



# The Committee on Gay and Lesbian Legal Issues

A Student Organization of the Harvard Law School  
Cambridge, MA 02138

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Mr. Tom Coleman  
Center for Personal Rights Advocacy  
P.O. Box 65756  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I'm writing to update you on the arrangements for the spring conference on sexual orientation and the law. We have arranged the conference to run from 3:00 Saturday afternoon through 5:00 Sunday afternoon. Both Saturday and Sunday afternoon will consist of plenary sessions. Sunday morning, in contrast, will be devoted to four concurrent panels/discussion groups, each dealing with a separate area of the law.

We would like you to present a talk on "The Use of Law Students in Gay-Related Community Projects," as part of the Sunday afternoon panel on the "Law School Experience." In addition, we would like you to participate in the Sunday morning panel/discussion group on integrating family law issues into the law school curriculum. Dorothy McCarrick (CUNY Law), Bill Rubenstein (ACLU), Katherine Triantafillou (Boston attorney), and Nancy Polikoff (American Law) will also participate in the Sunday morning group. You might want to contact them to coordinate your topics.

We have blocked out 2-1/2 hours for each of the Sunday morning groups. The beginning of the session will consist of a series of presentations. Following the presentations, we would like all of the speakers to lead a discussion. In order to avoid turning the discussion into merely a question and answer session, in which the panelists respond to questions from the audience, we encourage you to come up with a list of your own questions to present to the other people present, or to devise other means of expanding the focus of the discussion beyond the issues raised by the panelists.

I'll be in touch again in a few weeks concerning funding. If it is impossible for you or your organization to finance your

travel expenses, we will be able to provide at least some money; if everything works out with our funding sources, we should be able to reimburse panelists for their entire airfare.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me (617/661-7205).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl Coleman". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long horizontal stroke.

Carl Coleman

## HARVARD LAW CONFERENCE

Topic: Integrating Family Law Issues  
Into the Law School Curriculum

Panelists: Katherine Triantafillou (Boston Attorney)  
Dorothy McCarrick (CUNY Law)  
Nancy Polikoff (American Law)  
Thomas F. Colerman (USC)

Time: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. / Sunday, April 9

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### Law School Curriculum / Family Law Issues / Integrating

#### A. Mandatory Classes

##### 1. Constitutional Law

- a. Privacy (Bowers v. Hardwick)
- b. Equal Protection (People v. Onofre)
- c. Due Process
  - 1) Substantive (Braschi v. Stahl)
  - 2) Procedural (De Facto Parents)

##### 2. Criminal Law

- a. Sodomy Laws (Private Consenting Intimacy)
- b. Lewd Conduct Laws (Displays of Affection)
- c. Violence
  - 1) Domestic (within household)
  - 2) Hate Crimes (against minorities)

##### 3. Contracts

- a. Cohabitation Agreements (Marvin v. Marvin)

##### 4. Torts

- a. Damage to Relationship
  - 1) Loss of Consortium
  - 2) Wrongful Death
- b. Emotional Distress

- 5. Wills, Trusts, and Probate
  - a. Burial and Disposition of Remains
  - b. Inheritance

6. Family Law

- a. Marriage and Divorce *cohabitation common law* *property distribution* MAEVID v. MAEVID + implications
- b. Spousal Support (*decreased need upon cohabitation*)
- c. Child Custody and Visitation
- d. Domestic Violence
- e. *Definition of Family (structure vs functions)*

B. Elective Seminars

- 1. Rights of Domestic Partners
- 2. Tax Law (Discrimination)
- 3. Landlord and Tenant (Discrimination)
- 4. Labor Law (Discrimination)
- 5. Immigration (Family Hardship)
- 6. Agency (Power of Attorney)

C. Independent Studies

- 1. State Task Force on Changing Family
- 2. City Task Force on Family Diversity

*Research papers + student participation*

D. Moot Court

E. Law Review

F. Internships

- 1. State Task Force on Changing Family

G. Library Acquisitions



## Suggested Registration Fee

\$30 (\$8 Students)

\$35 at the Door

(\$10 Students)

## For More Information Contact

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Cambridge, MA 02138

# Sexual Orientation and the Law: Implications for Legal Education



**A Conference**  
**Presented by the Harvard**  
**Committee on Gay and**  
**Lesbian Legal Issues**

## Schedule

**Saturday 8 April 1989**

**3:00-4:00**

Registration

**4:00-6:00**

Sensitive Issues in the Law: Sexual  
Orientation, Race, Gender and the Law  
School Experience

Mary Joe Frug, New England School of Law  
Kathy Lahey, Queen's University, Faculty of Law  
Frank Michelman, Harvard Law School  
Charles Ogletree, Harvard Law School  
Nancy Polikoff, American University,  
Washington College of Law  
Rhonda Rivera, Ohio State University College  
of Law  
David Kennedy, Moderator, Harvard Law  
School

**Science Center, Room A**

**6:00-7:30**

Reception

**Location to be Announced**

**7:30-9:00**

Keynote Address: Bringing Gay and  
Lesbian Legal Issues into the Political  
Process—Implications for Legal  
Education

U.S. Representative Barney Frank (D-MA)

**Science Center, Room A**

**Sunday 9 April**

**9:00-10:30**

Integrating Sexual Orientation Issues  
Into Family Law Courses

Tom Coleman, Center for Personal Rights  
Advocacy

Dorothy McCarrick, CUNY Law School at  
Queens College

Nancy Polikoff, American University,  
Washington College of Law

Katherine Triantafillou, Co-Chairperson,  
National Lesbian and Gay Bar  
Association

**Science Center, Room 150**



also at

**9:00-10:30**

**Teaching Courses on Sexuality and the Law**

**Mary C. Dunlap**, Stanford Law School, Golden Gate University Law School  
**Arthur Leonard**, New York Law School  
**Tom Stoddard**, Executive Director, Lam da Legal Defense and Education Fund; NYU Law School

**Science Center, Room 135**

**10:45-12:15**

**Integrating Sexual Orientation Issues into Employment and Constitutional Law Courses**

**Mary C. Dunlap**, Stanford Law School, Golden Gate University Law School  
**Arthur Leonard**, New York Law School

**Science Center, Room 150**

**Integrating Sexual Orientation Issues into Courses on Tax, Wills, Trusts and Estates**

**Patricia Cain**, University of Southern California Law Center  
**Jeffrey Sherman**, Chicago Kent School of Law

**Science Center, Room 135**

**12:15-1:30**

Lunch

**1:30-3:30**

**Theoretical Perspectives**

**Structure and Methods of Oppression in Law and Legal Method: Homophobia, Sexism, Racism and Classism**

**Kathy Lahey**, Queen's University, Faculty of Law

**Sexological Science and Sexual Privacy**

**Richard Green**, Professor of Law and Psychiatry, UCLA

**Do Ideas Matter?**

**Richard Mohr**, Department of Philosophy, University of Illinois at Urbana

**A Feminist Theoretical Perspective: Sexual Orientation as a Matter of Equality and Peace**

**Ann Scales**, Boston College Law School

**Moderator**

**Joel Paul**, American University, Washington College of Law

**3:45-5:00**

**Minority Issues and Legal Education: Student Perspectives**

**Carrie G. Costello**, Harvard Law School  
Committee on Gay and Lesbian Legal Issues

**Brant Lee**, Harvard Law School Asian American Law Students Association

**Warrington S. Parker III**, Harvard Law School  
Black Law Students Association

**Leslie H. Powers**, Lesbian and Gay Caucus, New England School of Law

**Bonnie Savage**, Harvard Law School  
Women's Law Association

**Tom Coleman**, Moderator, Center for Personal Rights Advocacy



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