



Sexual Orientation and the Law:

A Research Bibliography of Legal Literature
Discussing Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, and Bisexual Persons,
Their Rights and Their Families

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Sember, Brette McWhorter, *Gay & Lesbian Medical Rights: How to Protect Yourself, Your Partner, and Your Family*. Franklin Lakes, NJ : Career Press. (2006).

This is targeted to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people who want answers to questions about how to deal with difficult life and death situations in light of their sexual orientation. Topics covered include: discrimination, informed consent, mental health care, same-sex unions and medical rights, health-care directives, insurance, HIV, hospital visitation, terminal illness, family and medical leave, children, LGBT elderly, and post-life issues such as funerals, estate planning, bereavement leave, and collection of benefits. The book includes a selected bibliography of LGBT resources for health, finance, and family planning. The book also includes a list of organizations that provide assistance to LGBT individuals and families, as well as an index.

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Sember, Brette McWhorter, . *GAY & LESBIAN RIGHTS: A GUIDE FOR GLBT SINGLES, COUPLES AND FAMILIES*. Naperville, IL: Sphinx Pub., 2d ed. (2006).

Targeting the layperson in need, this useful volume includes a wide variety of information helpful for the evolving circumstances of the GLBT person and family. In addition to treating the issues one would expect of such a handbook (e.g., parenting, insurance, and financial topics), specialized chapters discuss "Name and Gender Changes" and—a real sign of the times—"Ending a Domestic Partnership." One appendix provides answers to the frequently asked questions about the rights and benefits granted in the eight states that today legally recognize same-sex relationships, while another compiles by subject a reasonably extensive list of resources available to the community. The author maintains a website—[www.BretteSember.com](#)—which lists others of her titles that may also be of interest to the GLBT reader, including *The Complete Gay Divorce*.

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