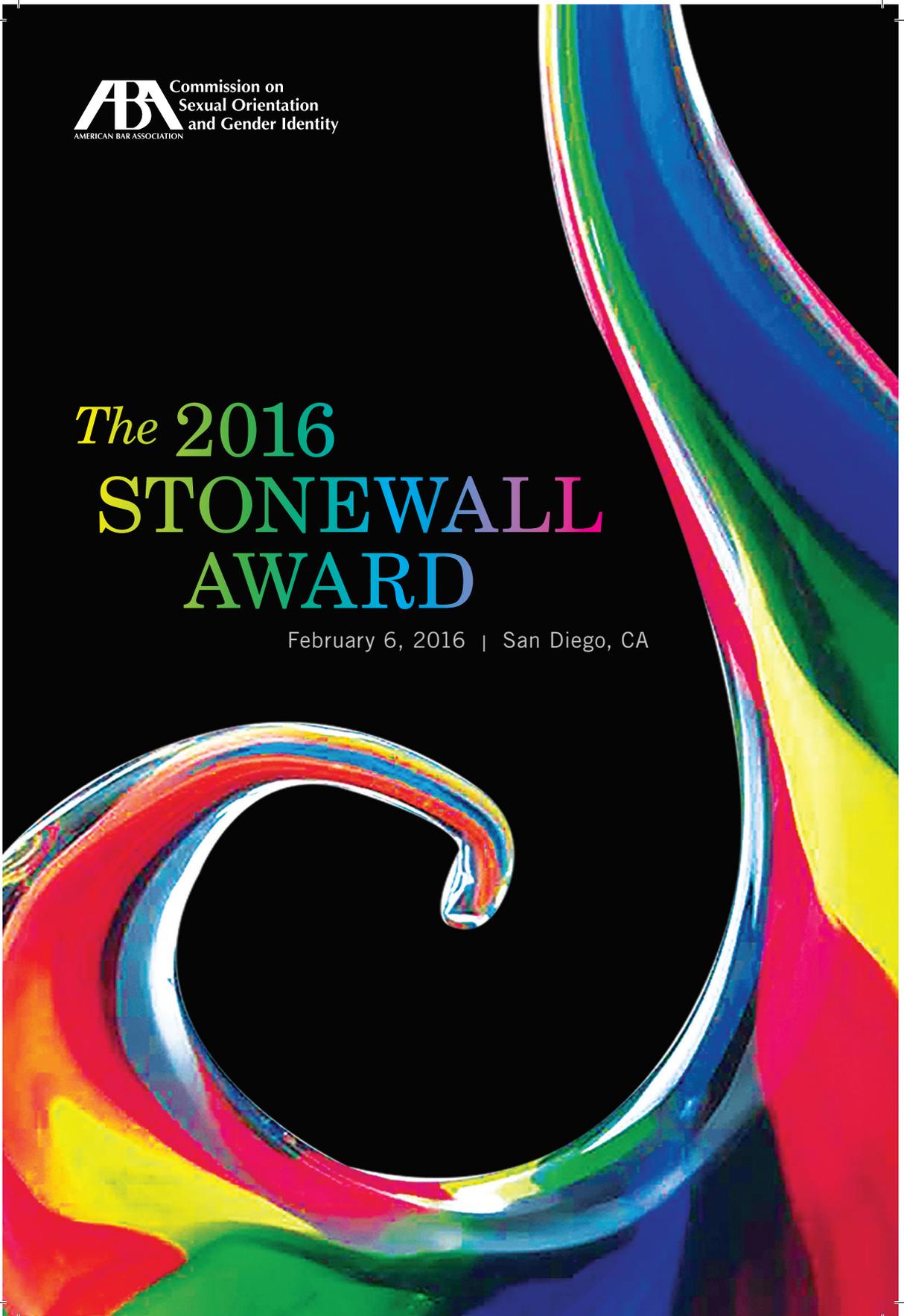


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The 2016
STONEWALL
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The Stonewall Award recognizes lawyers, members of the judiciary and legal academia who have effected real change to remove barriers on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in the legal profession, the world, state, state/or locale. The Stonewall Award also recognizes those who have championed diversity for the LGBT community both within the legal profession and impacting the greater human universe.

AWARD HONOREES



Thomas Fitzpatrick

The first openly gay person to be elected to the ABA Board of Governors, Seattle lawyer Thomas Fitzpatrick worked to make the ABA a more inclusive and supportive place for LGBT people, including working to expand the association's diversity goal to include sexual orientation and gender identity and to create the Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.



Abby Rubenfeld

Abby Rubenfeld has a general law practice in Nashville with an emphasis on family law, sexual orientation and AIDS-related issues, and currently serves on the board of directors of the ACLU of Tennessee. She served on the board of directors of the Human Rights Campaign for seven years. She is a past recipient of the Bill of Rights Award from the ACLU of Tennessee, and the Dan Bradley Award from the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association.



Evan Wolfson

Long-time gay and lesbian civil rights leader Evan Wolfson lives in New York City, where he launched Freedom to Marry, the campaign to win marriage nationwide, in 2003. Wolfson now serves as Freedom to Marry's President. Prior to Freedom to Marry, Evan worked full-time at Lambda Legal, arguing some of the early landmark same-sex marriage cases.

ABA COMMISSION ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY

The American Bar Association Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI), as one of the four ABA Goal III Entities, leads the Association's commitment to diversity, inclusion and full and equal participation by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons in the Association, the legal profession and society. Created in 2007, the SOGI Commission seeks to secure equal treatment in the American Bar Association, the legal profession, and the justice system without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity.

With nearly 400,000 members, the American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. As the national voice of the legal profession, the ABA works to improve the administration of justice, promotes programs that assist lawyers and judges in their work, accredits law schools, provides continuing legal education, and works to build public understanding around the world of the importance of the rule of law.