

"To make sure anyone can find your documents, here's an old trick: put a copy of your important documents in a zipper bag in the freezer..."

— From "Tools for Protecting Your Health Care Wishes" in *Take the Power: Tools for Life and Financial Planning*

a COOL idea



In an emergency, there is no time to hunt for documents. A friend or relative may have to go to your home to get the documents because you are in need or helping a person in need. It's crucial to have all documents ready so the focus can be on the person who requires help. Lambda Legal created the Emergency Documents Pouch for that reason.

Sturdy enough to keep in the freezer (if you choose) and convenient for travel, the Lambda Legal Emergency Documents Pouch is the perfect place to store original copies of documents like your power of attorney or health care proxy and other emergency papers — it's the perfect complement to our *Take the Power* toolkit.

Request both the *Take the Power* toolkit and the Emergency Documents Pouch, free with a tax-deductible gift to Lambda Legal. Visit www.lambdalegal.org/takethepower to request the items — it's a cool idea!



In the News

"History should look kindly on the way Ronald George, the Republican chief justice of the California Supreme Court, strode past the bigotry, fear and blind adherence to tradition that have stood in the way of marriage equality."

San Francisco Chronicle editorial in response to the victorious marriage-equality case in California

MAY 16, 2008

"Doctors can choose their procedures but they cannot pick and choose between their patients."

Lambda Legal Senior Counsel Jennifer Pizer to Law.com after oral arguments in *Benitez v. North Coast Women's Care Medical Group*. Lambda Legal represented Guadalupe Benitez against her doctors who refused to do an insemination procedure because she is a lesbian.

MAY 29, 2008

"No matter their sexual orientation, New Yorkers should have the same fundamental right to marry. Governor Paterson has taken an important first step, but it is not enough."

New York Times editorial in response to Governor Paterson's directive to state agencies to respect out-of-state marriages for same-sex couples living in New York.

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