

Purpose

The **Bar Association For Human Rights Of Greater New York (BAHR-GNY)**, with over 400 members, is an association of legal professionals serving the lesbian and gay community of the New York metropolitan area.

We are committed to:

- working with lesbian and gay organizations and individuals to promote the achievement of equal rights for all people in our society;
- promoting the effective practice and professional expertise of lesbian and gay lawyers;
- stimulating sensitivity to legal issues particularly faced by lesbians and gay men;
- facilitating and improving the administration of justice and promoting legislative and administrative reforms to eliminate antigay discrimination by and under the law;
- encouraging governmental and legal appointments of those who oppose discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation;
- promoting solidarity among lesbians and gay men in the law.

Services and Activities for the Lesbian and Gay Community

- **Pro Bono Panel** provides representation to needy lesbians, gay men and organizations in various legal matters at no charge. Pro Bono representation of individuals and groups with respect to sexual orientation and HIV-related discrimination. Assistance to Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC).
- **Community Educational Forums** on topics of general legal interest.
- **Judicial Screening Panel--** participation in the review of nominees to city and state courts.
- **Review of Legislative Proposals** affecting the rights of lesbians and gay men.
- **Forums** to encourage lesbians and gay men to choose the legal profession.
- **Co-sponsorship of events** with other lesbian and gay organizations.

Services and Activities for the Lesbian and Gay Legal Community

- **Continuing Educational Programs** emphasizing lesbian and gay legal issues.
- **Monthly Social Events.** Our longest running tradition is the monthly Sunday evening social in members' homes.
- The **BAHR Report**, distributed to members, includes Association news, a calendar of events, announcements of job opportunities and a listing of contact numbers for Association activities.
- Encouragement to qualified members seeking appointments or election to judicial positions.
- Assistance and encouragement to law students.
- Annual Dinner and Public Servant and Public Service Awards.