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**Directory
of Professional
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for the LGBT
Community**



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If you know of other advisors who should be listed in this directory, please contact Devesh Khatu at 415.398.2333 or visit our website at www.horizonsfoundation.org to download the appropriate forms.

About This Directory

Horizons Foundation is proud to present the 2009 edition of our Directory of Professional Advisors for the LGBT Community. Created in response to numerous requests for referrals to such advisors, this directory is intended to assist our donors and others in the community seeking professional advice that considers the particular legal, economic, and social needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) people.

The directory—which is updated annually—includes attorneys, financial advisors, accountants, and others who offer services that integrate the philanthropic needs of LGBT clients. In compiling it, Horizons cast a wide net by asking hundreds of advisors to complete a questionnaire describing their services; only those who returned the questionnaire are included here. We welcome contact from advisors interested in being listed in future editions.

Because part of Horizons Foundation’s mission is to increase LGBT philanthropy, we also asked advisors for information on how they give back to the Bay Area

LGBT community. We have highlighted in **BOLD CAPS** those who let us know that they support local LGBT organizations through board service or significant personal donations, or who promote LGBT philanthropy through client referrals to Horizons Foundation.

Horizons is committed not only to serving the needs of donors, but also to promoting our community’s philanthropic values and potential. It is our hope that as people engage the services of professional advisors, all parties keep in mind the philanthropic dimensions and possibilities of the decisions to be made. Towards that end, we also offer a series of seminars on topics related to LGBT giving, with sessions tailored both to the donor community and to professional advisors.

We hope that you find this *Directory of Professional Advisors* useful. For more information and resources specifically for donors as well as professional advisors, please see our website at www.horizonsfoundation.org.

About Horizons Foundation

Horizons Foundation, a philanthropic social justice organization, serves the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community throughout the Bay Area and beyond. For over 29 years, we have been meeting the needs, advancing the rights, and celebrating the lives of LGBT people through a diverse range of programs, services, and initiatives that support LGBT organizations in our community. The foundation has made more than five million in grants to non-profit organizations over the past two years.

Horizons also supports LGBT donors, without whose commitment and generosity our community's advocates and service providers could not exist.

Horizons provides philanthropic education programs, customized services for individual donors, and a wide range of donor-advised, field of interest, and scholarship funds. Moreover, Horizons is committed to increasing the number of active donors who support LGBT causes and organizations.

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Useful Websites and Organizations

Horizons Foundation

www.horizonsfoundation.org
415.398.2333

In addition to this Directory of Professional Advisors, Horizons Foundation produces a Guide to Gift Planning for the LGBT Community, testamentary gift forms, LGBT Community Endowment options, and other planned giving materials that may be useful for both donors and professional advisors.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund

www.lambdalegal.org

Lambda's website contains many short articles containing useful information, such as What Are You Waiting For? Write a Will! and Suggested Questions to Ask an Attorney. They also have a toolkit entitled Take the Power: Tools for Life and Financial Planning available for download.

National Center for Lesbian Rights

www.nclrights.org

NCLR's website has many downloadable fact sheets, articles, and sample documents covering partnership protection, adoption, and other family issues, including LifeLines: Documents to Protect You and Your Family in Times of Trouble, sample co-parenting agreements, donor insemination agreements, and many others. NCLR's site also walks you through how to register your California domestic partnership and discusses legal issues around marriage for same-sex couples.

Nolo Press

www.nolo.com

Nolo's mission is to make the legal system work for everyone, not just lawyers. Their website has both articles and products for purchase that enable people to prepare their legal documents as much as possible by themselves. They have resources on wills, healthcare, powers of attorney, estate planning, and more, including regular updates to their Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples. Nolo's publications and products also include Nolo's Simple Will Book, Plan Your Estate, and Quicken Willmaker Plus.

Bay Area Jewish Healing Center,

a program of Institute On Aging
www.jewishhealingcenter.org

Their free Five Wishes Living Will Booklet helps you express how you want to be treated if you are seriously ill and unable to speak for yourself. It is an easy-to-use legal document, and is unique among other living will and health agent forms because it looks to all of a person's needs: medical, personal, emotional, and spiritual. The Five Wishes document includes easy-to-complete living will and durable power of attorney for healthcare forms (also known as an advance directive). Cinco Deseos, the Spanish version, is also available. To receive a free copy, call 415.750.4111.

Partnership for Caring

www.partnershipforcaring.org

This site has living wills and healthcare proxy forms available for download.

Tax Information for California Registered Domestic Partners

www.ftb.ca.gov

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Register or terminate a California domestic partnership

www.sos.ca.gov/dpregistry/