Fordham OUTLaws Symposium
Transgender Law: Recent Victories and Current Challenges Facing the Trans Community in 2019

March 27, 2019   |   Bateman Room

About the Symposium

The OUTLaws Symposium will analyze legal and policy issues under the current administration. It will specifically examine issues such as interactions between the LGBT community and law enforcement, trans-exclusionary policies in the military, and recently enacted laws protecting the trans community in New York.

Agenda

10:30 - 11:00 am  |  CLE Registration
11:00 am - 12:00 pm  |  Keynote Session
Sarah McBride, National Press Secretary, Human Rights Campaign
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  |  Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  |  Panel Session (1.0 CLE Diversity, Inclusion & Elimination of Bias)
Panelists:
Kristen Browde '00, Board President, LeGal
Deborah Lolai, Criminal Defense Attorney; LGBTQ Client Specialist, The Bronx Defenders
Richard Saenz '10, Senior Attorney; Criminal Justice and Police Misconduct Strategist, Lambda Legal
Jared Trujillo, Criminal Defense Attorney; LGBT Caucus Chair, Association of Legal Aid Society
Moderated by:
Matthew Skinner, Executive Director, The Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission of the New York State Courts

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Credit been approved in accordance with the requirements of the New York State CLE Board for a maximum of 1.0 nontransitional (1.0 diversity, inclusion & elimination of bias credits).

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**Speaker Bios**  
**Fordham OUTLaws Symposium**

**Kristen Browde**  
**Board President, LeGal**

Kristen Browde is an Emmy award-winning journalist, and founder of her own law firm. Kristen graduated from Fordham University School of Law in 2000. Kristen is currently the President of the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York and serves as co-chair of the National Trans Bar Association. In April 2016, Kristen came out as transgender in an appearance at New York City’s largest media and political charity event, the Inner Circle Dinner.

During her career as a journalist, Kristen covered wars overseas, the Pentagon, and the Supreme Court. Through this work, she won multiple Emmys and a GLAAD Media Award for covering LGBT issues.

In Chappaqua, New York, Kristen was one of the initial appointees to the Town of New Castle Ethics Board, where she was named Secretary and served on the Board until agreeing to run for office. She also serves on the Chappaqua School System’s Financial Advisory Committee. Kristen became the first transgender person in New York State to run for office with the endorsement of a major political party.

Governor Andrew Cuomo appointed Kristen to the Steering Committee of the New York State Council on Women and Girls, and, after serving on his transition team, Westchester County Executive George Latimer appointed Kristen to the County’s Women’s Advisory Board. She also serves on the Boards of Directors of Equality NY, the Trans United Fund Political Action Committee, and Princess Janae Place. Kristen has also been elected a District Leader in the Town of New Castle Democratic Party.

**Deborah Lolai**  
**Criminal Defense Attorney; LGBTQ Client Specialist, The Bronx Defenders**

Deborah is a criminal defense attorney and the LGBTQ Client Specialist at The Bronx Defenders, where she founded the LGBTQ Defense Project. Deborah is currently a facilitator of the NYC LGBT Direct Services RoundTable, which organizes direct service providers in NYC serving LGBT clients. In her role at The Bronx Defenders as the LGBTQ Client Specialist, Deb provides legal representation and direct services for our LGBTQ identified clients, facilitates internal and external trainings, and engages in community organizing and advocacy efforts to empower our LGBTQ clients, and reduce the harm caused by the various systems they navigate. Deborah received her Juris Doctor from Touro University and received a certificate in Criminal Law.

**Sarah McBride**  
**National Press Secretary, Human Rights Campaign**


In 2012, Sarah made national headlines when she came out as transgender while serving as student body president at American University. A native of Wilmington, Delaware, Sarah serves on the Board of Directors of Equality Delaware and helped lead the successful effort to add gender identity and expression to her state’s nondiscrimination laws. In 2008, Sarah worked for Governor Jack Markell (D-DE) and, in 2010, for former Attorney General Beau Biden (D-DE). Prior to coming to HRC, Sarah worked at the Center for American Progress and interned at the White House, the first out trans woman to do so.

Sarah became the first openly transgender person to address a major party political convention when she spoke at the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. Sarah received her Bachelor of Arts and Science from American University.

**Richard Saenz**  
**Senior Attorney; Criminal Justice and Police Misconduct Strategist, Lambda Legal**

Richard Saenz is a Senior Attorney and the Criminal Justice and Police Misconduct Strategist at Lambda Legal, the oldest and largest national legal organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those living with HIV.

He focuses his work on the criminal justice system, coordinating litigation and policy work on behalf of incarcerated people. Currently, Richard is leading Lambda Legal’s response to the Trump Administration’s changes to the federal Bureau of Prisons Transgender Offender Manual. Richard was lead counsel in Dorn v. Michigan Department of Corrections, a challenge to the MDOP policy directive alleging violation of federal disability law because it unlawfully discriminates against incarcerated people living with HIV. In addition, Richard was a lead member of the litigation team in Hicklin v. Precythe, a successful challenge to Missouri’s “freeze frame” policy denying appropriate health care to transgender people in its custody, in one of the first court decisions to rule specifically that “freeze-frame” policies are unconstitutional as a violation of the Eighth Amendment’s prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment. In Rhines v. Young, a capital case in South Dakota, Richard was co-author of an amicus brief urging the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals to allow Mr. Rhines to present evidence that anti-gay bias was a factor in some jurors’ decisions to sentence him to death.

Richard has been named a Hispanic National Bar Association’s Top Lawyers Under 40 and a National LGBT Bar Association’s Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40. He was awarded the Michael B. Davis-Elyse Hilton Alumni Award from the Fordham Law School OutLaws and the Alumni Award from the Fordham Law Latin American Law Students Association. He received his Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law in 2010, where he was a Stein Scholar for Public Interest Law and Ethics. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Georgetown University.

**Matthew Skinner**  
**Executive Director, The Richard C. Failla Commission of the New York State Courts**

Matthew Skinner is the Executive Director of The Richard C. Failla LGBTQ Commission of the New York State Courts, where he works closely with senior court system leadership in efforts to promote equal participation in and access to the courts and legal profession by all persons regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Prior to assuming his current position with the Office of Court Administration, he led The LGBT Bar Association and Foundation of Greater New York (LeGal) for four years, litigated at Proskauer Rose LLP, and clerked for the Honorable Richard K. Faillon at the U.S. Court of International Trade. Skinner graduated magna cum laude from the University of Notre Dame and Albany Law School.

**Jared Trujillo**  
**Criminal Defense Attorney, Association of Legal Aid Society**

Jared Trujillo was a staff attorney at The Legal Aid Society’s Juvenile Rights Practice from 2014 until 2017. While there, he represented youth in juvenile delinquency and child protective proceedings, including high-level felonies and severe abuse proceedings. Jared began working in Legal Aid’s Criminal Defense Practice in 2017. Additionally, Jared serves as the Association of Legal Aid Attorneys LGBTQ Representative, where he works to advance initiatives for Legal Aid’s LGBTQ clients, particularly LGBTQ people of color. Jared also teaches Foundational Lawyering Skills at Hofstra Law School.