

Attorney Resources

Coming out, living and working in a heterosexist and sometimes hostile environment can be difficult for many LGBT people. We often receive requests for attorneys who approach their work with LGBT clients without any judgment or bias; in short, professionals who are "safe."

AFFA provides this list as a service to our community. The information posted here was provided by the attorneys themselves at our request.

If you know of other legal professionals who should be included here, please forward their contact information to the [AFFA office](#).

Attorneys, Listed By Areas of Practice*:

Please note that attorneys with multiple areas of practice are listed under each.

Bankruptcy:

[Suzanne Lafleur Klok](#) (Mount Pleasant)

[Josh Roten](#) (Mount Pleasant)

[C. Thomas Tolly](#) (West Ashley)

Business Law:

[Rebecca Epstein](#) (West Ashley)

[J Kirkland Grant](#) (downtown Charleston)

[Thomas P. Gressette, Jr.](#) (downtown Charleston)

[C. Thomas Tolly](#) (West Ashley)

Criminal Law:

[David Aylor](#) (downtown Charleston)

[Rebecca Epstein](#) (West Ashley)

[Edward Hawkins](#) (West Ashley)

[Anthony LaMantia](#) (downtown Charleston)

[John Mussetto](#) (Greenville)

[Nathan Senn](#)

[Heather Shaw](#) (North Charleston)

[Stephen Slotchiver](#) (downtown Charleston)

[Jack Swan](#) (North Charleston)

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Employment:

[Terry Ann Rickson](#)

[M. Malissa Burnette](#) (Columbia, SC)

[Nekki Shutt](#) (Columbia, SC)

Estate Planning (Wills and Trusts):

[Heather Cairns](#) (Columbia)

[Cindy Floyd](#) (West Ashley)

[Rebecca Epstein](#) (West Ashley)

[J Kirkland Grant](#) (downtown Charleston)

[Suzanne Lafleur Klok](#) (Mount Pleasant)

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Family Law/Domestic Relations:

[David Aylor](#) (downtown Charleston)
[Anne Frances Bleecker](#) (downtown Charleston)
[M. Malissa Burnette](#) (Columbia, SC)
Heather Cairns (Columbia)
[Colleen Condon](#) (West Ashley)
[Samuel Cooper](#) (North Charleston)
[Cindy Floyd](#) (West Ashley)
[Suzanne Groff](#) (James Island)
[Mary Ann Hall](#) (West Ashley)
[Edward Hawkins](#) (West Ashley)
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[Heather Shaw](#) (North Charleston)
[Elizabeth Stringer-Nettles](#) (Folly Beach)
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General Litigation:

[Thomas P. Gressette, Jr](#) (downtown Charleston)
[Rhett D. Klok](#) (Mount Pleasant)
[John Mussetto](#) (Greenville)
[Anne Peterson-Hutto](#) (Charleston)
[Elizabeth Stringer-Nettles](#) (Folly Beach)
[Peter Wilborn](#) (downtown Charleston)

General Practice:

[J. Kirkland Grant](#) (downtown Charleston)
[Thomas P. Gressette Jr.](#) (downtown Charleston)
[John Mussetto](#) (Greenville)
[Sally Rentiers](#) (West Ashley)
[Leslie Stevens](#) (Asheville, NC)

Injury and Wrongful Death:

[Samuel Cooper](#) (North Charleston)
[Thomas Gressette](#) (downtown Charleston)
[Rhett D. Klok](#) (Mount Pleasant)
[John Mussetto](#) (Simpsonville)
[Anne Peterson-Hutto](#) (Charleston)

[Nathan Senn](#)
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[Jack Swan](#) (North Charleston)
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[Peter Wilborn](#) (downtown Charleston)

Labor:

[Peter Wilborn](#) (downtown Charleston)
[Terry Ann Rickson](#) (James Island)

Probate:

[Heather Cairns](#) (Columbia)
[Cindy Floyd](#) (West Ashley)
[Mary Murray](#) (Daniel Island)
[Rhett D. Klok](#) (Mount Pleasant)
[Heather Shaw](#) (North Charleston)
[Stephen Slotchiver](#) (downtown Charleston)
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Real Estate – Purchase and Refinancing:

[Catherine LaFond](#) (West Ashley)
[Mary Murray](#) (Daniel Island)
[Elizabeth Stringer-Nettles](#) (Folly Beach)

Real Estate – Foreclosure Defense

[Suzanne Lafleur Klok](#) (Mount Pleasant)
[Josh Roten](#) (Mount Pleasant)

Real Estate – Loan Modifications:

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Social Security, Disability:

[Cindy Floyd](#) (West Ashley)
[Suzanne Lafleur Klok](#) (Mount Pleasant)
[Josh Roten](#) (Mount Pleasant)
[Jack Swan](#) (North Charleston)

Veterans' Benefits

[Catherine LaFond](#) (Charleston)
[Rhett D. Klok](#) (Mount Pleasant)
[Suzanne Lafleur Klok](#) (Mount Pleasant)
[Josh Roten](#) (Mount Pleasant)

Workers' Compensation:

[David Aylor](#) (downtown Charleston)
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*** For cases with potential for broad civil rights impact, please contact Susan Dunn, staff attorney for the ACLU SC National Office:**

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Office is handicap accessible; free consultations; has many contacts in the LGBT community. Areas of focus include Family Law, Criminal Defense and Workers' Compensation

Anne Frances Bleecker

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Family Court and Law. Supportive of LGBT concerns. Initial consult \$750.

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Experienced in working with the LGBT community, particularly regarding employment, family law, and other discrimination issues.

Heather Cairns

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Experienced in work with the LGBT community regarding family law, specifically divorces (keeping both parties civil when someone is coming out of the closet and leaving their spouse) and custody matters. Special AFFA member discount: \$200/hour.

Samuel Cooper, Jr.

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Has represented LGBT individuals, though not regarding LGBT-related matters. Initial consult is free of charge. Office is handicap accessible.

Rebecca Epstein

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Civil Litigation, Wills and Estate Planning, Business and Contract Law and Minor Criminal and traffic matters. Special Interest in all GLBT Issues

I have been a member of the Leadership Committee with AFFA for the past two years. I was the co-founder of Charleston School of Law's Alliance for Equality, a group which sought to protect and promote the legal rights of the GLBT community.

Cindy Floyd

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Has aided members of the LGBT community with Adoption, Wills, Power of Attorney, Health Care Power of Attorney, and Probate. Also works with Social Security and Disability. Office is handicap accessible and initial consultation fee is \$35 per half hour.

J. Kirkland Grant

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Charleston School of Law

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Business, wills & trusts, real estate and personal injury

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Practice focused on litigation; representing injured persons in catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases; also handles general litigation and business litigation cases. Free initial consultations. Office is handicap accessible.

Suzanne Groff (AFFA Business Sponsor)

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A former board member of AFFA, has much experience with LGBT issues. Has helped LGBT clients with adoptions, name-changes, co-guardianships. Office is handicap accessible, fees vary.

Mary Ann Hall

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Family Law/Domestic Relations. Experienced with matters concerning LGBT individuals. Recently obtained custody of granddaughter for lesbian grandmother. Initial consultation fee is \$300; retainers from \$2500-\$10,000 depending upon the complexity of the issue. Office is handicap accessible.

Edward Hawkins

Hawkins Law Firm, P.A.

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Primarily practices in Family Court, but also does criminal defense. Initial consultation is free, retainer fee determined on an individual case basis.

Klok Law Firm LLC

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Many friends and contacts in the LGBT community

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Catherine LaFond, PA

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Areas of Focus: Real Estate Purchase and Refinance Closings, and Estate Planning. Board member of both AFFA and of the Charleston School of Law Gay-Straight Alliance (known as Alliance for Equality). Over ten years experience in preparing estate planning documents (wills, durable powers of attorney, health care powers of attorney & living wills) for same sex couples. Office is handicap accessible.

Allison LaMantia

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Family Law. Has extensive experience with gay and lesbian clients, particularly regarding adoptions.

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Areas of Focus: Family Law (divorce, child custody, child support, adoption, domestic violence, wills, powers of attorney, parental rights) and Criminal Law. Has represented many lesbian and gay clients with family law and criminal problems. Free Consultation. Office is handicap accessible.

Jenny R. Moser

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Practice Areas: Family Law/Domestic Relations. Initial consultation fee is \$250. Office is handicap accessible.

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Focus in Family Law, Estate Planning, Probate, and Real Estate. Has worked with the LGBT individuals regarding custody, domestic partnership dissolution, wills, estates, and real estate issues. Office is handicap accessible, and initial consultation fee is waived for AFFA members.

John M. Mussetto

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Licensed to practice law in South Carolina & Washington, DC
General Litigation, General Practice, Criminal law, Family law, Medical Malpractice and Injury and Wrongful Death.

Handicap accessible office. Fee arrangement depends upon type of case. Our firm has represented numerous clients on varying legal issues. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, age or religion.

Cynthia Ann O'Dell, P.C.

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Recognizes the crucial importance of Estate Planning for LGBT individuals. Initial consult fee is waived for AFFA members and families. See Cynthia personally.

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Most cases handled on contingency basis; has volunteered at Lowcountry AIDS Services Legal Clinic. Office is handicap accessible.

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e-Mail: youngsal@musc.edu, sallyrentiers@yahoo.com Experienced in serving LGBT individuals with regard to Estate Planning, Health Care Concerns, Health Care and General Power of Attorney, Family Court matters, and other issues. However, Ms. Rentiers is currently working as the Deputy General Counsel at MUSC, so she is available on a limited basis for less complicated matters, after 5:00pm and on the weekends only. Office is handicap accessible, fees vary, sometimes does pro bono work.

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Area of Focus: Employment and Labor (for the employee). Experienced with discrimination law. Initial consult is free by the phone, or \$250 in person. Office is handicap accessible.

Nathan Senn

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Areas of focus: Domestic relations, minor criminal/traffic charges, wills and estate planning, as well as personal injury law. I am happy to meet with any client for a free initial consultation on any matter.

Heather S. Shaw

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Deals primarily with family court matters including Divorce, Custody, Child Support, Name Change, and Gender Change. Also works with Probate/Estate Planning, Personal Injury and Criminal. Has personal and professional experience with the LGBT community and their concerns. Initial consultation is free of charge. Fees vary.

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Areas of Focus: Civil Tax Law, Criminal Taxation, Estate Planning, Probate Administration and Litigation. Has represented many gay and lesbian individuals with estate planning. Handicap accessibility can be arranged.

Leslie E. Stephens

Attorney at Law

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General practice, particularly in matters directly pertaining to LGBT issues and concerns. Willing to work with clients with a North Carolina/South Carolina connection.

Elizabeth Stringer-Nettles

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Areas of Focus: Family Law, Real Estate, Probate, General Civil Litigation. Has worked with gay couples in assistance with business questions, as well as drafting estate documents, health care/general powers of attorney, and real estate documents.

Jack Swan

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Areas of Focus: Business Law, Estate Planning, Probate, Personal Injury, Family Law, Bankruptcy, Criminal Defense (DUI defense, specifically). Experienced with the LGBT community. Initial consultation is free of charge; hourly or retainer fees available. Office is handicap accessible.

Peter Wilborn

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Areas of Focus: Labor, Injury, General Litigation. Has conducted legal research for LAMBDA projects in the past. Initial consultation is free, office is handicap accessible.