



LAW SCHOOL AFFILIATE PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES AND BENEFITS

Law School Affiliates of the National LGBT Bar Association and their Representatives 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 LGBT Bar Association.
- Designate a student Affiliate Representative to the National LGBT Bar's Law Student Congress. This may be a Chair of the group, but is not required to be the holder of that office.
- Provide updated contact information annually to the LGBT 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 LGBT Bar Association's Annual Conference & Career Fair (Lavender Law) by issuing monthly reminders and conference information to the group from January through July each year.
- Encourage its members to join the National LGBT Bar Association as individual student members (\$40 annually; scholarships and group discounts for new memberships are available).
- Affiliates are encouraged to post their events on the National LGBT Bar's Law School Congress Facebook account. For assistance, contact the LGBT Bar at Rishell@lgbtbar.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 LGBT Bar's "Action Item Toolkit" over the course of each school year. (The LGBT 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@lgbtbar.org) and in August at the Affiliate Congress meeting held during the Annual Conference & Career Fair, known as Lavender Law (or via email if no student members of the affiliate are able to attend.)

Affiliate Representative Responsibilities

Designated Affiliate Representatives are expected to maintain the following minimum requirements:

- Attend Law School Affiliate Congress meeting in person at the LGBT Bar's Annual Conference and & Career Fair (or if unable, send an Affiliate member to stand in);
- Participate in Law School Affiliate Call-ins (typically taking place no more than Quarterly);
- Participate in Law School Affiliate Listserv to receive and disseminate information to Affiliate members, and promptly update the LGBT Bar and Congress leaders of any change in contact information;
- Provide leadership within the Affiliate and on the law school campus generally on issues of national importance impacting the LGBT legal community.



LAW SCHOOL AFFILIATE BENEFITS

Law School Affiliates of the National LGBT Bar Association receive the following benefits from the National LGBT 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 LGBT equality movement.
- The National LGBT 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 call-ins on topics of interest to LGBT and ally law students ranging from career planning to LGBT legal issues. Law School Affiliate members who are members of the Bar also may access - at no charge - 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 LGBT Bar (\$40 annually) receive free registration to the LGBT Bar's Annual Lavender Law[®] Conference & Career Fair.
- Law School Affiliates have access to unparalleled networking opportunities. The National LGBT 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 LGBT 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 LGBT Bar maintains a separate lawyer Affiliate program, with over 40 participating state and local LGBT Bar Associations. The National LGBT Bar works to facilitate law student connections with those groups for mentorship and engagement opportunities.

Join as a Law School Affiliate group today and begin tapping into these benefits!