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Sullivan & Cromwell has a long tradition of supporting its LGBT lawyers and non-legal personnel and of serving the LGBT community through pro bono legal representations and other contributions to LGBT causes (see LGBT Pro Bono Activities below). The Firm is proud of, and values, this ongoing commitment to promoting equality and rewarding merit without regard to sexual orientation or gender identification.

The “LGBT Network” was organized in order to further the Firm’s commitment to the LGBT community as a whole, provide a nurturing social and professional community for LGBT individuals within the Firm and enhance the inclusive environment of the Firm overall.

Among other things, the LGBT Network:

- facilitates S&C’s involvement in LGBT pro bono work and its support of LGBT organizations;
- promotes recruitment of LGBT personnel; and
- organizes professional, social, and educational events.

Sullivan & Cromwell and our individual lawyers are proud to support many organizations dedicated to the LGBT community, just a few of which are listed below:

- ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project and AIDS Project
- Empire State Pride Agenda
- Human Rights Campaign
- Immigration Equality
- Lambda Legal
- Lavender Law
- SAGE (Services for Advocacy for LGBT Elders)
- Servicemembers Legal Defense Network
- The Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund
- The Trevor Project

The LGBT Network chairs are: [Mike Escue](#), [Adam Sofen](#) and [Kate Doniger](#).

For more information about Sullivan & Cromwell’s commitment to

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Diversity & Inclusion

Initiatives

Asian Associates Network (AAN)

LGBT Network

Network of Black & Latino Lawyers (NOBLL)

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Diversity and Inclusion Recognitions

Diversity Committee

the LGBT community, or about what it is like to be open at the Firm, please contact any of the following individuals, who represent a cross-section of the larger LGBT community at S&C:

- [David H. Braff](#) (Litigation)
- [Mitchell S. Eitel](#) (Corporate)
- [David B. Hariton](#) (Tax)
- [Steven L. Holley](#) (Litigation)
- [Alexa M. Lawson-Remer](#) (Litigation)
- [David B. Rockwell](#) (Corporate)
- [Bradley P. Smith](#) (Litigation)
- [Adam A. Sofen](#) (Corporate)
- [Donald J. Toumey](#) (Corporate)
- [Davis J. Wang](#) (Tax)
- [Frederick Wertheim](#) (Corporate)

LGBT Pro Bono Activities

S&C has a long tradition of supporting its LGBT lawyers and staff, and of serving the LGBT community through our pro bono legal assistance. Lawyers, including members of the LGBT Network, work on complex pro bono matters of great significance to LGBT individuals and families across the nation. As a few examples, we have:

- joined with the American Civil Liberties Union (“ACLU”) to challenge an Arkansas statute, Act 1, which prohibited unmarried cohabiting couples from serving as adoptive or foster parents. As a result, the Arkansas Supreme Court struck down Act 1 as an unconstitutional violation of fundamental privacy rights under the Arkansas Constitution, allowing same-sex and unmarried opposite-sex couples to adopt in Arkansas.
- assisted the ACLU of North Carolina to challenge the state’s ban on two-parent adoption, which effectively bars same-sex couples from joint adoption. S&C has also represented gay and lesbian couples seeking to foster and/or adopt in Arizona and Nebraska.
- partnered with Immigration Equality to represent applicants from nations around the world seeking asylum on the basis of sexual orientation. One of our lawyers is an active member of Immigration Equality’s Board of Directors.
- participated in the Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund’s (“TLDEF”) name-change clinic, which serves low-income members of the transgender community in New York seeking to change their legal names to conform to their gender identities. Since October 2007, S&C has assisted more than 200 transgender individuals through this project.

- assisted Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (“SAGE”), an organization dedicated to serving and advocating for older LGBT individuals, with the purchase and funding of the nation’s first senior center devoted specifically to members of the LGBT community.
- volunteered at the bi-weekly legal clinic at New York-Presbyterian Hospital’s Center for Special Studies and its Gay Men’s Health Crisis satellite location to provide estate planning services to impoverished people with AIDS and HIV. Since 1989, lawyers at the Firm have dedicated more than 15,000 hours to this project.

Benefits

S&C was one of the first global law firms to provide health coverage and benefits to same-sex domestic partners prior to the legal recognition of same-sex marriage. Today, the Firm also provides Family and Medical Leave Act leave, relocation assistance and other benefits to same-sex domestic partners. Sullivan & Cromwell lawyers from the Estates and Personal Group also are available to assist with respect to powers of attorney, visitation instructions and healthcare proxies, which have particular importance to LGBT personnel and their families. Specific questions about the benefits provided by Sullivan & Cromwell may be directly addressed to [Melanie Corpuz](#).