

# Inventory of the National Gay Rights Advocates Records

(#1991-21)

*Note: This document is a preliminary inventory, not a completed finding aid. The collection is surveyed but not processed, and its organization and composition are subject to change. This inventory is intended to help researchers better understand the general scope and content of the collection.*

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**Abstract:** This collection contains records from the National Gay Rights Association (NGRA), a membership-supported, nonprofit, public-interest law firm. The bulk of the collection consists of NGRA's office files, which were arranged alphabetically by topic.

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**Biographical/Organizational History Note:** This collection contains records from the National Gay Rights Association (NGRA), a membership-supported, nonprofit, public-interest law firm. Founded in 1978, NGRA promoted the rights of LGBT people and fought to end discrimination based on sexual orientation through legal action and by educating attorneys. NGRA had offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco. It closed its doors in May 1991.

**Scope and Content:** The bulk of the collection consists of NGRA's office files, which were arranged alphabetically by topic. Materials come from both the Los Angeles and San Francisco offices. The collection contains administrative records; correspondence; board materials, including meeting minutes; financial records, including annual reports and fundraising materials; materials from conferences and events; membership materials; releases and packets; reports; timelines of significant events in LGBT legal history; a scrapbook of newspaper clippings; photographs, contact sheets, and slides from events; audiotapes of the 1988 Lavender Law Conference; and videotapes. Noteworthy subjects include the legal and civil liberties ramifications of the AIDS epidemic; the 1987 March on Washington; National Coming Out Day, which was co-founded by psychologist Robert Eichberg and Jean O'Leary, Executive Director of NGRA; and the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force.

**Indexing Terms:**

Law  
Politics and elections

**Container Listing**

**Carton 1:**

NGRA 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration program, 1989  
AIDS Practice Manual: A Legal Education Guide, 1988  
Annual report, 1978-1979, 1988  
Fundraising materials/package

Board of Directors materials  
History of cases  
releases, 1989-1990  
Headlines of the week/timelines, 1989-1990  
L.A. Partners, Jim McDaniel, 1990  
Turmoil, 1989  
Board of Directors, fact sheet, list of publications, tax brochure  
News clippings, 1990-1991  
December 1990 appeal to Women's Night list, 1990  
Tenth Anniversary proof sheet  
Photographs, 1989  
Photographs, slides, contact sheets and ephemera (postcards) from events  
War Conference, 1988 ("because they're making war against us")  
From the Heart event, 1989  
Artists Against AIDS program  
Program Review and 1988-1989 strategy  
AIDS packet  
Proposal of support for National Coming Out Day – a project of NGRA and The Experience  
Weekend, 1988  
Working Paper on Economic Impact of adoption of Proposition 64, 1986 (UC Berkeley)  
Protection Against AIDS-Related Discrimination Under State Handicap Laws and Access to  
AIDS-Related Drugs Under Medicaid: A Fifty State Analysis (2 separate publications)  
packet  
Celebrity Connection materials  
Analysis of NGRA's Participation in the March on Washington, 1987  
National Black Gay & Lesbian Conference, 1988  
Same Sex Assault handbook  
Sourcebook on Lesbian/Gay Health Care (National Gay Health Education Foundation)  
Survival Kit (addiction brochure)  
2 VHS tapes, news stories about NGRA, 1988 and 2 AIDS shows  
Four ¾" videotapes—NGRA Chyron, Michael Bennett, undated

**Carton 2:**

Audiotapes, Lavender Law Conference, 1988  
VHS tapes, ranging from recordings of NGRA's events to Harry Hamlin talking about ACT's  
season; one ¾" tape  
Act Now, '88  
ACT-UP  
ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project  
ACLU—AIDS  
Advocate  
AIDS Action Council  
AIDS Action Guide—NGRA Publication  
AIDS Commission Testing  
AIDS Civil Rights Project  
AIDS Drug Project

AIDS Health project SF  
AIDS Related Issues  
AIDS Fear  
AIDS in the Workplace  
AIDS Legislation/California  
AIDS and Insurance (NGRA Position Paper)  
AIDS Medical  
AIDS Path Project  
AIDS Pentamidine, Blue Cross  
AIDS Prison  
AIDS Research Tax Credit Act of 1990  
AIDS Reader – SF Aids Foundation  
AIDS Transistion  
Airlines  
America’s Leaders Speak Out (Against Discriminatio)  
American Corporate Tax Policy  
AMFAR  
American Network (phone)  
Annual Reports  
APLA Gov. Affairs Project  
Associated Students  
AZT  
BALIF  
Bank of Los Angeles  
Barlow  
Audit 1987 Marwick  
Dina Bachlor Resume  
Being Alive/Info and Letter  
Bel Fair  
BLK Advertising Charges  
Bisexuality  
Board Meeting, 9/11/87  
Board Packet, 8/18/90  
Board Minutes  
Book Study Group  
Howard Brown Memorial Clinic  
Bradley, Ann—media samples  
Bryan, David—legal background  
Burroughs Welcome Co.—AIDS  
George Bush  
Bush Transition Team  
California AIDS leadership Committee  
CAL/G Ego  
California Ballot Initiatives  
California Conference of Local Health Care officers

**Carton 3:**

Scrapbook—clippings, circa 1982-1989

**Carton 4:**

California Democratic Party

California State Legislation: AIDS

Campaign to End Homophobia

Carrisyn

Catholic Church

CDC—America Responds to AIDS

City Council Ordinance

Child Custody

Clanton vs. CA

Coalition for L&G Civil Rights

Co-Operating Attorney Program

Community Research Initiative

Cooperating Attorneys

Conferences

Contact training

Caplan, Stuart/Legal

Correspondence

Correspondence—General Public re: Police Harrassment

Court Update

Couples

Senator Alan Cranston

Critical Correspondence

Curran vs. Diablo Council of Boy Scouts of America

Dannemeyer AIDS Initiative/ Prop. 102

DBA names Project

Donna Deitch – Bio Women's Night 7

Bruce B. Decker

Democratic National Committee

Department of Labor

Domestic Partners

Senator Doolittle, 1988

Dronenbury vs. V. Adm. Zech (Naval)

Drug Protocols

Dukakis—including FDA and AIDS related issues (3 folders)

Ed Edelman

Education

Marcus Edward

Fairness Fund

Family Rights

FAX

Farmers Insurance Company

FDA Lawsuit

Federal Gay Legislation  
Federations  
Financial Statements  
Fire Island  
Ginny Foat  
Front Runners  
Fund for Human Dignity  
Gann Initiative  
Gay Organization Comparison Chart, 1989  
Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)  
Gay/Lesbian Democrats of America  
GLASS  
GLAAD  
Gay & Lesbian Anti-Violence Task Force  
Gay Leadership  
Gay & Lesbian Community Services Center  
Gay & Lesbian Military Freedom Project  
Gay & Lesbian Association—Media Fund for Human Rights  
Gay Men’s Health Crisis  
Gay Pride 1988—dates and cities  
Glover vs. E. Nebraska Community  
Government Affairs Standing  
Hate Crimes  
Health Conference, 1986  
Health Care Clinics – Positive Action  
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services  
Housing N.O.W.  
Human Rights Campaign Fund  
Lester S. Hyman  
IBM  
ICN  
Insurance  
INS  
International Gay & Lesbian Assoc.  
Judicial Action Project  
Justice Department  
C. Everett Koop  
Larry Kramer  
Sheila James Kuehl  
La Ordiance – Sex Orientation  
LAMBDA (2 folders)  
Los Angeles & Valley Couples (LAVA)  
Law Notes  
Law Students  
Lawrence Tribe  
Lawyers for Human Rights

Leadership Development—National Leadership Institute  
Leadership materials  
Leadership Study  
Legislation  
Legislative Action Guide  
Legitech  
Lesbian Agenda Conference  
Lesbian Connection  
Lesbian Community—Torie Osborne reply to Jinx Beers  
Lesbian Conference, 1988  
Lesbian and Gay Law Notes  
Lesbian and Gay Studies  
Lesbian Rights Project  
Lesbian Sorority  
Letterhead

**Carton 5:**

1981 Professionals Benefit for Gay Rights Advocates (honoring Jean O’Leary)  
Letters of Interest  
Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE)  
Jeff Levi  
Levi Strauss Foundation  
David Link  
Litigation Committee  
State Legislation  
Log Cabin Republican Club  
London Temporary Services  
March on Washington 1987 (multiple folders)  
Manhattan project  
MECLA  
Men Who Care About Women’s Lives  
Military  
Mobilization Against AIDS  
Music and Bands  
Names Project  
National Attorney’s Directory for Lesbian & Gay Rights  
National Attorney’s Network  
National Democratic Convention  
National Committee to Free Sharon Kowalski  
National Coming Out Day  
New York—Gay and Lesbian Community Service Center  
NIH  
NIHID Meetings  
National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases  
National Legal Aid and Defender Association  
National Lesbian Conference

National Lesbian & Gay Civil Rights Roundtable  
National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (5 folders)  
New Boston Group  
New Pacific Academy, S.F.  
NIH Drugs  
NIMH  
National Coming Out Day  
National Organization Responding to AIDS (NORA)  
NOW  
October March 1989  
Opiniongrams  
PFLAG  
People With AIDS  
Pioneer Days, 1987  
People for the American Way  
Police Raids—Brutality  
Pope  
Positive Action  
Presidential Campaign, 1988  
Pride Products  
Prisons and AIDS  
Privacy  
Private Affairs Strategy Conference  
Project 10—Virginia Uribe  
Project Inform (2 folders)  
Director of Public Affairs  
Proposition 102  
Public Counsel  
Research Initiative  
Right Wing  
Roundtable Meetings, Washington  
Sample Thank You Letters  
Ben Schatz  
SF AIDS Foundation  
Signatures  
Dr. Michael J. Sclaro, M.D.  
Senators' Aides  
Strubb/Collins, Inc. Proposal for Direct Mail Fundraising, 1986  
Solicitation letters/letters of support/membership letters  
Publications report, 1989  
Miscellaneous Financial records, e.g. budgets, renewals, fundraisers, etc., circa 1980-1981

**Oversize Folder 1:**

Posters for events, including one autographed by Christopher Isherwood and Don Bachardy, 1980, undated