

Larry Adolph Long



Larry Long was born in 1941 in Nebraska where he spent his childhood growing up on a farm. He attended the University of Nebraska for his undergraduate degree, and graduated from its College of Law in 1965. Long then enlisted in the Army. He rose to the rank of first lieutenant, held top security clearances, and was awarded the Army Medal for correcting administrative abuses. After the military, Long moved to Washington state where he practiced corporate law for three years. During this period that he became a vocal opponent of the Vietnam War,

In 1971, Long moved to San Francisco and entered private practice. In 1974, he was hired by the San Francisco Bar Association. Long eventually became the director of the Lawyer Referral Services of the San Francisco Bar Association where he served for eleven years. He developed a system of panel attorneys to give legal services at reduced or no cost to indigent clients. He helped establish legal clinics, standardized guidelines for attorneys, and created criminal and juvenile court appointment systems. Today, a similar system of panel attorneys is used for indigent clients across the United States.

Long helped found the Pride Foundation in 1973 and would go on to serve as both vice president and president of the organization. Long also was vice president of the Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU in San Francisco in 1978. He was involved in many civic groups: Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom, Hospitality House, California Human Rights Advocates, Citizens for Justice, and the National Committee for Sexual Civil Liberties. He organized various associations including the San Francisco Gay Democratic Club, Legal Committee Against Proposition 6, Coalition to Defend Gays in the Military, and Grove Street Community Center.

Long passed away in 1985 at the age of 44 after a long battle with cancer.

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