

# Mariah Passarelli Named to the LGBT Bar 2019's Best LGBTQ+ Lawyers Under 40

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**Washington D.C.** — Cozen O'Connor Labor & Employment attorney Mariah Passarelli was honored by the National LGBT Bar Association as a LGBTQ+ legal professional (practicing lawyers, law professors, corporate counsel, members of the judiciary, politicians, etc.) under the age of 40 who has distinguished themselves in their field and has demonstrated a profound commitment to LGBTQ+ equality. Passarelli was one of 40 honorees selected from more than 100 nominations of qualified, outstanding young LGBTQ+ attorneys. Awardees will be recognized during a special awards lunch at the 2019 Lavender Law® Conference and Career Fair in Philadelphia.

Passarelli, a member in the firm's Pittsburgh office, focuses her practice on a variety of labor and employment law matters, from employment contracts to complex litigation. Passarelli handles matters in administrative proceedings, state, and federal courts. She has represented employers in claims under Title IX, Title VII, 42 U.S.C. § 1981, PHRA, ADA, ADEA, FMLA, FLSA, NLRA, FCRA, and OSHA and she has defended universities, hospitals, and oil and gas companies in state-wide class and collective actions. Passarelli also counsels companies on litigation avoidance, anti-discrimination, and anti-bullying and she reviews and drafts employee handbooks and personnel policies. Passarelli served as deputy attorney general in the Civil Litigation Section of the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office. During that time she represented the members of the State System of Higher Education located in the Western District of Pennsylvania in all aspects of employment law defense for more than four years. She earned her undergraduate degree from Duquesne University and her law degree from Duquesne University School of Law.

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