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**Title:** Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association of Los Angeles records  
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**Abstract:** Materials relating to the activities of the Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association of Los Angeles from 1989 to 2011, with the bulk of materials pertaining to the 1990s. The materials include board meeting minutes, correspondence, news clippings, publicity, information regarding organizational events (primarily programs, flyers, invitations, and event budgets), and legal briefs. The Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association, formerly known as Lawyers for Human Rights, was founded in 1979 and went on to be involved in numerous cases and legislative initiatives that responded to employment discrimination against members of the LGBT community and people with HIV/AIDS.  
**creator:** Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association.  

**Administrative History**  
The Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association (LGLA), formerly known as Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR), was founded in 1979 by Susan McGreivy, whose work at the The Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center inspired her idea for a gay lawyers group that could advocate for the rights of community members, and Ray Hatler, who did most of the initial organizing and served as the organisation's first president. Their first meeting took place in the Old Spaghetti Factory on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood, California.  
The organization emerged, in part, as a consequence of battles over Proposition 6, also known as the Briggs Initiative, which sought to ban gays and lesbians from teaching in California. The organization would go on to be involved in numerous cases and legislative initiatives that responded to employment discrimination against members of the LGBT community and people with HIV/AIDS, including Assembly Bill 101, a bill that was proposed in 1991, during the height of the AIDS crisis, that sought to outlaw job discrimination against gays and lesbians. The bill was vetoed by Governor Pete Wilson, igniting a backlash from the LGBT community that eventually led to the passage of another anti-discrimination bill, Assembly Bill 2601 in 1992.  
During this same period, the Lawyers for Human Rights adopted a transitional title, Lawyers for Human Rights: The Lesbian and Gay Bar Association, that's aim was to celebrate the new freedoms gained by gays and lesbians over the previous decade and to better represent the organisation's membership and goals. In October 2002, at its 21st Annual Dinner, the organization adopted its current name, the Lesbian and Gay Lawyer's Association, a move that was seen as a final "coming out" for the organization.  
Today, the organisation's primary activities include making judicial endorsements, writing amicus briefs, participating in the Los Angeles County Bar Association and State Bar Association Conferences, and providing education, networking, and social opportunities for LGBT lawyers. Regular events include their Annual Anniversary Dinner, events at the Hollywood Bowl, the Summer Associates Reception, and networking opportunities with other LGBT organizations.  
**Sources:**  

**Conditions Governing Access**  
The collection is open to researchers. There are no access restrictions.  

**Acquisition**  
Donated by the Lesbian & Gay Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, represented by Rose Eustachio, August 18, 2012.  

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**Scope and Contents**
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Arrangement
This collection is arranged in the following series:
Series 1. Administrative records
Series 2. Events records
Series 3. Amicus committee

Separated Materials
The following newsletters have been separated from the collection and cataloged into ONE Archives’ periodicals collection:

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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Lawyers for Human Rights (California, U.S.)
Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
Correspondence
Gays–Law and legislation
Homosexuality–Law and legislation
Legal assistance to gays–California–Los Angeles
Legal assistance to lesbians–United States.
Minutes

Administrative records Series 1. 1989-2011
Series Description
This series consists of materials related to the general day-to-day administrative activities of LGLA. It includes board meeting minutes, bylaws, correspondence, endorsements, treasurers’ reports, retreat notes, membership records, memoranda, project reports, newsletters, program announcements, banners and publicity and news clippings from roughly 1989 through 2011. The series also includes records from various committees within LGLA.
Arrangement
Records from LGLA’s Board of Governors and committees are at the beginning of this series. The remaining folders are arranged alphabetically.

Box 1, Folder 1-9
Board of Governors materials 1999-2010
Physical Description: [9 folders]

Box 1, Folder 10-18
Committees
Administrative assistant/mailing committee 1998
Committee assignments 1992
Communications committee 2009
Legislation committee 1992
Mediation/dispute resolution services (DRS) committee 1992
| Box 1, Folder 14-16 | Membership committee 1992-2009  
|                    | Physical Description: [3 folders] |
| Box 1, Folder 17   | Law student committee 2000  
| Box 1, Folder 18   | Treasurer reports 2009-2010  
| Box 1, Folder 19   | Administrative assistant search, Pitney Bowes 1999  
| Item BAN139-BAN140 | Banners Undated  
| Box 1, Folder 20   | Bylaws 1991-1998  
| Box 1, Folder 22   | Corporate sponsorship, newsletter 1997  
| Box 1, Folder 23-28| Correspondence  
| Box 1, Folder 24   | General 2001-2006  
| Box 1, Folder 25   | Co-president correspondence 2009-2010  
| Box 1, Folder 26-28| Destouet, Maurice 1998  
| Box 1, Folder 29   | Endorsements 2009  
| Box 1, Folder 30   | Gregoire, David 1999  
| Box 1, Folder 33-35| Law Notes 1999-2000  
|                    | Physical Description: [3 folders] |
| Box 1, Folder 36   | Law students 2009-2010  
| Box 1, Folder 37   | Lemke, Mark 1999  
| Box 1, Folder 38   | Littleton, Chris 1993-1997  
| Box 1, Folder 39   | Logos Undated  
| Box 1, Folder 40   | Los Angeles County Bar Association affiliate status 1999  
| Box 1, Folder 41   | Los Angeles Police Commissioners report on Los Angeles civil unrest 1992  
| Box 1, Folder 43   | Mediation project 1992  
| Box 1, Folder 44   | Membership 1991-1992  
| Box 1, Folder 45   | Membership legal recruiting coordinator 1992  
| Box 1, Folder 46   | Membership survey project 1992  
| Box 1, Folder 47   | Name change 1992  
| Box 1, Folder 48   | Newsletter information and sources, advertisers 1997-1998  
| Box 2, Folder 49   | Newsletter materials and program announcements 1989-1993  
| Box 2, Folder 50   | Newsletter correspondence 1999-2000  
| Box 2, Folder 51   | No on Knight endorsement form 2000  
| Box 2, Folder 6    | Officer elections 1991-1992  
|                    | Physical Description: [2 folders] |
| Box 2, Folder 7-8  | Press release 1992  
|                    | Public relations and publicity 1999-2009  
|                    | Physical Description: [2 folders] |
| Box 2, Folder 9-18 | Publicity and news clippings 1990-1992  
|                    | Physical Description: [10 folders] |
| Box 2, Folder 19   | Queer defense project 1991  
| Box 2, Folder 20-24| Retreat notes and material 1991-2011  
|                    | Physical Description: [5 folders] |
| Box 2, Folder 25   | Sandoval, Omar 1999  
| Box 2, Folder 26-27| Scholarships 2000  
|                    | Physical Description: [2 folders] |
| Box 2, Folder 28   | Statements to Rodney King beating verdicts 1992  

| Box 2, Folder 29 | Support of AB 101 1999 |
| Box 2, Folder 30 | Survey 1992 |
| Box 2, Folder 31 | Taxes 1999 |
| Box 2, Folder 32 | Social networking 2009 |
| Box 2, Folder 33-34 | Website 2000 |
| Box 2, Folder 35 | Women's caucus 1992 |

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Administrative records Series 1. 1989-2011

**Box 2, Folder 36-51**

**Annual award and installation dinners 1992-2009**

- Physical Description: [16 folders]

**Box 3, Folder 1-3**

**Annul award and installation dinners 1999-2011**

- Physical Description: [3 folders]

**Box 3, Folder 4-6**

**Programs-conference 1990-1992**

- Physical Description: [3 folders]

**Box 3, Folder 7**

**Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) affiliates meeting 1992**

**Box 3, Folder 8**

**Programs committee meetings 1992**

**Box 3, Folder 9**

**Pride parade 1992**

**Box 3, Folder 10**

**Project 10 matters 1992**

**Box 3, Folder 11**

**Day at the Races 1999**

**Box 3, Folder 12**

**Event flyers, mailings 1999**

**Box 3, Folder 13-14**

**Hollywood Bowl 1999**

- Physical Description: [2 folders]

**Box 3, Folder 15**

**June event 1999**

**Box 3, Folder 16**

**Magic Castle event 1999**

**Box 3, Folder 17-18**

**Sheila Kuehl event 1999**

- Physical Description: [2 folders]

**Box 3, Folder 19**

**Southwestern Bar Association fair 1999**

**Box 3, Folder 20-21**

**Summer associates reception 1999-2000**

- Physical Description: [2 folders]

**Box 3, Folder 22**

**University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Bar Association Day 1999**

**Box 3, Folder 23**

**Co-sponsorship of other events 2000**

**Box 3, Folder 24**

**Maxine Waters event 2000**

**Box 3, Folder 25**

**MCBA dinners, calendar 2000**

**Box 3, Folder 26**

**Year 2000 calendar of events 2000**

**Box 3, Folder 27**

**Flyers 2000-2001**
Amicus committee Series 3. 2002-2010

Series Description

Arrangement
This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 3, Folder 28
Supreme Court of California Sharon S. v. Superior Court of San Diego 2002

Box 3, Folder 29
Supreme Court of the United States John Geddes Lawrence and Tyron Garner v. State of Texas 2002

Box 3, Folder 30-35

Box 4, Folder 1-2

Box 4, Folder 3-5
Supreme Court of California Kristine Renee H. v. Lisa Ann R. 2004

Box 4, Folder 6
Correspondence 2004

Box 4, Folder 7
Amicus committee records 2010