambda Legal and look forward to our continued partnership to serve our shared goals and overlapping communities."

-Thomas A. Saenz (President and General Counsel, MALDEF)



#### NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF)

Our nation's finest traditions call for an ever more inclusive democracy. Since our founding seven decades ago, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) has fought to realize the guarantee of equality for Black and other people of color. And for four decades, Lambda Legal similarly has been dedicated to the eradication of discrimination and the realization of equality for the LGBT community and those people living with HIV. On behalf of LDF, I salute Lambda Legal on its Anniversary for forty years of commitment to effecting change and honoring this nation's commitment to antidiscrimination in all of its forms. My sincerest expectation and hope is that, through our organizations' collective efforts, the next forty years will bring us ever closer to justice and dignity for all human beings.

-Sherrilyn Ifill (President and Director-Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF)

# HONORING



JEFFREY FASHION CARES For the past 10 years, the Jeffrey Fashion Cares New York benefit has brought together the leading individuals and companies in

international fashion and luxury with New York City's charitable and social communities to benefit four non-profit organizations that improve the lives of LGBTQ people and people living with HIV. The beneficiaries have included: AIDS Community Research Initiative of America (ACRIA), Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC), Hetrick-Martin Institute (HMI), Lambda Legal, and Point Foundation.

Founded in Atlanta, GA in 1992 by fashion pioneer and community leader Jeffrey Kalinsky, and brought to New York in 2003, the event has become almost entirely volunteer-driven under the leadership of NLC member Todd Sears and Dan Rothmann, who have led the organizing for 10 and nine years, respectively. Their dedication has ensured that the maximum amount of every donation has gone directly to the beneficiaries, with a remarkable 12% fundraising cost on average. As Lambda Legal celebrates its 40th anniversary, we are pleased to honor Jeffrey Fashion Cares for their 10th anniversary of providing critical funding and stunning events for LGBT and HIV awareness.

# CELEBRATING



Since 1973, Lambda Legal has been making the case for equality for LGBT people and those with HIV. An organization that began by arguing for its right to exist has spent 40 years setting legal precedent and securing some of the most important victories in the LGBT/HIV civil rights movement. This history is not yet

complete; the journey is not yet over.

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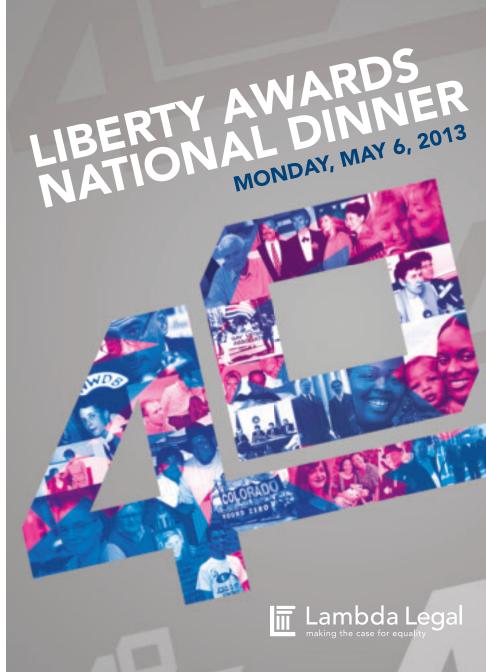
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humorist and family e<u>ntertainer. She is an author (3 books).</u> years, Kate Clinton has worked through economic booms and busts, eight presidential inaugurals. She still believes that humor gets us through peacetime, wartime, scoundrel time and economic down times.

# 40 YEARS: MOVING HISTORY FORWARD



Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.



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1996 (Romer v. Evans) Our first case, filed on our own behalf, In an historic ruling, Lambda Legal, the ACLU and forces the state of New York to allow Lambda the Colorado Legal Initiatives Project convince the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down Colorado's constitutional amendment barring state and local sexual orientation antidiscrimination measures and to rule that antigay sentiment cannot be the sole basis for laws.

2000 (Boy Scouts of America v. Dale) Although Lambda Legal's challenge to the Boy Scouts' antigay policy is narrowly rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court, the case brings national attention to the Boy Scouts' exclusionary practices.

2001 (Brandon v. Richardson County)

Lambda Legal assists Brandon Teena's mother with an appeal against the sheriff who humiliated

Teena, a transgender man, and failed to protect

him from being murdered after his rape.

**1983** (People v. West 12 Tenants Corp.) Working with the New York Attorney General's office, Lambda Legal files the nation's first AIDSdiscrimination challenge and wins a court order stopping the efforts of neighbors to evict a doctor pecause he treated HIV-positive patients.

1973: (In re Thom)

practice law on October 18, 1973.

Legal to form as a nonprofit organization. Bill Thom founds Lambda Legal Defense

and Education Fund, officially authorized to

1996 (Cammermeyer v. Perry) Lambda Legal successfully obtains an order reinstating Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer as chief nurse of the Washington National Guard and declaring the pre-"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" military policy unconstitutional.

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2003 (Lawrence v. Texas) Lambda Legal wins landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling, Lawrence v. Texas, which strikes down the nation's remaining state sodomy laws and affirms the constitutional liberty to engage in private, consensual sexual intimacy without government interference.

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**2009** (Varnum v. Brien) The Iowa Supreme Court unanimously rules that denying marriage to same-sex couples is unconstitutional, as litigation by Lambda Legal makes lowa the first state in the Midwest to provide the freedom to marry for same-sex couples.

### As of March 25, 2013

# **2011** (Glenn v. Brumby) The Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals upholds

ruling that the firing of Vandy Beth Glenn, a transgender woman who worked for the Georgia General Assembly, was unconstitutional-the most important ruling in federal court to date supporting the rights of transgender employees.

#### 2008 (Taylor v. Rice) Two weeks before trial, the State Department lifts its ban on hiring people with HIV as Foreign Service Officers, ending Lambda Legal's five-year case challenging thi discriminatory policy.

#### 2010 (Langbehn v. Jackson Memorial Hospital)

Lambda Legal's lawsuit on behalf of Janice Langbehn and her family who were blocked from seeing Langbehn's dying partner by hospital workers in Florida leads President Obama to call Langbehn personally to express his sympathy and to announce his plan to ensure that LGBT patients and heir families are respected in hospital visitation.

2012 (Couch v. Wavne Local School District) Lambda Legal protects Maverick Couch's right to wear his "Jesus Is Not A Homophobe" shirt to his Ohio high school, affirming students' rights to free speech.

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