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Please join **Congressman and Gay Rights Advocate Barney Frank** and the Maine Justice Foundation (MJF) to launch MJF's **New LGBT Justice Fund**, which will provide funding for nonprofit organizations that address the civil legal aid needs of low-income and vulnerable LGBT people.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 5:30 - 8 pm

**WHERE:** Holiday Inn by The Bay, Portland, ME

**WHAT:** Cash bar and reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres

**WHY:** The movement for full equality for LGBT people has seen incredible progress in a short time. But there are still many threats to the laws that protect LGBT people. Being both poor and LGBT poses specific challenges and amplifies the need for legal services for LGBT people to battle discrimination, find housing, secure benefits, and protect their safety. This fund will support the needs of this vulnerable population for decades to come.

**COSTS:** Tickets: \$30 per person

**Purchase your ticket(s) today!**

(Ticket sales are limited to 300.)

**QUESTIONS?** Call Maine Justice Foundation: 207-622-3477

**KEYNOTE BY: Barney Frank, U.S. CONGRESSMAN, D-MA  
(1981-2012)  
CHAIRMAN, HOUSE FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE (2007-2011)**

Barney Frank served as a Member of the US House from January 1981-January 2013. While in Congress, Frank worked to adjust America's spending priorities by providing less funding for the military and more for important quality-of-life measures. In particular, he was a leader in efforts to build and preserve affordable rental housing for low-income people. He was also a leader in the fight against all forms of discrimination.

As Chair of the House Financial Services Committee, from January 2007 to January 2011, Frank worked with the Bush Administration to adopt the short-term \$700 billion rescue plan in response to the financial crisis, and he then worked for the adoption of a sweeping set of financial regulations aimed at preventing a recurrence. He was co-author of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the regulatory overhaul signed into law in July 2010.

In 1987 he became the first Member of Congress voluntarily to acknowledge that he is gay, and in 2012 became the first Member of Congress to marry a same-sex partner, James Ready.

He has written two books: Speaking Frankly, in 1992, a critique of some aspects of the Democrat's stance on public policy; and a political memoir published in 2015 titled Frank: From the Great Society to Same Sex Marriage. He has taught at Harvard, Boston University, the University of Massachusetts Boston, and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

**Other Speakers:**

**Diana Scully, Executive Director, Maine Justice Foundation  
Bill Robitzek, Incoming MJF Board President and Founder of the LGBT  
Justice Fund**

**Please support this effort with your presence on December 7!  
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