



The MDLGBT Chamber of Commerce empowers and promotes LGBT+ professionals and business owners in the Maryland marketplace through education, networking and advocacy.

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LGBT Chamber of Commerce Hosts First Annual LGBT Business Expo

BALTIMORE, March 11, 2017 — The Maryland LGBT Chamber of Commerce, launched in June of 2017, is hosting its First Annual Business Expo on Wednesday, March 28th from 4-8 pm at the Zoo Mansion House, 1876 Mansion House Drive, Baltimore, MD 21217. Attendance for all is complimentary but ticket reservations are encouraged as the event will top off at 180 attendees. You can reserve your entry ticket [here](#). Members of the MD LGBT Chamber of Commerce were invited to present their business or services at the Expo. The Expo will feature over 50 MD LGBT member companies.

The EXPO will kickoff with Keynote Speaker **Senator Rich Madaleno**, Maryland State Senator from Montgomery County and candidate for Governor, at **4:15 pm**. The Expo will present ten different 30-minute sessions on a variety of topics by our member companies, including:

SPEAKER AREA ONE

- 1. 5:00 – 5:30pm**
The 7 Priorities of Your Financial Life: Personal Wealth Management for the LGBT Community
Ben Galloway and Beth Terry, CFP® – O’Neil Group at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
- 2. 5:35 – 6:05pm**
Is Your Business a Certified LGBT Business Enterprise? Learn the Benefits of Certification and Application Process
Devin Smith – National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC)
- 3. 6:10 – 6:40pm**
Understanding the Unique Estate Planning Issues that Affect the LGBT Community
Lee Carpenter – Semmes
- 4. 6:45 – 7:15pm**
The Rollercoaster Ride: 17 years of growing a business in the mortgage industry
Mary Sirico Levinson – The Levinson McLaughlin Team of NFM Lending
- 5. 7:20 – 7:50pm**
Discover the Goldmine in Your Own Backyard – how to grow your business one relationship at a time, working by referral
Wendy LaGrant and Megan Richardson – Richardson LaGrant Group of Cummings & Co. Realtors



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SPEAKER AREA TWO

1. **5:00 – 5:30pm**
How Search Engine Optimization Can Boost Revenue
Nancy McDonald – Invenio SEO
2. **5:35 – 6:05pm**
Legal Considerations For the Life Span of Your Business
Attorneys Diva Bole and Cheryl Jones – PK Law
3. **6:10 – 6:40pm**
Making Fitness and Health a Priority! Living your most productive Life.
Jon Adler Kaplan – Corporate Health Coach & Trainer
4. **6:45 – 7:15pm**
2018-19 Season at Baltimore Center Stage
Michael Ross – Baltimore Center Stage
5. **7:20 – 7:50pm**
Family Law Considerations for Same-Sex Couples
April Rancier – Offit Kurman

Complimentary beer, wine and lite fare will be provided by Copper Kitchen, Constantine Wines, Heavy Seas Beer, The Baltimore Eagle, Lord Baltimore Hotel, Flavor, and Touche Touchet Bakery and Café. Special thanks to our event sponsors **The Levinson McLaughlin Team of NFM Lending** and the **Richardson LaGrant Group of Cummings & Co Realtors**.

MD LGBT Chamber of Commerce Individual Memberships begin at \$100 and Small Businesses start at \$250. There is \$65 discount for students! The Maryland LGBT Chamber of Commerce is an affiliate of the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC).

Our current Membership Directory and list of corporate sponsors can also be found on our website at mdlgbt.org.

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