

LAMBDA LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND, INC.

WHAT IS IT?

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of New York for the purpose of securing the equal protection of the laws and the protection of the civil rights of homosexuals. Lambda will function for the homosexual community in much the same way the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. functions for the black community and other similar organizations function for their respective minority-group constituencies.

Specifically, Lambda will: 1) Initiate or join in judicial or administrative proceedings whenever legal rights and interests of significant numbers of homosexuals may be affected; 2) Provide homosexuals with information which will broaden their awareness of their legal rights and obligations; 3) Render technical assistance to any legal services corporation or agency in regard to issues affecting homosexuals; 4) Promote coordination of efforts with other organizations, groups and individuals relating to the legal problems of homosexuals; and 5) Inform the legal community and the public of the goals, methods and accomplishments of Lambda.

WHY IS IT?

Homosexual women and men are currently suffering denial of equal protection of the laws and denial of due process of law because of discrimination based on their sexual orientation. Such discrimination denies gay people equal opportunities in employment, housing, education and in the administration of justice itself. Lambda is the only organization in existence dedicated primarily to pursuing equal rights for homosexuals through the courts, and Lambda is the only gay civil rights organization that is authorized to practice law.

WHO IS IT?

Lambda is run by a Board of Directors consisting of the following: William J. Thom, Esq., B.A. Princeton University, J.D. Yale Law School, President and a Director of Lambda; E. Carrington Rowan, Esq., B.A. (high honors) Eckerd College, M.A. (honors) University of North Carolina, J.D. (law review) Wake Forest University, Executive Vice President and a Director of Lambda; Regney L. Eubanks, Esq., B.A. (honors) University of Pennsylvania, J.D. (law review) Case Western Reserve University, Treasurer and a Director of Lambda; D. Nicolas Russo, Esq., B.A. University of Pennsylvania, J.D. Case Western Reserve University, Secretary and a Director of Lambda; Dr. Howard Brown, B.A. Miram College, M.D. Western Reserve University, Director of Lambda; Marilyn Haft, Esq.,

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In addition to the above, the following have agreed to serve on Lambda's Board of Advisers and give their counsel and support to Lambda: Hon. Belle Abzug, Member of the United States Congress; Hon. Carol Bellam, Member of the New York State Senate; Marshall F. Clark, Jr., Esq., former Chairman of the Committee on Sex and Law and former Vice President of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Joy. John Corn, Director, Special Ministry in the Courts, Parish of Trinity Church, New York City; Martin Duberman, Ph.D., Distinguished Service Professor of History, Lehman College of the City University of New York; James Fishman, Esq., former Executive Director, Council of New York Law Associates; and Neal Johnston, Esq., former Executive Director, Council of New York Law Associates.

HOW IS IT?

New and with a host of needs.

First is money. Even five or ten dollars are helpful, but if you can afford more, please give more. Checks may be made out to Lambda or to cash.

Second is talent, either yours or that of your friends. Some skills, such as printing or public relations or fund raising, are of obvious and direct use to Lambda, but others, though not so obvious, can be just as valuable. For example, do you have entertainment contacts which would be useful in staging a benefit, or access to a large meeting hall, or expertise in office management, or any other talent which might be beneficial to Lambda and which you would be willing to donate?

Third is time. If you are willing and able to devote time to this effort, let us know about it now.

To make contributions or for further information write Lambda at 30 Grove Street, New York, New York 10014 or call (212) 753-1905.