



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Resource Page: After 'I Do,' What's Next for LGBT New Yorkers?

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On August 16th, Senator Squadron and his colleagues hosted a symposium titled "After 'I Do': What's Next for LGBT New Yorkers?" Even after the historic marriage equality vote, LGBT New Yorkers still face a number of challenges after they're married -- including DOMA, GENDA, interstate travel and relocation, adoption, social security, and health benefits. This page features a number of resources from our panelists on remaining post-marriage obstacles, as well as the broader challenges to true equality for all. [Click here \(or scroll down\) for video of the symposium.](#)

The panel discussion featured Ross Levi of the Empire State Pride Agenda, Tom Ude of Lambda Legal, Melissa Goodman of the New York Civil Liberties Union, Everett Lo of the Social Security Administration, and special guests US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, New York Deputy Secretary for Civil Rights Alphonso David, the Senate sponsor of marriage equality State Senator Tom Duane, New York City Comptroller John Liu, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer and many others.

The event was sponsored by Borough of Manhattan Community College and co-sponsored by Congressmembers Carolyn Maloney, Jerrold Nadler & Nydia Velázquez, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, Assemblymembers Deborah J. Glick, Brian Kavanagh, Joseph R. Lentol & Joan Millman, Councilmembers Margaret Chin, Brad Lander, Stephen Levin, & Rosie Mendez, and the Senate sponsor of marriage equality State Senator Tom Duane.

RESOURCES

From the Social Security Administration:

Social Security Numbers:

[Evidence of Name Change Based on a US Same-Sex Marriage](#)

[Evidence Required to Process a Name Change on the SSN Based on Marriage, Civil Union or Domestic Partnership](#)

Benefits:

[Determining Marital Status](#)

Medicare:

Description of Terms Used in the Special Enrollment Period and Premium Surcharge
Rollback Provisions

From NYCLU:

Know Your Rights: Frequently Asked Questions About New York's Marriage Equality Act

From Lambda Legal:

Marriage Equality for Same-Sex Couples in New York: Frequently Asked Questions

Will Marriage Help Us Get Spousal Health Insurance?

Tax Considerations for Same-Sex Couples

Status of Same-Sex Relationships Nationwide

Lesbian and Gay Inequality Under American Law: A National and State-by-State Snapshot

The Respect for Marriage Act

From Empire State Pride Agenda:

The Need for Domestic Partnership Benefits in Post-Marriage New York

The Need for Union Domestic Partnership Benefits in Post-Marriage New York

A Blueprint for Meeting LGBT Health and Human Services Needs in New York State

Marriage Equality Toolkit & Wedding Registry

Campaign for Transgender Equality and Justice

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