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## LAMBDA *from page 7*

discriminated against the teachers because of their sexual orientation and subjected them to unwarranted public harassment.

Chimento and Salbenblatt's displays were in keeping with the school's theme of respect and dignity for all, and followed similar lesbian and gay history month displays that previously were created by a staff member who is not gay. When Chimento and Salbenblatt created displays at their schools in 1999, however, the interim superintendent and members of the Board of Education attacked them for supposedly "promoting" their personal "lifestyles."

"For a school district to exclude lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students from

a campaign of 'respect and dignity for all' is very damaging to all students," said Sawyer. "The arbitrator's decision rejects discrimination against gay students and teachers."

Sawyer and the teachers discussed their recent victory, as well as how to create safer schools for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender teachers and students. National Education Association District 207 Union President Jean Miller followed up the discussion with an update on the climate of Chicago's public schools.

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## SUPPORT *from page 6*

spousal benefits. The men were joined by US Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-Manhattan), a strong supporter of lesbian and gay rights.



**Rep. Jerrold Nadler**

The two surviving partners, represented by Lambda Legal, have filed claims with the New York State Workers' Compensation Board to receive spousal benefits under New York's Workers' Compensation Law. The insurance companies are now challenging the right of the surviving partners to receive benefits under the law, asserting that same-sex domestic partners do not qualify as spouses.

Larry Courtney's partner Eugene Clark, died on September 11 at the World Trade Center, where Gene had been an administrative assistant at Aon Consulting. Larry and Gene, residents of Manhattan's West Side, had been partners for almost 14 years.

Bill Valentine's partner, Joe Lopes, was a flight attendant on American Airlines Flight 587 when the plane crashed off Kennedy Airport last November 12, claiming the lives of all on board. Bill and Joe, also residents of Manhattan's West Side, had been partners for 21 years.

Both couples had executed various legal documents to afford themselves protection as couples. They had health care proxies

and documents designating one another's partners as insurance, 401k and pension beneficiaries. Both couples also were registered as domestic partners with New York City.

Larry Courtney said, "Just like married couples, Gene and I were a partnership in every way — emotionally, financially, legally and in our everyday lives. Gene would want me to seek the protections we should have as a married couple because we always believed we were a married couple. I'm still wearing the ring to prove it."

The insurance company opposing Larry Courtney's claim is CNA Insurance, acting as third-party administrator for Transcontinental Insurance. The claim manager is Cambridge Integrated Services Group.

Bill Valentine said, "Joe was my spouse. It would be an insult to our relationship and Joe's memory if he were recognized as anything less. And that's why I'm bringing this claim: to honor the reality of what Joe and I and our families and friends all knew we had."

The insurance company opposing Bill Valentine's claim is American International Group (AIG), acting as third-party administrator for National Union Fire Insurance. The claim manager is Specialty Risk Services.

The cases are also the first to be brought by gay or lesbian partners seeking coverage under New York's Workers' Compensation Law. That law gives first priority to a surviving spouse to receive benefits of up to \$400/week for the remainder of the surviving spouse's life or until the spouse remarries.

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