New tradition: 25 years of LGBT pride at Texas A&M University

Phyllis Randolph Frye is an Eagle Scout, a former member of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, a US Army veteran, a licensed engineer, a licensed attorney, a father, and a lesbian wife. Now living over sixty percent of her life as the woman she always felt herself to be, Phyllis remains on the cutting edge of LGBT issues, especially transgender legal and political issues.

Phyllis has become known as being the “Grandmother” of transgender law in the U.S. When the gay community was still ignoring or marginalizing the T in LGBT, Phyllis began the national transgender legal and political movement with six annual transgender law conferences and grassroots training sessions in the early 1990’s.

She is a winner of National LGBT Bar’s highest honor, the Dan Bradley Award of 2001, and of the TASK FORCE’s highest honor, the Creating Change Award. She was honored by Texas A&M beginning in 2009 with its annual Diversity Award given in her name. In 2010 Phyllis was sworn-in as the first out T judge in the nation, as a City of Houston Municipal Judge. She is senior partners of Frye and Associates, an out LGBT-and-allies law firm currently with eight lawyers. For more by and about Phyllis, visit www.liberatinglaw.com, and click “PRF-Bio.”

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