



Queer Law on the Internet

This is a brief list of resources on the Internet dealing with queer law issues.

The quality of information on the Internet varies enormously and, unfortunately, it is often very US-centric. However, if you find a good discussion list it can be invaluable. It's worth subscribing to a range of lists until you find out whether any are going to be useful.

There are many texts providing guidance on how to utilise discussion lists, so this summary assumes a degree of familiarity with 'surfing' techniques.

Discussion lists involve interested individuals sending a 'subscription' e-mail (either to a computer or a person) asking to be added to the list of people who will be sent the list's e-mail. This e-mail may be made up of discussion about the list's topic generated by members of the list, or particular information may be disseminated, such as a newsletter.

Discussion groups

QUEERLAW@abacus.oxy.edu

List for discussion, analysis and promulgation of queer legal theory and all other aspects of sexual orientation and the law; for law professors, students, and others interested in how the law affects, and is affected by, sexual minorities — lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgendered folks, etc.

- Send the following message to **majordomo@abacus.oxy.edu** subscribe queerlaw

[Related info via blank e-mail message to info@qrd.org and at <http://www.qrd.org/QRD/>]

GAYLAW

The National Journal of Sexual Orientation Law; electronic journal devoted to legal issues affecting lesbians, gay men and bisexuals.

- Send the following message to **listserv@unc.edu** subscribe gaylaw <Your Name>

[Archived at <http://sunsite.unc.edu/gaylaw/>]

QUEERPLANET@abacus.oxy.edu

List devoted to organising and networking among international lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/etc communities, including improving non-discrimination

on the basis of sexual orientation worldwide; discussion of immigration, AIDS, etc.; interaction between international queer organisations such as ILGA.

- Send the following message to **majordomo@abacus.oxy.edu** subscribe queerplanet

[Related info at <http://www.qrd.org/QRD/world/>]

QI@abacus.oxy.edu

Queer immigration; mailing list to facilitate discussion of the effect of immigration policy on gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered people and their allies.

- Send the following message to **majordomo@abacus.oxy.edu** subscribe qi

MARRIAGE@abacus.oxy.edu

Equal marriage rights for same-sex couples (gay and lesbian); list for news and information on the status of the *Baehr* lawsuit in Hawaii; to discuss tactics and strategies to get same-sex marriage laws implemented; not for debate of whether or not 'gay marriage' is a good idea.

- Send the following message to **majordomo@abacus.oxy.edu** subscribe marriage

IGLHRC@igc.apc.org

International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission list.

- Send the following message to **IGLHRC@igc.apc.org** subscribe IGLHRC <Your Name>

UK-MOTSS@pyra.co.uk

UK-based forum for discussions of political and social issues related to gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

- Send the following message to **uk-motss-request@pyra.co.uk** or **uk-motss-request@dircon.co.uk** subscribe uk-motss <Your Name>

GLB-NEWS@brownvm.brown.edu

Information repository for news of interest to GLB folk; gay, lesbian, bisexual news.

- Send the following message to **listserv@brownvm.brown.edu** or **listserv@brownvm.bitnet** subscribe GLB-news <Your Name>
- **KM**

Legalities

by Graham Wheeler for the NSW Council of Social Services; Redfern Legal Centre Publishing; 1994; 164 pp.

Legalities will be a welcome relief for anyone who has attempted to muddle through the trauma of managing a community organisation. The book covers those difficult questions that have probably been the subject of hours of debate and denial in all voluntary groups. It looks at the pros and cons of incorporation and various other variations on that theme. Legal obligations of organisations are discussed in simple language, and helpful advice on dealing with money, insurance matters, trading and employing is given. The book is based on NSW legislation, but the discussion will be beneficial to other jurisdictions. I would go so far as to say that it is essential reading. • **SL**

Towards an Australian Bill of Rights

produced by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and the Centre for International and Public Law; 1994; 383 pp; \$19.95.

Towards an Australian Bill of Rights is a collection of essays by prominent international and human rights lawyers. Although published a year ago, this collection remains topical and is an informative source of current debate surrounding the republicanism issue. The contributors, including Elizabeth Evatt, Gareth Evans, Hilary Charlesworth, Sir Gerard Brennan and Jenny Morgan, have succeeded in presenting a wide array of perspectives in an easily read format.

If you want to impress your friends, this is a great book to read before going to a dinner party. • **SL**

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