



Support LGBTQ+ Youth in New York

With your help, we can ensure New York City is a safe and affirming place for LGBTQ+ youth to live.

This Spring, we are proud to highlight the essential work of The Legal Aid Society's LGBTQ+ Law and Policy Unit. On **June 25**, we will offer the live, online educational course, **Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, & Expression (SOGIE) Training**, led by Erin Beth Harrist, Director, LGBTQ+ Law and Policy Unit.

1.5 hours/1 DEI + .5 Law Practice Management CLE credit

Our SOGIE training reviews how to create affirming work environments for LGBTQ+ colleagues and clients. Topics include *why an affirming environment matters, use of affirming language and terminology, obligations under New York City and State Human Rights Law, affirming practice checklist, and current issues impacting the LGBTQ+ community.*

This training is eligible for New York **Continuing Legal Education (CLE credit)** and is open to new and experienced attorneys. **Whether they are involved in the legal profession or not, this course will provide your team with an opportunity to increase their level of cultural humility around working with LGBTQ+ clients and colleagues.**

Below are opportunities for you and your team to take part in this critical training and professional development event while **supporting the LGBTQ+ Law and Policy Unit's youth focused advocacy.**

- **PARTNER: Lead Event Sponsor - \$10,000**
 - Logo recognition as **Lead Event Sponsor** on all CLE materials.
 - **Unlimited spots for both legal & non-legal staff to participate in the training.**
 - Post-event recording for team members unable to attend the training live.
 - **Private 30-minute virtual follow-up session** with Unit Supervising Attorney, Erin Harrist
 - **Yearlong membership in our [Corporate Advocates](#) program.**
 - **Lead recognition on all Spring 2024 LGBTQ+ Mini Campaign materials including a LinkedIn post and e-newsletter feature.**
- **CHANGE AGENT: Event Co-Sponsor - \$5,000**
 - Logo recognition as **Event Co-Sponsor** on all CLE materials.
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 - Post-event recording for team members unable to attend the training live.
 - **Recognition on all Spring 2024 LGBTQ+ Mini Campaign materials including a LinkedIn post.**
- **ADVOCATE: Team Professional Development Package - \$2,500**
 - **Consider utilizing existing professional development funds to secure admission for up to 10 team members to the CLE-eligible training.**
 - A recording will be available, upon request, for those unable to attend live.
 - **Recognition on all Spring 2024 LGBTQ+ Mini Campaign materials.**

All non-taxable proceeds from the SOGIE CLE Training will directly support the work of LAS' LGBTQ+ Unit. The unit receives very limited government funding and is reliant on private support, from donors like you, to maintain and grow its advocacy, training, and direct representation services.

Meet Erin Harris, Supervising Attorney, LGBTQ+ Law and Policy Unit



Since joining LAS in 2020, Erin has overseen the LGBTQ+ Law and Policy Unit's work to create, support, and sustain affirming and safer spaces, practices and policies for LGBTQ+ clients within the organization and throughout New York City and State. Unit staff provide trainings on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to LAS staff, and are active in City and State legislative and policy reform efforts, coalition building, and public education.

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