



September 11, 2017

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.  
c/o Judicial Appointments Unit  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Mr. Joshua Groban  
Office of the Governor  
Judicial Appointments Unit  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown and Mr. Groban:

This letter is being sent on behalf of the following California LGBT Bar Associations: Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF), LGBT Bar Association of Los Angeles, SacLEGAL (Sacramento's LGBT Bar Association), the Tom Homann LGBT Law Association of San Diego, and the LGBTQI Law Section of the Sonoma County Bar Association.

A diverse judicial branch is one comprised of judges from each diverse category of persons, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons. We understand that Justice Kathryn Mickle Werdegar announced her intention to retire earlier this year. We suggest the Governor consider appointing highly-qualified LGBT candidates such as the following:

1. Justice James M. Humes,
2. Justice Therese M. Stewart,
3. Justice Luis A. Lavin,
4. Justice Marsha G. Slough, and
5. Bobbie J. Wilson (Perkins Coie).

We recognize that other extraordinary LGBT candidates also exist, and propose the foregoing as a non-exhaustive list. We would like the opportunity discuss these potential candidates with you, whether in person, or by phone. Please contact Peter Catalanotti, Co-Chair of BALIF, to arrange a meeting: 415.260.1464. We look forward to working with you.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/  
Peter C. Catalanotti, Co-Chair, BALIF

/s/  
Ken Sanchez, Co-President, LGBT Bar Association of Los Angeles

/s/  
Pam Jones, Co-Chair, SacLEGAL

/s/  
Nicholas J. Fox and Ellen L. Smith, Co-Presidents, Tom Homann LGBT Law Association

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Kinna P. Crocker, Chair, LGBTQI Law Section of the Sonoma County Bar Association

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SACRAMENTO'S LGBT BAR ASSOCIATION



**TOM HOMANN LGBT**  
LAW ASSOCIATION

**BALIF**  
AN LGBT BAR ASSOCIATION

LGBTQI Law Section



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