

# Transgender 101 – Legal Resources



## [Six Tips On Effectively Representing Trans and Non-Binary Clients](#)

Article written by Connor Barusch (he/they) who is a public defender in Massachusetts and describes themselves as a visibly trans person interacting with court systems every day for almost a decade. Connor has facilitated courses through the National Association of Public Defenders to work with other public defenders, social workers, investigators, paralegals or anyone in a public defender office to educate and provide skills on how to work with transgender or non-binary clients

## [Practice Tips for Working with Transgender Clients](#)

Article written by Kylar W. Broadus and posted on the American Bar Association (ABA). ABA was founded in 1878 and since has been advancing the rule of law across the United States by providing resources for legal professionals. Kylar is a Black trans man who has been a leader in the movement as an attorney working with transgender clients for more than 20 years. The article describes steps to take when representing trans clients in the courtroom and ways to make trans clients feel comfortable and affirmed during your interactions together and in courtroom settings.

## [OTI – Transgender Legal Services](#)

A list of organizations and services that specifically provide legal help for transgender and gender nonconforming youth and adults in the San Francisco Bay Area. Some of the resources include organizations that specialize in assisting trans people leaving jails and prisons, support for LGBTQ+ immigrants, and legal expertise on how to represent/serve trans people.

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## [Supporting Transgender Children and Youth Involved in the Court System](#)

Created by Capacity Building Center for States (part of the Children’s Bureau to help agencies build their capacities to improve child welfare practice and achieve safety, permanency, and well-being for children, youth, and families), this resource provides information on preparing trans children and youth for courtroom settings. This also includes ways to support trans children and youth in the courtroom and tips on using names and pronouns, disclosing gender identity if relevant, creating a supportive courtroom atmosphere, and discussing how gender identity and expression may impact a case.

## [Jury Selection and Anti-LGBT Bias](#)

Created by Lambda Legal and Greater Hartford Legal Aid, this guide is intended to assist practitioners in addressing bias during jury selection, conduct LGBTQ+ inclusive witness examination, and challenge the discriminatory use of peremptory strike (used in the past to discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender identity, etc.).

## [Tips for Legal Advocates Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Clients](#)

This tip sheet was created in conjunction with California Rural Legal Assistance to help legal services attorneys and advocates better serve lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender clients.

## [Tips for Lawyers Working with Transgender Clients and Coworkers](#)

Brochure created by The Transgender Law Center (TLC), one the largest trans-led organizations in the nation. TLC focuses on assisting and empowering transgender people through advocacy, programs, and resources. TLC has been involved with major U.S. legal cases and also involved with changing laws and policies to improve the livelihood of trans people nationwide.

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