

22nd ANNUAL  
**SPIRIT OF JUSTICE AWARD DINNER**  
THURSDAY OCTOBER 21, 2021 | BOSTON PARK PLAZA



The Spirit of Justice Award Dinner brings together LGBTQ community members and allies to celebrate our victories, look toward a future of true justice, and support GLAD's life-changing mission. It's a fabulous night of celebration and inspiration, dinner and dancing.

Sponsorship not only demonstrates your organization's public support of LGBTQ rights, it makes good business sense. Sponsorship provides exposure to thousands of thought leaders, donors, and influencers in the LGBTQ and legal communities and beyond. Our loyal supporters are informed, engaged, and affluent community members who take note of the businesses that publicly support GLAD's critical work. There is no better time to show your support and increase your visibility.

The safety and well-being of our supporters is paramount. We are monitoring the course of the pandemic and the rollout of the vaccinations closely, and will follow all state and local public health guidance regarding in person events. We are taking many precautions to ensure that Spirit of Justice is not only safe but a fabulous experience for all. We will inform the GLAD community of any changes to the event format the at the end of the summer.

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Grace Sterling Stowell

Chai Feldblum

Jose Antonio Vargas

The Honorable Eric H. Holder Jr.

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Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall

Reverend Irene Monroe

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*“Together, we can ensure that GLAD has the support it deserves and needs... Together, we can send an unmistakable message: we will not stop until every LGBTQ individual - every American - enjoys equal worth, equal rights, and equal dignity in the eyes of the law.”*

**Eric H. Holder Jr., 82<sup>nd</sup> Attorney General of the United States**  
2017 Spirit of Justice Honoree



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Each time GLAD argues a case or tackles a discriminatory policy, we tear down more of the outdated laws and stereotypes that have denied LGBTQ people and people living with HIV basic protections and opportunities in every area of daily life: family, school,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



## Over 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. Now, we continue to fight stigma, and advocate for equal and fair access to PrEP.
- GLAD filed the first lawsuit fighting Trump’s discriminatory transgender military ban, *Doe v. Trump*. On January 24, 2021, President Biden reversed the former administration’s transgender military ban. GLAD continues to work to ensure that the Biden Administration adopts robust, inclusive, and supportive policies regarding transgender servicemembers.
- In 2019, GLAD made New England a conversion therapy-free zone to protect LGBTQ youth against harmful and fraudulent efforts to change who they are.
- GLAD is defending LGBTQ families by passing the Uniform Parentage Act in all New England states, which modernizes parentage laws to protect all children, no matter how their families are formed. In 2020, we helped pass the Rhode Island Parentage Act. In 2021, we helped pass the Connecticut Parentage Act and we are working to get it passed in Massachusetts soon.
- We are proud to do this work, and so much more.

