



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 31, 1997

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WHEREAS: The keynote address will be presented by Evan Wolfson, Esquire, senior staff attorney at the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.; Evan has dealt with a board range of sexual orientation and AIDS/HIV legal and policy issues; he has championed military personnel fighting for the right to serve their country, New York City employees demanding equal health benefits for their partners, a gay Eagle scout challenging his expulsion from the Boy Scouts and gay parents wishing to adopt children and preserve visitation rights. As Director of Lambda's Marriage Project, Evan is currently co-counsel for the three lesbian and gay couples seeking the right to many in Hawaii's landmark case, Baehr vs. Miike. Evan was selected as *Bay Window's* 1996 Person of the Year.

WHEREAS: John Ward, Esquire, founder of the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, (GLAD) will receive the MLGBA Public Service Award for his distinguished public service which has included twenty years of significant litigation in defense of the civil and human rights of gay and lesbian individuals, from the early GLAD case of *Fricke vs. Lynch*, establishing a high school student's right to attend his prom with a same sex date, to the 1995 GLIB case in which John, representing the Gay and Lesbian Irish of Boston group in the St. Patrick's Day Parade case, became the first openly gay attorney to argue a case in the U.S. Supreme Court; John divides his time between Boston and California, where he writes primarily on death penalty appeals; and

WHEREAS: Sandra Lundy, Esquire, will be presented with the MBA Community Service Award, for her impressive and untiring work on behalf of the New England lesbian and gay community; Sandy has devoted a great deal of her legal career to assisting victims of domestic violence and to educating law enforcement officials and the public about partner abuse, particularly between same sex couples. Sandy served on the MGLBA Board of Directors for four years, she is a founding member and former Co-Chair of the Same-Sex Domestic Violence Coalition, and she currently sits on the Board of the Women's Bar Association and the Domestic Violence Council; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record congratulating the Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Bar Association on their Twelfth Annual Dinner, congratulating keynote presenter Evan Wolfson and award recipients John Ward and Sandra Lundy, and extending the best wishes of the City Council; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the **Massachusetts Lesbian and Gay Bar Association** on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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John Ward to Receive MLGBA Public Service Award

MLGBA's Board of Directors has selected MLGBA member John Ward to receive the prestigious MLGBA Public Service Award, to be presented at the Twelfth Annual Dinner on May 8, 1997. Past recipients of the award have included former Attorney General James Shannon, former Congressman Gerry Studds, State Senator Michael Barrett and State Representative Mark Roosevelt.

In 1978, John founded GLAD (Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders) in Boston, serving as both its first attorney and Executive Director. John personally handled some of GLAD's most significant early cases, including *Fricke v. Lynch* (establishing a high school student's right to attend his prom with a same sex date) and *Anderson v. White* (barring the City of Boston from a last-minute attempt to change the route of the annual Lesbian & Gay Pride parade).

For almost twenty years now, John has been an important part of GLAD's Litigation Committee. In 1995, John became the first openly gay attorney to argue a case in the U.S. Supreme Court, representing the Gay & Lesbian Irish of Boston (GLIB) group in the St. Patrick's Day Parade Case.

Currently, John is representing a client, in cooperation with GLAD, who is challenging the constitutionality of the recently enacted Massachusetts Sex Offender Registration law. Co-counsel Mary Bonauto notes that GLAD was founded in the crucible of conflict over gay men's sexuality, and John continues to be a leading advocate enlightening law enforcement officials about how it is possible to respect the civil rights of gay men while attaining legitimate law enforcement objectives.

As he has since 1983, John splits his time between Boston and California, where he works primarily on death penalty appeals. John is of counsel to the Boston firm of Zalkind, Rodriguez, Lunt & Duncan. He is a 1976 graduate of Boston University Law School.

In hailing MLGBA's decision to honor John Ward, fellow MLGBA member Barb Macy noted that in addition to the well-deserved recognition of John's impressive legal work on behalf of the gay and lesbian community, the time has come to thank John for the very substantial personal financial resources he has poured into gay rights work over the past two decades.

The MLGBA board hopes you will join us for a festive evening on May 8, 1997, and be a part of MLGBA's tribute to one of the true pioneers in the nation's gay legal rights movement!

MBA President to Confer Community Service Award Upon Sandra Lundy at MLGBA Annual Dinner

Ken Vacovec, current president of the 18,000-member Massachusetts Bar Association, plans to confer the MBA's distinguished Community Service Award upon MLGBA member Sandy Lundy at the Annual Dinner on May 8, 1997.

Sandy has devoted a significant aspect of her legal career to assisting victims of domestic violence and to educating law enforcement officials and the public about partner abuse, particularly between same sex couples. She is engaged in the sole practice of law in Boston, concentrating in civil litigation, domestic relations, domestic violence, and lesbian & gay issues.

Sandy is a graduate of American University (B.A.); Columbia University (M.A. and Ph.D. in English Literature); and Yale Law School.

She is the co-editor of a book on same-sex domestic violence which will be published by Sage Publications in late 1997. She has written numerous articles concerning both same-sex and heterosexual domestic violence.

Sandy is being honored for her impressive and untiring work on behalf of the New England lesbian and gay community. She served on the MLGBA Board of Directors for four years. A Founding Member and former Co-Chair of the Same-Sex Domestic Violence Coalition, Sandy currently sits on the Board of the Women's Bar Association and the Domestic Violence Council.

Sandy has conducted many trainings on same-sex domestic violence for police departments, prosecutors, social services providers, and medical personnel statewide, and was last year's recipient of the Gay Officers Action League Award.

One of Sandy's most notable *pro bono* clients was Debra Reid, the only lesbian among the "Framingham Eight." Sandy successfully petitioned Governor Weld on Ms. Reid's behalf for commutation of Ms. Reid's sentence on the basis that domestic violence had precipitated Ms. Reid's defensive attack upon her partner. Sandy's work on Debra Reid's case did much to raise the profile of same-sex domestic violence as an issue to be addressed in the gay and lesbian community in Massachusetts.

Sandy has represented scores of victims in the District, Superior and Probate courts. She is truly an unsung hero in the movement to reduce same-sex domestic violence in the Commonwealth.

"Nearly 20 years ago, John Ward was one of only a handful of lawyers in Massachusetts and throughout the country who had the vision and courage to work as openly gay attorneys and begin a fundamental step forward in the process of protecting and asserting our community's legal rights. Among other things, John's leadership gave GLAD its start; and GLAD's depth and vibrancy today are a testament to John's founding work."

— Gary Buseck,
1996 recipient of
MLGBA's Public
Service Award

MLGBA Legal Briefs

A publication of the Massachusetts Lesbian & Gay Bar Association

Spring 1997

Evan Wolfson to be Keynote Speaker at May 8 Annual Dinner

The MLGBA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Evan Wolfson, Esq., senior staff attorney at Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York City, will deliver the Keynote Address at the Twelfth Annual Dinner.

As Director of Lambda's Marriage Project, Evan is currently co-counsel for the three lesbian and gay couples seeking the right to marry in Hawaii's landmark case, *Baehr v. Miike*. In that case, now on appeal, a state court ruled for the first time in U.S. history that civil marriage law cannot discriminate against lesbians and gay men. Due principally to his work on the Hawaii case, Evan was selected as *Bay Windows*' 1996 Person of the Year. He is widely regarded as a preeminent leader in the nationwide fight for equal marriage rights.

Since May 1989, when he first joined Lambda, Evan has dealt with a broad range of sexual orientation and AIDS/HIV legal and public policy issues. He has championed military personnel fighting for the right to serve their country; New York City employees demanding equal health benefits and recognition for their partners; a Florida deputy sheriff fired for being gay; a gay Eagle Scout challenging his expulsion from the Boy Scouts; and gay parents wishing to adopt children and preserve visitation rights.

Evan Wolfson has published numerous articles on sexual orientation, HIV/AIDS, and civil rights issues, and is a frequent speaker on such topics. He is regarded as a leader among gay lawyers in areas such as "sodomy law" challenges, employment and civil rights, First Amendment rights, and police misconduct/entrapment cases.

Born in 1957, Evan graduated from Yale University in 1978 and then spent two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Africa. After graduating from Harvard Law School in 1983, and teaching political philosophy at Harvard College, Evan served as an Assistant D.A. in Brooklyn where, in addition to conducting felony trials and appeals, he wrote amicus briefs which helped bring about the U.S. Supreme Court's ban on race discrimination in jury selection and the New York State high court's elimination of the marital rape exemption. Evan also wrote Lambda's amicus briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court in *Bowers v. Hardwick* and *NGTF v. Bd. of Educ. of Okla. City*.

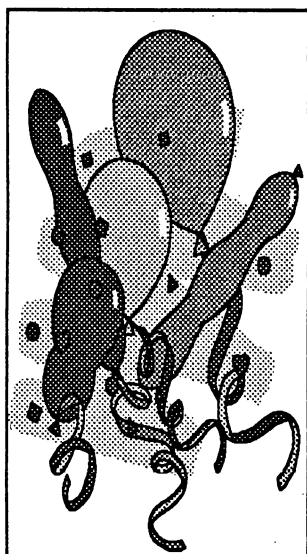
MLGBA's Twelfth Annual Dinner Set for May 8, 1997

MLGBA's Twelfth Annual Dinner will take place on the evening of **Thursday, May 8, 1997**. Due to the large turnout at last year's dinner, a bigger and more elegant facility has been selected for this year's event: The Royal Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge. MLGBA has rented an entire floor of the hotel for the evening, containing a spacious lounge with a panoramic view of the Boston skyline, a mosaic-tiled reception area with huge windows overlooking the Charles River, and a beautiful grand ballroom for the dinner. Tickets for this special event are \$55.00 per person, although members may bring a guest for a total price of \$100.00. A table for ten may be purchased for \$500.00. Members are encouraged to make an additional donation when they purchase their ticket(s) to enable law students to attend the dinner at a subsidized rate. This year, for the first time, members will have an opportunity to place advertisements, at modest cost, in the dinner program booklet. Advertise your area of specialization, congratulate this year's award recipients, or simply wish your fellow colleagues a Happy Pride! This year's dinner entertainment will include live music during the cocktail hour, and an elegant "cordial and chocolate" mingle after dinner.

If you do not receive your invitation to the dinner by April 10, please contact dinner co-chair Lisa M. Cukier, Esq. at (617) 277-6660.

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**Invitations for
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MLGBA Annual Dinner Program Journal Ads

*ADVERTISE!
CONGRATULATE AWARD RECIPIENTS!
SEND A TIMELY WISH FOR A HAPPY PRIDE!
SUPPORT MLGBA!*

Place an ad in the Program Journal which will be distributed at the Annual Dinner.

You may advertise your law practice or a business. You may publish congratulations to the Award Recipients, John Ward, Esquire, the founder of GLAD, who will receive the MLGBA Public Service Award, and Sandra E. Lundy, Esquire, who will receive the MBA Community Service Award. You may recognize the Keynote Speaker, Evan Wolfson, who is co-counsel on the Baehr same-sex marriage case in Hawaii. You may publish your wishes for a happy Pride, you may announce developments in your practice, or events in the community. You can get exposure through your ad, or remain anonymous if you prefer. You may purchase an ad individually, or as a group.

Your purchase of an ad supports MLGBA, and will directly subsidize law students' attendance at the Annual Dinner and other MLGBA activities.

Please Circle Size

One Full Page	(7 1/2 x 4 1/2)	\$150.00
One Half Page	(3 1/2 x 4 1/2)	\$100.00
One Fourth Page	(1 3/4 x 4 1/2)	\$ 75.00
Business Card Size	(2 x 3 1/2)	\$ 50.00
One Eighth Page	(1 5/8 x 2 1/8)	\$ 40.00

Name Listed on Contributors Page:

Benefactor	\$ 50.00
Supporter	\$ 25.00

TURN OVER TO ORDER YOUR AD

**MLGBA Annual Dinner
Program Journal Ads**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Pay by check or money order, payable to "MLGBA".

Deadline is April 25, 1997. Return to: MLGBA, Program Journal Ad, c/o Lisa Madeleine Cukier, Esquire, P.O. Box 1775, Brookline, Massachusetts 02146.

You are encouraged to enclose your own copy-ready ad or business card, or you may use the space below to write out the message you would like published:

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MASSACHUSETTS LESBIAN & GAY
BAR ASSOCIATION

Cordially Invites You To Attend Its

TWELFTH ANNUAL DINNER

Thursday, May 8, 1997

The Royal Sonesta

5 Cambridge Parkway, Cambridge

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. in the Skyline Lounge

Dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom

The Keynote Address by

EVAN WOLFSON, ESQ.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.

Presentation of MLGBA Public Service Award to

JOHN WARD, ESQ.

Founder, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders

Presentation of MBA Community Service Award to

SANDRA LUNDY, ESQ.

\$55.00 per Person

\$100.00 (Member & Guest)

\$25.00 (Students)

R.S.V.P. by May 2, 1997

Reduced price tickets available to persons unable to pay full price.

Contact Lisa Madeleine Cukier (617) 277-6660

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