Online Resources for LGBTQ Legal Needs

Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys  
https://adoptionart.org/find-an-attorney/  Provides information about finding an experienced attorney to help with adoption and assisted reproduction issues

Houston Volunteer Lawyers  https://www.makejusticehappen.org/transgender  
Offers regular clinics to assist individuals with gender marker and name changes

Human Rights Campaign  https://www.hrc.org/  
Promotes and advocates for LGBT equality; Includes state maps of laws and policies

Lambda Legal  https://www.lambdalegal.org/states-regions/texas  
Addresses workplace issues, HIV and healthcare, parenting, public accommodations, relationships, and schools; Accepts questions online via its Legal Help Desk

LGBT Bar  https://lgbtbar.org/  Serves as an official affiliate of the American Bar Association; Facilitates professional development for ABA members and promotes the advancement of LGBT rights under the law

Provides a public directory of family attorneys to assist with LGBTQ family law issues

Provides guidance for navigating laws that affect LGBTQ parents; Includes links to information on the legal issues surrounding surrogacy, adoption, and parenting partnerships
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**Movement Advancement Project** [http://www.lgbtmap.org/](http://www.lgbtmap.org/)
Explores national and state issues affecting the LGBT community, including relationship and parental recognition, religious exemption laws, and healthcare rights; Includes PDF guides in English and Spanish on criminal justice, nondiscrimination, and LGBT equality

**National Center for Lesbian Rights** [http://www.nclrights.org/](http://www.nclrights.org/)
Offers a legal help line and resources dealing with family and relationships, parenting, and marriage, as well as resources for LGBTQ youth

**National Center for Transgender Equality** [https://transequality.org/](https://transequality.org/)
Publishes a list of organizations throughout the country that provide legal services to trans people; Includes an ID Documents Center with information about updating one’s name and gender on state and federal IDs

Promotes and advocates for sensitivity to legal issues faced by the LGBT community and those living with HIV; Represents the LGBT contingent of the greater Houston legal community

**Texas RioGrande Legal Aid** [https://www.trla.org/individual-rights?rq=gender#lgbtq](https://www.trla.org/individual-rights?rq=gender#lgbtq)
Supports the LGBTQ community in obtaining equal rights and in fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; Provides assistance to qualified individuals for name and/or gender marker changes

Provides reliable and authoritative information about gender marker changes, fair housing, hospital visitation, and domestic violence

**Travis County Law Library** [https://lawlibrary.traviscountytx.gov/#infoForms](https://lawlibrary.traviscountytx.gov/#infoForms)
Provides information and forms for changing one’s name and/or gender identifier

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For assistance with legal questions regarding gender marker changes, name changes, divorces with or without children, or adoption, please visit the Harris County Law Library at 1019 Congress, 1st Floor, Houston, TX 77002, or call the Law Library at 713-755-5183.