



Seeing the Big Picture

In your hand, dear reader, you hold the first issue of Lambda Legal's *Impact* magazine. Like the Lambda Legal *Update*, which it's replacing, *Impact* will be published three times a year. It will also feature the same frontline analysis of Lambda Legal's cases as well as in-depth coverage of our educational efforts and public advocacy campaigns. But that's where the similarities end.

The name *Update* implied that we'd give you the information you needed to stay informed on issues affecting lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV. That goes without saying. *Impact* is designed to do much more. The revamped magazine promises to better reflect who we are, what we do and how you can get more involved in our work. It will also speak more directly to our mission: to choose cases and education campaigns that will affect the greatest number of people and advance the fight for equality across the nation.

Lambda Legal's impact on LGBT law is stronger than ever. For example, you can see our analysis by Marriage Project Director David Buckel of why, after our win in New Jersey's Supreme Court, civil unions still fall short of equality (*page 6*). You can also read a poignant first-person account by one of our clients who almost had her child taken away because she lives with her female partner (*page 9*). We recognize, however, that our lawsuits don't happen in a vacuum and have therefore linked our success in court with high-impact education and advocacy campaigns that change the hearts and minds of the general public as well. *Impact* will

explore Lambda Legal's education work more deeply. To that end the inaugural issue shines a spotlight on two upcoming national advocacy campaigns, one aimed at engaging LGBT people and people with HIV around workplace issues and the other a fun and informative way of looking at the importance of fair courts.

Beyond its substantive shift, *Impact* also has a new look. The magazine features Lambda Legal's new colors and our refreshed logo with a new tagline: *making the case for equality*. For more than three decades, equality has been the number one goal of this organization. For more than three decades, we've employed Lambda Legal's pioneering strategy of combining work in the courts with innovative public education to get there. That's impact — and it's what underscores every page of this magazine.

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