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Who we are

Founded 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.

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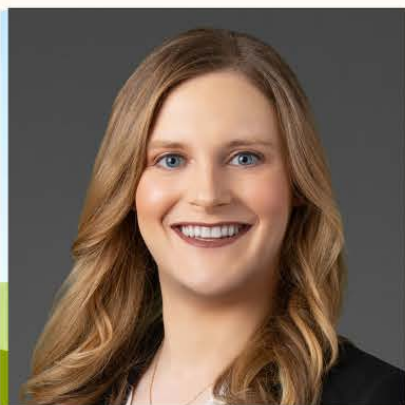
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Our Mission

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.





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Sponsorship Opportunities

Join us and become a sponsor at our annual Visibility Ball, a gala celebrating diversity, inclusion, and equality in the legal profession. Since our inaugural event in 2022, we have built tremendous momentum thanks to the generous support of our sponsors.

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. Join us for our Annual Visibility Ball as we honor our 2026 Justice Award, Outstanding Jurist Award, Law Firm of the Year Award, and scholarship recipients. Guests are invited to a seated dinner and award presentation followed by cocktails, dancing, and entertainment. This year, we are excited to offer an array of sponsorship opportunities designed to maximize your impact and align your brand with our mission.

Visibility Ball - October 10, 2026

Gala + Awards



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Visibility Ball - October 10th

Gala + Awards Dinner

Saturday October 10, 2026

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

The Warwick Hotel

Guests are invited to a seated dinner and award presentation followed by cocktails, dancing, and entertainment. We will be honoring our 2026 Justice Award, Outstanding Jurist, and Law Firm of the Year recipients.

PRESENTING SPONSOR - \$12,000.00 (\$11,500.00 and two tickets to Let's Get Proud if payment received by June 1, 2026)

- Limited to one (1) sponsor
- Two tables (16 tickets)
- VIP Seating
- Address attendees
- Full Page Ad
- Podium recognition
- Logo on event communications
- Logo on event banner & displays
- Listed in program
- Website recognition

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JUSTICE AWARD SPONSOR - \$7,500.00

- Limited to one (1) sponsor
- One table (8 tickets)
- VIP Seating
- Full Page Ad
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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. Justice Award honorees are considered to exhibit "a Heart of Gold" through their work advocating for and fighting injustice towards LGBTQ+ the community.



VISIBILITY BALL Dec. 8, 2022. Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett 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
President of Texas Latino Pride

2022 - Portia Cantrell,
Founder of Silver Pride Project.

2021 Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett

2020 - Robyn Pocohantas Crowe,
Founder of The House of Rebirth.

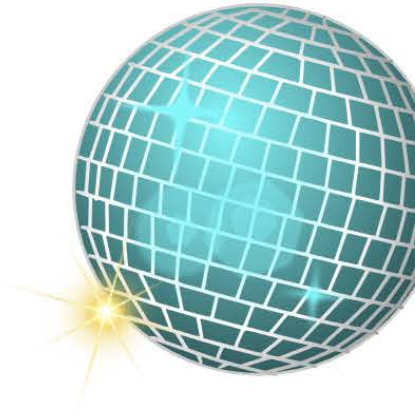
2019 - Jayla Wilkerson,
Transgender Pride of Dallas co-founder.





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ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR - \$6,000.00

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- 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

COCKTAIL RECEPTION SPONSOR - \$6,000.00

- 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 SPONSOR - \$5,000.00 (\$4,500.00 and two tickets to Let's Get Proud if payment received by June 1, 2026)

- Limited to three (3) sponsors
- One table (8 tickets)
- VIP Seating
- Half Page Ad
- Podium recognition
- Logo on event communications
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EQUALITY SPONSOR - \$3,500.00 (\$3,000.00 and two tickets to Let's Get Proud if payment received by June 1, 2026)

- One table (8 tickets)
- Podium recognition
- Logo on event communications
- Logo on event banner & displays
- Listed in program
- Website recognition

AUTHENTICITY SPONSOR - \$2,500.00

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

PROGRESS SPONSOR - \$500.00

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

ALLY SPONSOR - \$300.00**

- One (1) ticket with an option to purchase a second for \$150.00
- Podium recognition
- Name on event communications
- Name on event banner & displays
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**** limited to Judges and Elected Officials**





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Contact Information

Support the Dallas LGBT Bar Association

For inquiries, further information, and sponsorship sign up – please contact Nick Rodriguez at president-elect@dallaslgbtbar.org

Invoices are available upon requests. Checks should be made out to the "Dallas LGBT Bar Association" and delivered to:

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Dallas, Texas 75201

Please send your institution's logo and any preferred language regarding your support of the LGBTQ+ community in Dallas to president-elect@dallaslgbtbar.org