



*Hofstra University Law School Associate Professor Elizabeth Glazer leads discussion at DJJ's LGBT Pride Month roundtable.*

## **DJJ Hosts LGBT Pride Month Roundtable Discussion**

On Monday, June 30, 2007, the Department of Juvenile Justice hosted its first roundtable discussion to commemorate Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month at the Department's headquarters.

The discussion began with a welcome message from Equal Employment Opportunity Officer Tonia Haynes and opening remarks by DJJ General Counsel & Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs Herman Dawson. Deputy Commissioner Dawson discussed efforts taken at DJJ to ensure all employees and youth in the Department's care are treated with equal respect and understanding. The Department's LGBT anti-discrimination policy was also discussed as a means to further the Department's goals of promoting equality and compassion.

The discussion's featured guest was Associate Professor of Law Elizabeth Glazer from Hofstra University Law School. Professor Glazer serves as the Co-Director of the Hofstra Law & Sexuality Fellowship and she brought to the discussion an informed voice to speak on LGBT issues in New York City and on a broader context. Professor Glazer also discussed the experiences of LGBT youth in detention, their needs, and the need for institutions to adapt to provide the best care possible to this population.

Professor Glazer has been active in her discussions on the LGBT community and served as a lecturer at the Whittier Law School/UCLA Law School Summer Program on LGBT Rights, where she taught a course on the rights of LGBT youth and has moderated a discussion on improving the treatment of LGBT youth in foster care at Hofstra.

Professor Glazer received her law degree from the University of Chicago Law School and her Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Pennsylvania.

