

# PROFILE IN 140 CHARACTERS

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## Stan Sarkisov

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We met Sarkisov through Twitter when he started tweeting *BASF Bulletin's* Family Law column he so obviously enjoys reading.

@StanSarkisov is an avid tweeter, posting about family law matters, including divorce, child support, and #marriageequality.

We challenged him to answer our questions in Twitter's maximum 140 characters or less. And that he did.

Stan Sarkisov, a graduate of the University of San Francisco School of Law [@usflaw], has been working at a public affairs firm while continuing Family Law work. After starting to volunteer with the Family Law Project of the Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) of The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF), he has juggled his time by providing legal assistance to family law attorneys as an independent contractor and growing his own practice.



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What makes a #goodlawyer?

Stan Sarkisov @stansarkisov

Listening and caring. Being thorough.



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What has been the most fulfilling moment in your career?

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Hearing the judge tell my friend & 1st client he can enroll his daughter in elementary school in his hometown & spend more time with her.



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What's a commonality among the most successful lawyers you know?

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They work like they're still in their first years of practice. Honesty & integrity. Having good mentors.



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Why the interest in Family Law?

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Everyone has a family, and I enjoy the human aspect of the work. Maybe growing in Utah's 'family first' atmosphere influenced me.



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Where do you live & why?

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I've been in San Francisco for the last 5 years because you can be and do anything here.



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## TWITTER HANDLES D E C O D E D



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Are #LGBT #familylaw issues becoming more like non-LGBT family law issues?

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Yes & no. Marriage is trendy (and legal in CA!) right now, but LGBT parenting issues remain more complex.



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Why did you decide to join @SFBAR's delegation at the Conference of CA Bar Associations [@CCBATweet]?

Stan Sarkisov @stansarkisov

To meet more of my colleagues and help direct the future of California's family code. Policy work is interesting.



@JDC\_ProBono

Justice & Diversity Center



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Tell us about your involvement w/ @Horizonsfdn?

Stan Sarkisov @stansarkisov

Horizons secures \$ for LGBT immigrants/asylees. I helped fundraise for LGBT Russians. Being LGBT & a Russian refugee, this was important.



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Conference of California  
Bar Associations



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Where is your favorite place to relax?

Stan Sarkisov @stansarkisov

My bedroom with the stereo.



@BergDavisSF

Berg Davis Public Affairs



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What will the legal profession look like in ten years?

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I have no idea (more client-oriented and tech savvy, maybe), but I will be there.



*Sayre Happich Ribera is the assistant director of communications and social media manager for BASF.*

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If you couldn't be a lawyer, what would you do?

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I currently work in public affairs at @BergDavisSF, helping clients build meaningful community relations. More policy & communication work.



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Do you have anything else to say?

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