

AUGUST 2019



Dear Center Community,

We are extremely proud to announce that Mieke Failey, Esq., Director of Legal Services at the LGBTQ Center Long Beach, was named a 2019 Best LGBTQ+ Lawyer Under 40 by the National LGBT Bar Association. Each year, the LGBT Bar Association recognizes LGBTQ+ legal professionals (practicing lawyers, law professors, corporate counsel, members of the judiciary, politicians, etc.) under the age of 40 who have distinguished themselves in their field and have demonstrated a profound commitment to LGBTQ+ equality.

In April of 2018, the Center expanded direct legal services to LGBTQ victims of violent crime. Leading this expansion is Director of Legal Services, Mieke Failey, Esq., a national expert in LGBTQ domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and hate crime legal service provision and training. Failey launched the first-ever LGBTQ-inclusive formalized Legal Services Department at the Center. Prior to the inception of the Center's Legal Services Department, The Center utilized volunteer legal attorneys who provided pro bono assistance through legal clinics. For nearly 30 years, the legal clinics provided clients with referrals to LGBTQ informed attorneys. The Center's legal services department has steadily grown and yielded innovative legal programming such as Name and/or Gender Marker Legal Clinics, unavailable at any other local location in the greater Long Beach area. Since the formalized launch of the Legal Services Department, Legal Services has served more than 320 hundred community members with a wide range of legal needs, including more than 175 victims of crime.

Failey began working in the anti-violence field in 2007 and has served hundreds of LGBTQ survivors and trained thousands of service providers locally, across the state, and nationally, including as regular training faculty for the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Before joining the Center, Failey served as Supervising Attorney at the Los Angeles LGBT Center. During Law School, Failey interned with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California's LGBT Student Rights Project and The Center for Juvenile Law and Policy, advocating for those who were wrongfully convicted or unfairly sentenced as juveniles.

Please join us in congratulating Mieke Failey, Esq.! We look forward to her leadership as the Legal Services Department continues to expand and increase legal assistance to LGBTQ community members in the greater Long Beach area. For more information about the National LGBT Bar

In Solidarity,

Your Center

AUGUST EVENTS



Dr. Mimi's "Bi On Life" Series

Saturday, August 10th at 1-4:30PM

Saturday, August 24th at 1-4:30PM

The Center Long Beach

Back by popular demand and refreshed since its pilot run, "Bi on Life" is a one-of-a-kind self-empowerment series for bisexual, pansexual, fluid, queer, and other nonmonosexual (AKA "bi+") adults wanting to better understand their sexual identities and improve their self-confidence and self-advocacy.

For more information, please visit the [ticket](#) page.

QFILMS IS BACK SEPTEMBER 5-8TH!



The Center is pleased to bring back another year of the Long Beach LGBTQ Film Festival, QFilms. QFilms screens feature and short films that showcase the magnificent diversity of the LGBTQ community. The festival also includes Q&A sessions with filmmakers and actors, nightly parties, an all day lounge, and exclusive VIP filmmakers lounge for all access pass holders. Tickets are available now! Check out the amazing lineup of films and purchase tickets on the festival [website](#).

CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out on the Mountain

Friday, September 13th at 6:00PM-1:00AM
[Six Flags Magic Mountain](#)

It's time for the annual LGBTQ private party event at Six Flags Magic Mountain for our community and our friends/supporters. Enjoy thrill rides, performances from RuPaul's Drag Race stars Alaska and Ariel Versace, host Mariah Balenciaga from RuPaul's Drag Race, dance parties with DJs Ray Rhodes and SRO, performers, and lots more.



To purchase tickets, please visit The Center's [ticketing](#) page.

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