

Illinois Marriage Equality Speakers Bureau

Why join the Illinois Marriage Equality Speakers Bureau?

The purpose of Lambda Legal's "Illinois Marriage Equality Speakers' Bureau" is to engage and empower lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people and our friends, families and allies to voice their support for equal access to civil marriage for same-sex couples. Sharing our stories makes a significant difference in changing hearts and minds and encourages other fair-minded Illinoisans to be more vocal about their support for marriage equality. By joining the Speakers' Bureau, you will learn the skills you need to best tell your personal story and will be given the opportunity to speak out in local communities around Illinois.

Would I make a good speaker?

Whether you are in a committed same-sex partnership, have an LGBT child or other family member, have friends who cannot marry or simply support equality for all families, you have a story to tell. You don't have to be a legal expert, or commit to speak in front of a large group. This speakers' bureau will give you the skills to tell your story in whatever setting is comfortable for you.

How does it work?

- Fill out an Illinois Speakers' Bureau Questionnaire.
- Join us for a Training (in-person or by phone). This is a great opportunity to meet others who share your passion for marriage rights.
- Develop and practice telling your story in compelling ways with expert help.
- Speak out at a local town hall, to the media, or simply with the people you interact with day-to-day.
- Let Lambda Legal know how your story telling is going. We want to know what's working and what can be improved.

What next?

Great! We look forward to hearing from you.

- Return your completed Questionnaire, and we'll let you know about upcoming Storytelling Trainings.
- Participate in a training and raise your voice for marriage equality.
- Please contact Simon Aronoff, Midwest Community Educator, at saronoff@lambdalegal.org or by phone at 312.663.4413 ext.327 with any questions.

About Lambda Legal

Lambda Legal is a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work.