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ounded in 1992, the Dallas LGBT Bar Association is the only group focused on fostering a supportive community and advancing the careers of LGBTQ+ attorneys and allied professionals in North Texas. Our network is comprised of over 220 dues-paying members across the Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex, an email distribution list of more than 500 subscribers, and a social media following of nearly 2,000. We are from all walks of life: solo practitioners, government attorneys, corporate counsel, "big law" attorneys, academics, judges, non-profit advocates, and paraprofessionals. While the DLGBTBA celebrates the diversity and successes of its membership, we recognize that many barriers remain for LGBTQ+ professionals, who still experience high risks of workplace bias and fears that coming out could damage their careers - particularly in a state that was, and at times remains, hostile to the LGBTQ+ community.





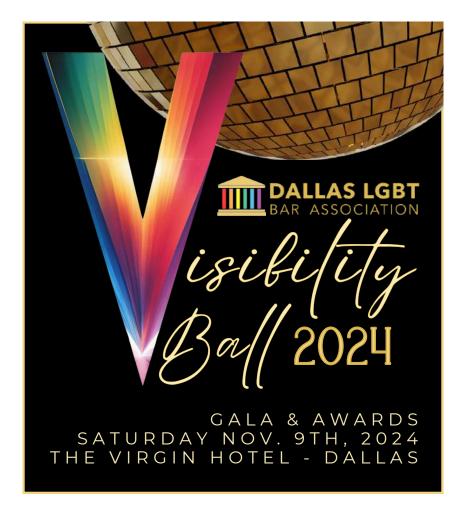


Our Mission

The Dallas LGBT Bar Association seeks to provide a community for LGBTQ+ lawyers across the metroplex by:

- Providing continuing legal education ("CLE") courses on pressing legal issues for the LGBTQ+ community.
- Hosting regular community networking events that foster fellowship among LGBTQ+ legal professionals and allies.
- Coordinating volunteer opportunities for community service to the greater LGBTQ+ population in the Dallas–Fort Worth metroplex.
- Promoting employment opportunities through a job posting board to LGBTQ+ legal professionals and increase representation in the profession.
- The Justice Award, presented annually at the Visibility Ball, recognizing leaders who advance our local LGBTQ+ community by fighting injustice.





ABOUT THE EVENT

Join The Dallas LGBT Bar Association for our Third Annual Visibility Ball as we honor our 2024 Justice Award and scholarship recipients. Guests are invited to a cocktail reception, seated dinner and awards presentation.

Visibility Ball highlights the progress and success of LGBTQ+ attorneys, judges, law students, and legal professionals. In doing so, we hope to increase awareness and visibility to the growing LGBTQ+ legal community here in Dallas. We aim to expand our influence as we continue to recognize a judge and law firm that have each uplifted the visibility of LGBTQ+ attorneys in the courtroom and community.



JUSTICE AWARD

The Dallas LGBT Bar Association Justice Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the LGBTQ+community by fighting injustice.

The Justice Award was established in 2019 in response to a growing wave of violence targeting trans women of color. One tragedy in particular prompted The DLGBT Bar to create this call to consciousness.

Muhlaysia Booker was a 23 year-old Black trans woman and Dallas native who spoke out against the perpetrators of her hate crime after a video of her assault went viral. She challenged the injustice of the group of onlookers who shouted transphobic slurs while she was attacked. Ms. Booker was found murdered nearly a month later. "She had a heart of gold," Muhlaysia's best friend, Jessica Anderson, said. "She didn't want to experience all of this tragic stuff, but she wanted everyone to pay attention to the injustice."

Justice Award honorees are considered to exhibit "a Heart of Gold" through their work advocating for and fighting injustice towards LGBTQ+ the community.

This year we celebrate our 2024 Justice Award honoree - Shelly Skeen.

Shelly L. Skeen (pronouns: she/her) is the South Central Regional Director for Lambda Legal, where she has also served as a Senior Attorney. the oldest and largest national civil rights legal organization working for full and lived equality for LGBTQ+ people and people living with HIV through impact litigation, public policy advocacy and education.



Ms. Skeen has spent her nearly 25 year legal career as litigator, appellate practitioner, mediator, and arbitrator. Her service to the LGBTQ+ community and the Bar is just as comprehensive and substantial. Ms. Skeen has served as the Chair of the LGBTQ Law Section for the State Bar of Texas, President of the Dallas LGBT Bar Association, is a frequent speaker and author on LGBTQ+ legal issues, including the retroactivity of Obergefell, First Amendment, public accommodations laws, and LGBTQ family law and estate planning.

She is also adjunct faculty for National Institute of Trial Advocacy, the University of Texas School of Law and UNT Dallas College of Law. Ms. Skeen frequently lends her expertise and passion to several pro bono name change and gender marker correction clinics that support transgender and non-binary individuals throughout Texas.

SUPPORT VISIBILITY, BALL

JUSTICE AWARD SPONSOR - \$7,500

- Limited to one (1) sponsor
- One table (8 tickets)
- VIP Seating
- Full Page Ad

- Podium recognition
- Logo on event communications
- Logo on event banner & displays
- Listed in program
- Website recognition



VISIBILITY BALL Dec. 8, 2022. Congresswoman Jasmine Crocket and Miss Portia Cantrell were both honored at our inaugural Visibility Ball, as the 2021 and 2022 recipients of the Justice Award.

PAST HONOREES

2023 Juan Contreras TX Latino Pride, Founder

2022 Portia Cantrell Silver Pride Project, Founder

2021 Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett

2020 Robyn Pocohantas Crowe The House of Rebirth, Founder

2019 Jayla Wilkerson, Transgender Pride of Dallas, Co-founder

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COCKTAIL RECEPTION SPONSOR - \$6,000

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- One table (8 tickets)
- VIP Seating
- Full Page Ad

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VISIBILITY SPONSOR - \$5,000

- Limited to three (3) sponsors Podium recognition
- One table (8 tickets)
- VIP Seating
- Half Page Ad

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EQUALITY SPONSOR - \$3,500

- One table (8 tickets)
- Podium recognition
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AUTHENTICITY SPONSOR - \$2,500

- Four (4) tickets
- Logo on event communications
- Logo on event banner & displays
- Listed in program
- Website recognition

PROGRESS SPONSOR - \$500

- Two (2) tickets
- Logo on event communications
- Logo on event banner & displays
- Listed in program
- Website recognition

ALLY SPONSOR** - \$300

- One (1) ticket
- Podium recognition
- Name on event communications
- Name on event banner & displays
- Listed in program
- Website recognition

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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