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# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LGBT JUDGES

**May 27, 2016 Update**

Hello Everyone,

The unofficial beginning of summer is a strong hint that it is important that we get things in place for getting together in August for our Annual Meeting and related activities. That is where this Update begins. I hope that it assists you in scheduling your travel to the District of Columbia.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larnzell".



## SAVE THE DATES: OUR AUGUST IN WASHINGTON



Scheduling of events for our gathering in August has progressed to the inclusion of the following activities:

**Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – 5:00 to 7:00 PM, **Welcoming Reception at the Historical Stewart R. Mott House**, pictured at the left. It is on the side of the Supreme Court Building within 100 feet of the vehicles shown in the photo on the right.

**Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** – 3:00 to 4:00 PM (gather at 2:30 PM), **Private Tour of the Supreme Court Building conducted by the Supreme Court Historical Society**

**Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** – 12:15 to 2:30 PM, the **Annual Meeting**, Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown, 999 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW

**Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** – the **Annual Dinner**, exact time and location to be announced as soon as arranged

**Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** – Event **Under Construction**

Special “thanks” is given to our Vice President, Judge Daniel J. Anders (PA), for tapping personal connections to make use of the Stewart R. Mott House and Tour of the Supreme Court Building part of August for us. Information about the Stewart R. Mott House and Foundation, including photos of the Conference Room and Patio, can be found [here](#).



### **PROGRAM AND PANEL PARTICIPATION**

Remember to directly contact Judge D. Zeke Zeidler(CA) at [zzeidler@lacourt.org](mailto:zzeidler@lacourt.org) if you have an interest in serving as a panelist or moderator for any of the programs identified in the May 16<sup>th</sup> message with the subject “Lavender Law Program Participation Opportunities”. The exception is *Pathways to the Judiciary*; interest in that program should be communicated to our President, Judge Victoria S. Kolakowski (CA), at [vkolakowski@alameda.courts.ca.gov](mailto:vkolakowski@alameda.courts.ca.gov). Let me know if you need me to resend the May 16<sup>th</sup> message.



**JUSTICE MARSHA G. SLOUGH  
CALIFORNIA’S FOURTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS’ FIRST OPENLY GAY MEMBER**

Thank you Judge Zeidler for bringing to our attention that this past December 23rd, California Governor Jerry Brown appointed then-Presiding Judge Marsha G. Slough to California’s Fourth District Court of Appeals. Her appointment was affirmed February 22nd.

Coverage of Associate Justice Slough’s appointment included that of the [San Bernardino Sun on the date of the appointment](#):

Gov. Jerry Brown announced Wednesday the appointment of San Bernardino County Presiding Judge Marsha G. Slough to the Fourth District Court of Appeal in Riverside. She will be the first openly gay justice in the history of the Fourth District Court of Appeal, if confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments.

Slough, 57, of Redlands, has been presiding judge of San Bernardino County since 2012 and has served as a Superior Court judge in the county since 2003.

After a dozen years as a San Bernardino Superior Court judge, Slough said she is ready to take her career to the next level.

“I was very excited to receive the call from the Governor’s office,” Slough said Wednesday. “To say that I was deeply honored seems like such an understatement to the level of excitement and honor I truly feel.”

As to making history being the first openly gay judge appointed to serve on the Fourth District Court of Appeal?

“One of the things I have truly appreciated about Governor Brown is the importance he places on the issue of diversity, regardless of what the diverse nature is,” said Slough. “It’s important to reflect that the bench is a reflection of the people we are charged to serve.”

The Fourth District Court of Appeal reviews and rules on appeals from six Southern California counties: San Bernardino, Riverside, San Diego, Orange, Imperial and Inyo. It is divided into three divisions, with the second division located in Riverside and handling appeals from San Bernardino, Riverside and Inyo counties.

Prior to her appointment as a judge, Slough was an associate at the law office of Welebir and McCune in Redlands and a partner at Raynes and Slough, also in Redlands, in 2002 and 2003. She also was a partner at the law firms of Foster, Driscoll and Reynolds in Riverside and Markman, Arczynski, Hanson, Curley and Slough in Brea.

Slough, who earned her Juris Doctor degree from Whittier Law School and her bachelor’s degree from Ottawa University, will succeed retired Justice Betty A. Richli on the Fourth District Court of Appeal if confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments, whose members include state Attorney General Kamala Harris, Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye, and Fourth District Court of Appeal Senior Presiding Justice Manuel A. Ramirez.

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Slough said it should take between 30 and 60 days for the Commission on Judicial Appointments to confirm her place as a justice on the appellate court.

“If all goes well with that, I look forward to start getting busy,” Slough said.

Congratulations, Justice Slough!



### MASTER OF THE ROLLS

In the words of Justice Michael R. Sonberg (NY), “Who knew?” Courtesy of Justice Sonberg, the [following](#) is now known.

### Britain's first openly gay judge becomes master of the rolls

Promotion makes Sir Terence Etherton head of civil judiciary and second most senior judge in England and Wales



Sir Terence Etherton, Britain's first openly gay senior judge, has been appointed master of the rolls, making him head of the civil judiciary in England and Wales.

The 64-year-old lawyer's promotion was confirmed by an announcement from Downing Street on Thursday morning.

Etherton, who has been on the court of appeal and is currently chancellor of the high court, was a member of the British Olympic fencing team for sabre in 1980.

He will be the second most senior judge in England and Wales, outranked only by the lord chief justice, [Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd](#), and will receive a salary of around £220,000.

Educated at St Paul's school in west London and Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, Etherton has been a judge since 2001 and was the first to become so while publicly declaring his sexuality.

He entered a civil partnership in 2006 with Andrew Stone, which was then converted to a marriage in 2014 in a traditional Jewish wedding ceremony at West London Synagogue.

On joining the appeal court in 2008, Etherton said: "My appointment also shows that diversity in sexuality is not a bar to preferment up to the highest levels of the judiciary."

Etherton, who takes up the post in October, succeeds [Lord Dyson, who has been master of the rolls since 2012](#).

Thomas said: "I am delighted to congratulate Sir Terence Etherton on his appointment as master of the rolls. Following his excellent work as chancellor over the last three years, I look forward to continuing to work with him closely in the major reform of our system of justice."

With highest regards, we salute Sir Terence Etherton!



## **LAVENDER LAW REGISTRATION OPEN**

As you are aware, our members are not required to register for Lavender Law to participate in activities of our Association. However, only those persons registered for Lavender Law are permitted to attend programs and events of the National LGBT Bar Association. Explore more [the the official site for Lavender Law 2016](#).



## **MEMBERSHIP**

Please remember to update your membership and pay your dues for this calendar year. The application will be provided on request. It is also available [online](#).

Be sure to share information regarding the Association and membership with others who are eligible for membership. Even if an individual is not inclined to presently join, I will be glad to include her or him as a recipient of our updates.