

Generations, Gender Identity & the Law

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While only 7.6% of Americans identify as LGBTQ+, that figure jumps to 22.3% for members of Generation Z – those born between 1997 and 2004 – according to Gallup poll results released in March 2024. Join this panel for a discussion about these generational differences and how the growing numbers of LGBTQ+ young people affect and are affected by the law.

Speakers will discuss:

- statistical information about the differences among generations with respect to people identifying as LGBTQ+
- LGBTQ+ issues that arise in family law and juvenile dependency law matters
- best practices for judges and attorneys to promote LGBTQ+ inclusivity in courtrooms
- how judges, attorneys, and clients are dealing with state laws nationwide that negatively impact LGBTQ+ families and individuals

SPEAKERS:



Jodi Cleesattle, Deputy Attorney General, California Department of Justice

Jodi Cleesattle is a Supervising Deputy Attorney General for the Employment Law Section of the California Department of Justice, overseeing a team of litigators and managing her own caseload of employment litigation, workplace and Title IX investigations, and other civil litigation. She previously was Senior Assistant Attorney General for the Tort and Condemnation Section. She has been a litigator for 30 years, beginning with a clerkship in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, then joining a Washington, D.C.-based national law firm, before joining the Attorney General's Office in 2007. Prior to her legal career, she was a newspaper reporter and magazine editor. Cleesattle is president of California Women Lawyers and co-president of the Tom Homann LGBTQ+ Law Association, in addition to being active in the National Association of Women Judges.

She was named the 2021 Ronald M. George Public Lawyer of the Year by the California Lawyers Association, and she received the 2014 Community Service Award from Lawyers Club of San Diego.

Cleesattle received her B.A. in Communications, *cum laude*, from American University in Washington, D.C., and received her J.D., *summa cum laude*, from American University's Washington College of Law.



Christy Mallory, Legal Director, Williams Institute

Christy Mallory, J.D., is the Renberg Senior Scholar and the Legal Director at the Williams Institute. Her work focuses on state and local laws and policies that impact LGBT people, including sexual orientation and gender identity non-discrimination protections, laws barring the use of the gay and trans panic defenses, conversion therapy bans, anti-bullying policies, and others. Mallory's work has been published in several media outlets, journals, and books including *When Mandates Work* (UC Press, 2013), the *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review*, the *LGBTQ Policy Journal* at the Harvard Kennedy School, and the *Albany Government Law Review*. She also serves as the director of the Williams Institute's annual moot court competition, the only national competition exclusively focused on LGBT law. Mallory received her J.D. from the UCLA School of Law and her B.A. from the University of Arizona.



Kathie Moehlig, Executive Director, TransFamily Support Services

For over 30 years, Kathie Moehlig has been a public speaker, workshop presenter, nonprofit development professional, and support group leader. She is a certified life coach, an ordained minister, and a certified parenting instructor. She utilized her professional talents to advocate for her transgender son during his transition and helped to navigate his journey within the healthcare system. As a result of her own family's experience, she committed herself to helping other families navigate successfully. In 2015, Moehlig founded TransFamily Support Services, a nonprofit organization in San Diego serving transgender and gender nonconforming youth and their families.

Through her work with TransFamily Support Services, Moehlig provides individual and family coaching to facilitate acceptance and support, assists with healthcare and insurance issues, helps families navigate the legal system, and advocates for resources and support at schools for transgender and gender nonconforming youth and their families. Additionally, she provides workshops and training programs for faculty and staff in schools covering subjects such as LGBTQ+ awareness, vocabulary use, understanding and implementing state and federal laws, and how to adopt best practices.

Moehlig tirelessly advocates for transgender acceptance in the social, medical, educational, media, and legal communities. She serves as a board member of PFLAG, GLSEN, and Camp Laurel. She is also a San Diego Trevor Ambassador. Moehlig collaborates with the North County LGBT Center, the LGBT Center in Hillcrest, and many other organizations nationwide that serve transgender youth.



Julie Wolff, Certified Child Welfare Legal Specialist and Attorney, Minella Law Group

Julie O. Wolff is a Certified Child Welfare Legal Specialist and an attorney at Minella Law Group in San Diego. She began her legal career as a juvenile dependency attorney representing parents in child welfare hearings in one of the state-contracted firms. In that position, Wolff was in court an average of four days per week. She successfully completed numerous trials, including cross-examining expert witnesses on child abuse and substance

abuse.

As a private attorney, Wolff now has a manageable caseload and is able to assist parents, relatives, and foster families in child welfare cases. She vigorously advocates for victims of domestic violence and fiercely defends those falsely accused of violence. Her practice areas include all aspects of family law, including assisted reproduction (sperm donation, egg donation and surrogacy).

Wolff is currently on the board of the Tom Homann LGBTQ+ Law Association. She spent several years as a co-chair of the LGBTQ+ Committee of Lawyers Club of San Diego, before serving on the Lawyers Club board of directors from 2018 to 2022.

She received her B.A. from University of California, Santa Barbara, her J.D. from California Western School of Law, and an LL.M. in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University School of Law.