Equal Justice Under Law

Fighting for civil rights takes passion, skill, and an absolute determination to prevail. GLAD’s bold and effective advocacy has achieved scores of precedent-setting victories to end discrimination against LGBTQ people and people living with HIV across New England and throughout the United States.

Each time GLAD argues a case or tackles a discriminatory policy, we tear down more of the outdated laws and stereotypes that have denied LGBTQ people and people living with HIV basic protections and opportunities in every area of daily life: family, school, employment, housing, government, health care, and beyond.

GLAD doesn’t shrink from tough issues. And we don’t compromise on our belief that every person deserves full equality under the law – without exception.

40 Years of Impact and Still Fighting

- GLAD won marriage equality first in Massachusetts, and then for the nation. Now we are working to defend critical nondiscrimination laws and to stop efforts to roll back marriage equality.
- GLAD won the first HIV-related case brought before the Supreme Court, *Bragdon v. Abbott*, which prohibits discrimination against people living with HIV under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- GLAD filed the first lawsuit fighting Trump’s discriminatory transgender military ban, *Doe v. Trump*, and continues to fight in federal courts.
- GLAD has won landmark family law cases and is working to modernize parentage laws and vital records forms to ensure that all children and families are protected regardless of how their families are formed.
- GLAD is fighting to make New England a conversion therapy-free zone. With recent victories in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, and our ongoing work in Maine, we are protecting LGBTQ youth against harmful and fraudulent efforts to change who they are.
- We are proud to do this work, and so much more.
The Spirit of Justice Award Dinner brings together over 1,000 LGBTQ community members and allies to celebrate our victories, look toward a future of true justice, and support GLAD’s transformative mission. It’s a fabulous night of celebration and inspiration, dinner and dancing.

This signature event supports GLAD’s vital work to ensure that every person has access to true justice under the law – without exception.

Our sponsors set an example for others in the community and demonstrate the importance of generosity at this critical time. There is no better time to be a philanthropic leader.

PAST SPIRIT OF JUSTICE AWARD HONOREES INCLUDE

Jose Antonio Vargas
The Honorable Eric H. Holder Jr.
Phill Wilson
Jennifer Finney Boylan
Urvashi Vaid

Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall
Reverend Irene Monroe
Bishop Gene Robinson
Tim Gill
Tony Kushner

Become a sponsor online at glad.org/events
Questions? Contact Chris Rainville, Manager of Corporate Partnerships and Events, at crainville@glad.org or 617.778.6716.