

# Keeping Current with Global Legal Developments Related to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)

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## Finding New Legal Developments: Specialized Sources

365 Gay News

<http://www.365gay.com/>

Australian Gay and Lesbian Law Blog

<http://lgbtlawblog.blogspot.com/>

Euro-Letter

<http://www.ilga-europe.org/Europe/Publications/Euro-Letter>

<http://www.steffenjensen.dk/eurolet.htm>

To get via email, send empty email to:

[eurolletter-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:eurolletter-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com)

Gay Rights Blog

<http://gayrights.change.org/>

The GCRM Media Club (The Gay Civil Rights Movement Media Club)

<http://twitter.com/GCRMMediaClub>

<http://thegaycivilrightsmovement.ning.com/>

Hunter of Justice

<http://hunterforjustice.typepad.com/>

Immigration Equality Blog

<http://www.immigrationequality.org/blog/>

Lesbian/Gay Law Notes

[http://www.nyls.edu/centers/harlan\\_scholar\\_centers/justice\\_action\\_center/publications/lesbiangay\\_law\\_notes](http://www.nyls.edu/centers/harlan_scholar_centers/justice_action_center/publications/lesbiangay_law_notes)

Pink News

<http://gay.pinknews.co.uk/category/law>  
<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/>

QUEERLAW

<http://lists.grd.org/mailman/listinfo/queerlaw>

Sexual Orientation and the Law Blog

<http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/lgbtlaw/immigrationasylum/index.html>

UK Gay News

<http://ukgaynews.org.uk/>  
<http://ukgaynews.org.uk/latest.htm>

**Customize RSS feeds/news readers / Centralize, manage, search specialized news sources:**

Google Reader

<http://reader.google.com/>

Bloglines

<http://www.bloglines.com/>

**Search blogs, websites, and set up e-alerts/feeds:**

Google Blog Search

<http://blogsearch.google.com/>

Set up Blog Alerts to get emails of daily Google blog search results.

Justia BlawgSearch

<http://blawgsearch.justia.com/>

CALI Google Customer Search All Law Schools

<http://www2.cali.org/index.php?fuseaction=static.schoolsearch>

## **Finding New Legal Developments: General Sources**

BBC News

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

Google News

<http://news.google.com/>

Construct powerful, customized news searches via Google's **Advanced News Search**. Specify news source location – content published in a particular country or a U.S. state. Search for SOGI news in foreign languages using the same word expanders and Boolean connectors as the example below. Set up email News Alerts.

**Sample Advanced Google News search** (used by the Australian Coalition for Equality below):

[gay\\* OR lesbian\\* OR bisexual\\* OR transgender\\* OR intersex\\* OR homosex\\* OR same-sex OR "civil union\\*" -"Tyson Gay" -Gunns -dating -"Duncan Gay" location:australia](#)

JURIST

<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/>

Reuters

<http://www.reuters.com/>

Voice of America News

<http://www.voanews.com/>

Also Factiva, ProQuest, LexisNexis, WESTLAW, etc. (e-alerts for saved searches)

### **Finding New Legal Developments: Experts and Organizations**

#### **Experts (email contacts, lists, professional and social networks):**

Katharina Boele-Woelki, Mary Anne Case, William Eskridge, Stefano Fabeni, Phyllis Randolph Frye, Helmut Graupner, Aeyal Gross, Laurence Helfer, Arthur Leonard, Alice Miller, Shannon Minter, Dianne Otto, Ruthann Robson, Kees Waaldijk (maintains an **email news list** for LGBT law specialists), Stephen Whittle, Robert Wintemute, Mark Wojcik. Some of these experts are LinkedIn, and on Facebook.

Helmut Graupner

<http://www.graupner.at/e/index.html>

Dr. C. (Kees) Waaldijk

<http://www.law.leiden.edu/organisation/meijers/cwaaldijk.jsp>

Includes a “News and Information” page on international, European, and national sexual orientation law developments and research.

**Organizations (email lists, e-alerts, newsletters, blogs, RSS feeds, etc.):**

AALL Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section, Standing Committee on Lesbian and Gay Issues: Embracing the Diversity of Sexual Orientations and Gender Identities

<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/srsis/lgbt/index.html>

The AALL Standing Committee maintains a database of SOGI legal scholarship that is updated semi-annually (the most recent update was published in October 2008); it also includes books and articles on foreign, comparative, and international SOGI legal topics:

**Sexual Orientation and the Law: A Research Bibliography of Legal Literature Discussing Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, and Bisexual Persons, Their Rights and Their Families**

<http://www.lgbtbib.org/>

AALS Section on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Issues (SOGII)

[http://www.aals.org/services\\_sections\\_gl.php](http://www.aals.org/services_sections_gl.php)

ABA Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

<http://www.abanet.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=CC103270>

ABA Section of Individual Rights & Responsibilities Committee on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

<http://www.abanet.org/dch/committee.cfm?com=IR516000&edit=1&new=1>

ACLU LGBT Rights Project

<http://www.aclu.org/lgbt/index.html>

Amnesty International

<http://www.amnesty.org/>

<http://www.amnesty.org/en/sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity>

Amnesty International USA: OutFront! Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Human Rights Program

<http://www.amnestyusa.org/lgbt-human-rights/page.do?id=1011002>

Australian Coalition for Equality (ACE)

<http://www.coalitionforequality.org.au/>

Australian Marriage Equality (AME)

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com>,

<http://www.australianmarriageequality.com/international.htm>

Canadian Bar Association Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Conference (SOGIC)

<http://www.cba.org/cba/sogic/main/default.aspx>

Center for Research and Comparative Legal Studies on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (CERSGOSIG) / Informagay: Diritti

<http://cersgosig.org/>

<http://www.informagay.it/rubriche/diritti/archivio.html>

Civil Rights for Sexual Diversities (Hong Kong)

<http://neptune.lunarpages.com/~active2/cr4sd/production/eng/main/index.html>

Égale Canada (“equality and justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-identified people, and their families, across Canada”)

<http://www.egale.ca/>

Gay and Lesbian Equality (GALE)

<http://www.galewa.asn.au>

GLAAD: Gay & Lesbian Alliance against Defamation

<http://www.glaad.org/>

GLAD: Equal Justice under Law (Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders)

<http://www.glad.org/rights/c/immigration/>

Global Rights (formerly International Human Rights Law Group)

[http://www.globalrights.org/site/DocServer/LGBTI\\_SHADOW\\_REPORT\\_FIN.pdf?docID=5483](http://www.globalrights.org/site/DocServer/LGBTI_SHADOW_REPORT_FIN.pdf?docID=5483)

Includes a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Initiative.

Human Rights Campaign

<http://www.hrc.org/>

[http://www.hrc.org/issues/int\\_rights\\_immigration.asp](http://www.hrc.org/issues/int_rights_immigration.asp)

Human Rights First (formerly the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights)

<http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/>

<http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/pdf/FD-081103-hate-crime-survey-2008.pdf>

<http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/discrimination/reports.aspx?s=lgbt&p=index>

Human Rights Watch, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Program

<http://www.hrw.org/en/category/topic/lgbt-rights>

Via their “Stay Informed” link, you can get email “Updates By Issue” – L.G.B.T.:

<http://www.kintera.org/site/lookup.asp?c=nllWlqN2JwE&b=4565619>

Immigration Equality (formerly Lesbian and Gay Immigration Rights Task Force)

<http://www.immigrationequality.org/>

<http://www.immigrationequality.org/blog/>

International Commission on Civil Status /

La Commission Internationale de l'État Civil (CIEC)

<http://www.ciec1.org/>

International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE)

<http://www.ifge.org/>

Includes Transgender Tapestry.

International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC)

<http://www.iglhrc.org/site/iglhrc/>

<http://ui.constantcontact.com/d.jsp?m=1101378359458&p=oi>

International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA)

<http://www.ilga.org/>

Links to *State-Sponsored Homophobia: A World Survey of Laws Prohibiting Same Sex Activity Between Consenting Adults* by Daniel Ottosson (May 2008), a map of LGTBI rights in the world, a world legal survey of LGBT legislation, information on “travel and residence regulations for people living with HIV/AIDS”, and other useful resources.

Get email newsletter via this link:

<http://www.ilga.org/getinvolved.asp>

ILGA-Europe

<http://www.ilga-europe.org/>

Links to information on SOGI litigation in European courts, publishes guides to the legal and social situation of LGBT people in individual European countries, and European Union, Council of Europe, and Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) activities related to LGBT rights, and the *Euro-Letter*.

ILGA Trans Secretariat

<http://trans.ilga.org/>

International Lesbian and Gay Law Association (IGLaw)

<http://www.ilglaw.org/>

The 4<sup>th</sup> ILGLaw conference will be co-sponsored by the Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law and Policy at UCLA and will take place in West Hollywood and Los Angeles, California, on March 11-14, 2009:

The Global Arc of Justice: Sexual Orientation Law around the World  
<http://www.law.ucla.edu/WilliamsInstitute/programs/GlobalArcofJustice2009.html>

LAMBDA Legal Defense and Education Fund  
<http://www.lambdalegal.org/>

Lavender Law  
<http://www.lavenderlaw.org/>

Lesben- und Schwulenverband in Deutschland (LSVD)  
<http://www.lsvd.de/>  
<http://twitter.com/lsvd>  
<http://www.lsvd.de/74.0.html>

National Asylum Partnership on Sexual Minorities (NAPSM)/ National Asylum Partnership for Sexual Orientation (NAPSO)  
<http://www.immigrantjustice.org/news/napso/>,  
[http://www.immigrantjustice.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=770&Itemid=74](http://www.immigrantjustice.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=770&Itemid=74)

National Center for Lesbian Rights  
<http://www.nclrights.org>

National Center for Transgender Equality  
<http://www.nctequality.org/>

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force  
<http://thetaskforce.org/>

Includes Transgender Civil Rights Project at  
<http://thetaskforce.org/issues/transgender>

National Lesbian and Gay Law Association (NLGLA)  
<http://www.nlqla.org>

As of January 2009, the NLGLA's new name is the National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Bar Association with a website at  
<http://www.lgbtbar.org/>

Ontario Bar Association Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Section  
[http://www.oba.org/En/sog\\_en/sog\\_main/intro\\_en.aspx](http://www.oba.org/En/sog_en/sog_main/intro_en.aspx)

Press for Change: Campaigning for Respect and Equality for ALL Trans People  
<http://www.pfc.org.uk/>

Rechtskomitee LAMBDA (RKL)  
<http://www.RKLambda.at>

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN)  
<http://sldn.org/>

Stonewall: Equality & Justice for Lesbians, Gay Men, & Bisexuals (UK)  
<http://www.stonewall.org.uk/>

Tasmanian Gay and Lesbian Rights Group (TGLRG)  
<http://tgllrg.org/>

Transgender Law and Policy Institute  
<http://www.transgenderlaw.org/>

Transgender Law Center  
<http://www.transgenderlawcenter.org/>

Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund (TLDEF)  
<http://www.transgenderlegal.org/>

UK Lesbian & Gay Immigration Group (formerly Stonewall Immigration Group)  
<http://www.uklgig.org.uk/>

Victorian Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby (VGLRL)  
<http://www.vglrl.org.au/>

Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy (UCLA)  
<http://www.law.ucla.edu/williamsinstitute/home.html>

### **New Cases**

European case law on sexual orientation and gender identity (2005)  
<http://tinyurl.com/8jlzsz>

Check: European Court of Human Rights website, LexisNexis, WESTLAW, WorldLII; individual country databases.

Cross-country database searches: vLex, Microjuris.

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