



**LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York (“LeGaL”)
Family & Matrimonial Law Section (“FMLS”)
Discussion Group Guidelines**

Welcome to the LeGaL FMLS online discussion group (the “group”)! The group was created to provide New York-based, LGBTQ-client-focused, family and matrimonial law practitioners (and practitioners whose work relates to these areas), a medium to seek guidance and support from colleagues as we navigate these dynamic and evolving areas of the law. The group is to be used for informational, educational and professional purposes.

To ensure the best experience for all members, we have created the following guidelines for participation:

- Please feel free to seek referrals. If responding to a request for a referral, please be sure to respond to the requestor individually.
- If you disagree with one another, please be civil. Disagreement can be productive and foster healthy discussion, but we want to be sure not to create contention.
- Do not post commercial advertisements.
- Do not use the group to invite the entire list to join your social network. You may invite individuals to join your network, but not the entire list.
- Use caution when discussing actual client matters; you cannot be sure if opposing counsel, or another interested party is also part of the group. There is no guarantee of confidentiality.
- Do not share another colleague’s content outside the group unless you have obtained the permission of the author.
- If you are a member of several discussion groups, please post messages or comments only to the most appropriate group or list. Do not spam several lists or groups with the same message.
- Include a signature tag on all messages, with your name, affiliation, location, and contact information.
- Clearly state the topic of your post in the subject line.
- Only send a message to the entire list when it contains information that everyone can benefit from. Please direct messages such as “thanks for the information” or “me, too” to individuals, not to the entire group.
- Please do not send administrative messages, such as “remove me from the list” to the entire group.
- Do not post any defamatory, abusive, profane, threatening, offensive, or illegal materials.
- Do not post any information or other material protected by copyright without the permission of the copyright owner.
- Do not post messages that encourage or facilitate members to arrive at any agreement that either expressly or impliedly leads to price fixing or other conduct intended to illegally restrict free trade.

Disclaimers:

- The group is a service to registered members of the FMLS.
- Neither LeGaL, nor the FMLS are responsible for the opinions and information posted in the group.
- The information posted in the group is not intended as legal advice and shall not be relied upon as such by any recipient. All names, parties, places, and fact patterns contained in any question, answer or comment are deemed to be hypothetical.
- We disclaim all warranties with regard to information posted in the group, whether posted by LeGaL and/or the FMLS or any other third party. This disclaimer includes all implied warranties of merchantability and fitness. In no event shall LeGaL and/or the FMLS be liable for any special, indirect, or consequential damages or any damages whatsoever resulting from loss of use, data, or profits, arising out of or in connection with the use or performance of any information posted in the group.
- LeGaL and the FMLS do not actively monitor the site for inappropriate postings and do not undertake editorial control of postings. However, in the event that any inappropriate posting is brought to the attention of LeGaL and/or the FMLS, we will take all appropriate action. We reserve the right to terminate access to any member who does not abide by these guidelines.