



NATIONAL CENTER FOR LESBIAN RIGHTS

## 2020 NCLR Kate Kendell Commitment to Justice Award

*Application Deadline April 17, 2020*

“Kate Kendell’s charisma, passion and vision have resulted in NCLR becoming one of the most creative and effective advocacy organizations in this country. Every LGBTQ person has benefitted because of her incredible leadership,” said Donna Hitchens, the retired San Francisco Superior Court judge who founded NCLR in 1977.

**Purpose.** The National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) established the Kate Kendell Commitment to Justice Award to recognize LGBTQ persons making significant contributions to their communities and to support and encourage a law student or law school graduate who is preparing to take the July 2020 California Bar Exam.

**Eligibility.** Individuals eligible to receive the NCLR Kate Kendell Commitment to Justice Award must: (1) demonstrate a dedicated interest in LGBTQ rights; (2) satisfy the legal education requirements to apply to the California State Bar in advance of the July 2020 California Bar Exam; (3) have already applied to take the July 2020 California Bar Exam; (4) be committed to a legal career in LGBTQ rights and/or social justice; and (5) be available to attend the NCLR Anniversary Celebration in San Francisco, California on May 30, 2020.

**Funding.** A \$5,000 stipend will be awarded at the NCLR Anniversary Celebration set for 5 p.m. Saturday, May 30, 2020, at the Marriott Marquis in the San Francisco. The awardee will receive two complimentary tickets to attend the Anniversary Celebration. The deadline for application submission is 11:59 p.m. PDT on Friday, April 17, 2020. The awardee will be notified on or before April 27, 2020.

**Application.** Please send in a single email: (1) the latest version of your resume including your best telephone and email contact information; (2) a one-page personal statement (limited to no more than 600 words) describing how you have demonstrated a commitment to LGBTQ rights and/or social justice and how you plan to use your legal career to advance those causes; (3) the attached Statement of Certification and Release Form complete, signed and dated; and (4) a recent photograph suitable for publication.

Individuals interested in applying should email their application material to [mpaez@medinaorthwein.com](mailto:mpaez@medinaorthwein.com) by **11:59 p.m. PDT on April 17, 2020**. All application materials must be submitted at one time.

The NCLR Board reviews applications. Finalists may be invited to participate in a telephone interview.



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## Statement of Certification and Release Form

**National Center for Lesbian Rights**  
**870 Market Street, Suite 370**  
**San Francisco, CA 94102**

### **National Center for Lesbian Rights Kate Kendell Commitment to Justice Award**

I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information submitted in my application is complete and accurate and that I satisfy the eligibility terms for the Kate Kendell Commitment to Justice Award. I understand that providing false, misleading, or incomplete information will be the basis for denial or revocation of award funds.

I confirm that that I have applied for the National Center for Lesbian Rights Kate Kendell Commitment to Justice Award. As consideration for such award, I hereby grant NCLR the right to use in all media, my name and voice, and, if selected, my photograph, biography and excerpts from my application, in connection with the Kate Kendell Commitment to Justice Award and publicity about Award.

If the foregoing terms are satisfactory, please sign, and date this agreement below and return it with your application. Execution of this Agreement does not obligate NCLR to select me as an award recipient, nor to publish my information or other materials.

I hereby consent to the use of information about myself and my application, as stated and described herein, and agree with the provisions of this release form:

Signature:

Date:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number: