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The Dean's Office and OUTlaw Invite You To:

**Making a Career Working for LGBTQ+ Rights:
An Alumni Panel**

**February 23 at 4 p.m.
Jacob Burns Moot Court Room**

Dean Melanie Leslie '91 will moderate a panel of distinguished alumni who will speak about their experiences working to advance LGBTQ+ rights in the legal world. They will discuss cases and projects they have worked on, how recent high-profile legislation targeting the LGBTQ+ community has impacted their work and provide advice for law students who want to enter the field.



Taylor Brown '17



Jason Starr '10



Debra Guston '88



Nina Frank '11



Ryan Nelson '11

Panelists:

- **Taylor Brown '17** is a Staff Attorney in the ACLU's LGBTQ & HIV Project. Through litigation, community engagement and policy advocacy, Brown works to protect and expand the civil rights and liberties of all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people as well as all people living with HIV. Prior to joining the ACLU, Brown worked at Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund as a Garner Fellow and, one year into her fellowship, was asked to join Lambda as a Staff Attorney, the first time in the history of the fellowship and marking Brown as the first black trans attorney hired at Lambda.
- **Jason Starr '10** has over 15 years of experience as an attorney, educator and strategist in the fight for human rights. He is the former and founding Director of Impact Litigation and current Senior Strategist at the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the nation's largest LGBTQ+ civil rights membership organization.
- **Debra Guston '88** is a partner at Guston & Guston, LLP and a Visiting Lecturer at Rutgers School of Law with expertise on topics of adoption, assisted reproduction and LGBT issues. She is a Past President of the Board of Trustees of ACLU-NJ (2015-2018) and a current Trustee and the current Chair of the Bergen County LGBTQ Advisory Committee.
- **Nina Frank '11** is Counsel at Outten & Golden LLP in New York, where she represents individual employees in litigation and negotiation in all areas of employment law. Frank is a member of the Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Practice Group and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer (LGBTQ) Workplace Rights Practice Group.
- **Ryan Nelson '11** is an Assistant Professor of Law at South Texas College of Law in Houston. His areas of expertise include Civil Procedure, Employment Law and Discrimination, and LGBTQ+ Legal Issues, and his research focuses on leveraging

the civil litigation and other dispute resolution systems to advance the rights of poor and other marginalized workers.