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Kate Kendell Joins Pack the Courts Project as Interim Campaign Manager

Pack the Courts today announced the appointment of attorney Kate Kendell as interim campaign manager. Kendall recently ended her 22-year tenure as executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), a national legal organization advancing the civil and human rights of LGBTQ people and their families.

"Kate Kendell is a genius and a rock star," said Aaron Belkin, executive director of Pack the Courts. "Aside from being an incredibly fun person to work with, what is so deeply impressive about her is that she always wins. I am confident that without her incredible contributions year after year, decade after decade, LGBT rights never would have advanced as far as they did over the past generation. It is an honor and privilege of a lifetime to have a chance to work with her at Pack the Courts."

"I've admired Aaron for a long time, and to now have the chance to work closely with him is a thrill," said Kendell. "The U.S. Supreme Court is in crisis and our most cherished values are imperiled by 5 justices who, for the next 30-40 years will do all they can to deny justice and undermine democratic institutions. If I can be a part of a strategy to avoid the worst of that carnage, I am all in."

From 1996-2018, under her leadership, NCLR won custody and family law cases, achieved victories on behalf of LGBT athletes, won protections for LGBTQ students and elders and secured asylum for over 300 clients. NCLR was lead on the California marriage equality case in 2008 and was later part of the team of attorneys to secure national marriage equality in the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court case *Obergefell v. Hodges*. Together with GLAD, NCLR filed a federal lawsuit challenging Trump's transgender military ban in August 2017, which secured a nationwide preliminary injunction stopping the ban from moving forward.

[Pack the Courts](#) launched in October 2018. Its mission is to restore integrity of the judicial branch by expanding the size of lower courts and adding seats to the Supreme Court.

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