

# A GAY AND LESBIAN USER GUIDE TO RHODE ISLAND:

*What you don't know can hurt you  
(and your clients)*



## CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

- Estate Planning
- So You're Married, Now What?
- Healthcare Navigation
- Hate Crimes/Anti-Discrimination Law
- Elder Care Law
- Formation of Families

FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 16, 2009  
1:00 – 5:30 P.M.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

**Gary Buseck**  
Legal Director,  
Gay & Lesbian  
Advocates  
& Defenders

*"Change is Here:  
the Prospects  
and Challenges  
for LGBT rights in  
Rhode Island,  
New England  
and the Nation"*

**1:00**

*Keynote Address:*

**CHANGE IS HERE:**

*The Prospects and Challenges for LGBT Rights in Rhode Island,  
New England and the Nation*

GARY BUSECK

*Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, Legal Director*

**2:00 – 3:15**

*Session 1 (Concurrent Session):*

**ESTATE PLANNING**

Room 262

BRIDGET MULLANEY

*Adler Pollock & Sheehan, PC*

A. LARRY BERREN

*The Berren Law Firm*

**SO YOU'RE MARRIED, NOW WHAT?**

Room 283

COURTNEY CAHILL

*RWU School of Law*

KATHY KUSHNIR

*Marriage Equality Rhode Island (MERI)*

KAREN LOEWY

*Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD)*

**HEALTHCARE NAVIGATION**

Room 276

MAUREEN GLYNN

*Department of Attorney General*

MARGUERITE McLAUGHLIN

*Quality Partners of Rhode Island*

**3:15 – 3:30**

*Break*

Second Floor Atrium

**3:30 – 4:45**

*Session 2 (Concurrent Session):*

**HATE CRIMES/ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW**

Room 283

LYNETTE LABINGER

*Roney & Labinger, LLP*

KAREN LOEWY

*Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD)*

DIANA HASSEL

*RWU School of Law*

**ELDER CARE LAW AND MEDICAID PLANNING**

Room 276

JAMES HARDY

*Hardy Tabor & Chudacoff*

PAUL BRULE

*Walsh, Brule & Associates*

**FORMATION OF FAMILIES**

Room 262

LISE IWON

*Laurence & Iwon*

SUSAN M. FINK

*Law Offices of Greenwood and Fink*

**4:45 – 5:30**

**RECEPTION AND INFORMATION FAIR**

*Meet members of Local and National LGBT Organizations*

Second Floor Atrium

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Lawyers for Equality and Diversity (LEAD) and the  
National LGBT Bar Association.*