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The Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago (LAGBAC), one of the country's premiere specialty bars serving the LGBTIQ and Allies community in Chicagoland, has been recognized as a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) provider by the MCLE Board of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

CHICAGO – October 31, 2012 – The MCLE Board of the Supreme Court of Illinois has today recognized the Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago (LAGBAC) as a CLE provider.

LAGBAC has a long tradition of sponsoring legal education series, both for the legal profession and the community at large, including *ad hoc* events and a previous legal education series in collaboration with Howard Brown Health Center.

Over time, LAGBAC's education programming has evolved to more fully serve its membership, and in late 2010, the bar organization presented its first legal education seminar offering CLE credit, "LGBT Civil Rights in the Obama Justice Department" which was presented by Matt Nosanchuk, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Nick Furtwangler and Mario Sullivan, co-chairs of the Programming and Events Committee, continue to develop CLE programming, which includes 11 events to date that LAGBAC has sponsored or co-sponsored.

Reacting to the news of LAGBAC's recognition as a CLE provider for Illinois, Mr. Furtwangler said, "This is just one more indication of the great strides LAGBAC has taken in recent years to become a more respected and active leader in the Chicago legal community. Thank you to all who have helped with CLE courses in the past. We look forward to many more great events in the future."

John Litchfield, President, noted, "Nick and Mario have worked very hard on behalf of LAGBAC to bring quality CLE events that often emphasize the special legal needs of the



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LGBTIQ community. We are proud of their work, and we are proud to have been recognized as a CLE provider.”

LAGBAC is currently planning additional CLE events for 2013, including an event on March 15, 2013 for 3 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour of the coveted professional responsibility CLE credit. Topics to include general litigation strategies and issues surrounding workman’s compensation.

*About LAGBAC:* LAGBAC has been serving its members for over 25 years by providing outstanding opportunities to network with other LGBTIQ members of the Chicago legal community at events, such as Meet the Bar and Lawyers for Diversity; earn CLE credit at LAGBAC-sponsored CLE seminars; and stay engaged in the LGBTIQ legal community. Law student members in addition also benefit from the potential for scholarships through LAGBAC’s sister organization, the LAGBAC Foundation.