

## Selendy Gay Shortlisted for Chambers' Diversity & Inclusion Awards for Third Year

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For the third year, Selendy Gay's pro bono and diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives have been recognized by Chambers and Partners.

David Flugman, leader of the firm's DE&I efforts, was shortlisted for 2022's "Diversity & Inclusion: Lawyer of the Year." Much of Flugman's public interest practice is devoted to advancing LGBTQ rights. Over the course of four years, he represented Garden State Equality in successfully defending a ban enacted by New Jersey on the practice of so-called "sexual orientation change efforts" or "conversion therapies" on minors by state licensed professionals. Flugman won a crucial victory for Garden State and thousands of LGBTQ youth when an appellate court rejected a religious liberty group's attempt to reverse the ban. As a result of the precedent established through his work, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear a separate challenge concerning the ban, consequently reinforcing the strength of similar bans in 17 other states.

Selendy Gay was also shortlisted for Chambers' "Pro Bono: Outstanding Firm" award. This follows significant recognitions for the firm's pro bono work from The Legal Aid Society, which honored Selendy Gay with the 2021 Pro Bono Publico award in recognition of its work defending the rights of hundreds of thousands of New York City tenants. Additionally, Law360 named Selendy Gay the top firm in pro bono hours per attorney in 2021. In securing this award, the firm outranked nearly 100 of the nation's top firms.

These placements on the Chambers shortlist reflect the firm's deep commitment to bringing its attorneys' skills and resources to bear on a range of important social issues, while simultaneously serving commercial clients on complex, innovative matters.

Winners of Chambers' Diversity and Inclusion awards will be announced on June 9, 2022.

### **Attorney**

- David S. Flugman

**Practice**

- Public Interest and Pro Bono