



An Interview with Musician Kelly Ricketts

DVLF: How did you become familiar with DVLF and its resources?

KR: I was asked by a friend to play music during a panel discussion with gay professionals from NJ, DE, and PA, in Bucks County.

DVLF: What challenges did you encounter as you were planning your marriage?

KR: None, thanks to the help of Stephen J. Hyland, Esq. as well as Jacquelyn S. Kernechel, Esq. in regard to power of attorney and our wills. We had a very small ceremony in New Jersey, at a private residence.

DVLF: What were the solutions?

KR: We were honest and open, and had no issues with any of the vendors we worked with.

DVLF: Was it helpful to work with an LGBTI-sensitive attorney? How so?

KR: Very helpful. Stephen and Jackie understood all of our issues, and they were not afraid to bring up the ugly facts about these unions as well. Our family is stronger and more secure than ever before.

DVLF: Have these experiences influenced your music?

KR: We have been so busy with the wedding and now building the new house that music is a few and far between. I will be getting back out there with the trio after we settle and move in at the end of this month [November]! Just in time for the holidays!