

Jason Elliot, Current Mr. MAL 2025 (Lead Judge)

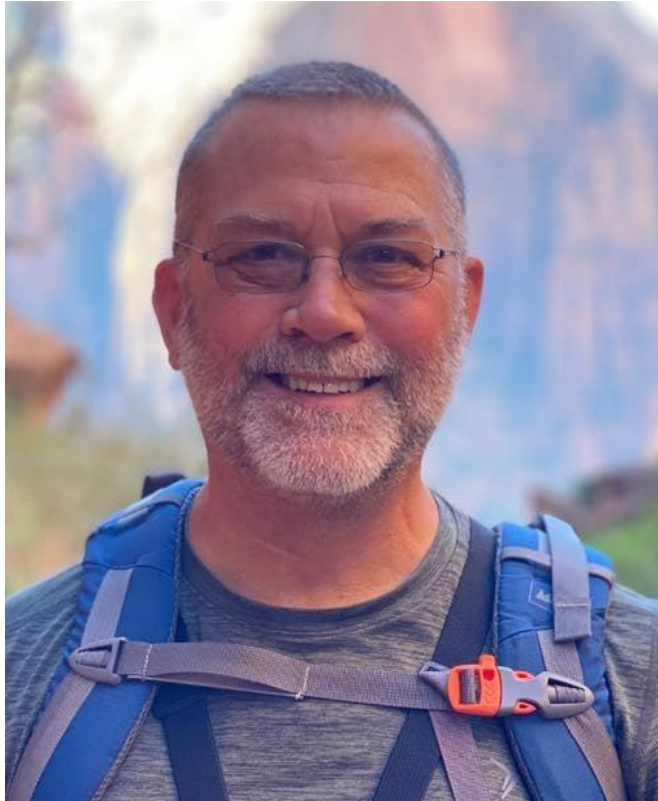


From Charlottesville, Virginia, Jason Elliott is Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather 2025 and Mr. Virginia Leather 2024. He is an internationally recognized LGBTQ+ activist, public speaker, and sexual health educator.

He enjoys bourbon, nature, houseplants, and flagging orange on the right, but when the vibes are vibing, his list of no's is short. He also loves giving hugs - just ask for one! Though, if you ask politely, they feel even better with his hands wrapped around your throat.

Jason Elliott, Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather.

Steve Ranger (Judge)



Steve Ranger

Born in Kansas into a military family with roots in Michigan, Steve grew up moving from base to base across the United States and Europe. This gave him an appreciation of different cultures and points of view, and ensured that he'd always be comfortable around men in uniform.

Steve's leather journey began in earnest nearly 33 years ago when his husband, Dan Patton, took him to the DC Eagle – which immediately became his favorite bar in DC. Soon after, Dan gave Steve his first leather vest, unwittingly awakening the inner beast that would rise up a decade later.

Basically a shy guy, Steve was low-key about his Leather fetishes until 2003. Faced with major neck surgery, he promised himself to be more outgoing and visible in the Leather community when he recovered. The following year, Steve won the Mr. Double L Leather 2004 contest in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, which fed into the Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather (MAL) contest. Competing two weeks after an emergency appendectomy (with his surgical staples still in), Steve became Mr. MAL 2005 and finished in the top 10 at IML that year.

During his year as Mr. MAL, Steve bonded with the members of the Centaur Motorcycle Club (the hosts of MAL) and was surprised and honored to be invited to join the Centaurs as a full member minutes after sashing the new titleholder in 2006. Not one to sit on the sidelines, Steve soon was elected to the Centaur MC Executive Board as Corresponding Secretary. He then served as Treasurer and Vice President, and chaired the Mr. MAL contest for five years, before being elected President in January 2011. Steve currently serves as the club's representative to the Atlantic Motorcycle Coordinating Council (AMCC).

A firm believer that we must understand our leather history to continue growing as a community, Steve served on the Leather Archives & Museum Board of Directors and as a member of the executive committee for eight years, urging you to join him as a supporter in helping to preserve and celebrate our leather and kink history.

Garrett Taggert (Judge)



"Garrett is the former Mr. Leather Rehoboth 2023 title holder from Philadelphia. He began his leather journey here in Delaware while finishing his PhD in chemistry at UD. Garrett is polyamorous leatherman, a handler to a pup, and boy to a Sir. After winning the title in 2023, he competed for the Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather title, organized leather

socials, volunteered at kink events, and taught demonstrations on rope bondage and impact play. As an active traveler and lover of kink, you can find Garrett tying people up in Rehoboth, the Crimson Moon in Wilmington, Philly, the Woods Campground, or one of the many leather events coming up. Just check his twitter if you want a peek."

Jeff Donovan (Judge)



Jeff Donovan, President of the Rehoboth Beach Bears
Jeff is currently the President of the Rehoboth Beach Bears, a local non profit 501c(3) organization. He has been an active member of the organization for the past 3 years. He along with the board members have planned and hosted many social and fundraising opportunities, including the successful Rehoboth Beach Bears Weekend held in September each year.

Jeff started to explore the leather community more while exploring more of the bear community, finding that both overlap very nicely forming a nice blend. He attended a handful of local events and more planned to continue his journey into the leather community.

Jeff lives in Rehoboth Beach full time and is an active member of the community since moving to the area full time in

June of 2020. He enjoys attending both bear and leather events while making connections and bringing both new and existing friends together.

Matthew Bronson (Judge)



Matthew is known as Matthew MAL to his Facebook friends, but in real life his name is Matthew Bronson. His past titles include Mr. Pittsburgh Leather Fetish 2012 and then Mr. MAL 2012. He has participated in various fundraiser events throughout the years. His passion in life is education. He was a special education teacher for 38 years, focusing on children who have autism. During his education career he was sometimes referred to as the “autism whisper”. He is proud that he

has changed lives for the better. During his free time he enjoys educating individuals about the leather world and kink community. He understands that, for new people, the world of kink can be overwhelming. Matthew believes that the knowledge of leather history is important. He would like to continue to be a resource and support for people who seek guidance and direction in this wonderful world we live in together.

Jacob Mangin (Emcee)



"Jacob has been an active and proud member of the leather community for over 20 years. Since 2008, he has been a brother of Centaur MC, the club that produces Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend, where he has served as treasurer for multiple terms. He is also the current Treasurer of the Leather Archives & Museum, where his focus is on long-term planning to ensure financial sustainability, so that the history, stories, and spaces of our community remain accessible for generations to come.

His commitment bridges both the new and old guard—working to make sure everyone has access to kink, leather, and the freedom to celebrate who you are.

Jacob has been the emcee of the contest since 2003.

Alnabil Onyx (Tally Master)



Alnabil (Noble) Onyx, originally hailing from Raleigh, NC, Alnabil now resides in Washington DC and possesses 31 years of experience in Public Health, with a specialized focus on Linkage to Care, Sexual Health, and HIV/AIDS advocacy for both LGBT+ and Heterosexual communities. As a Black, pansexual cisgender man who has lived with HIV for over two decades, Alnabil is deeply committed to facilitating access to care and fostering inclusive environments.

In 2023, Alnabil became a Full Member of the Onyx Mid-Atlantic chapter, recognizing its substantial contributions to the Leather and kink community. Previously trained and mentored by Master Eli Ra of the Illuminati House of Ra in the history, knowledge and ways of the Old Guard Tradition, Alnabil is excited to now embark on a new and independent journey in Leather. He actively serves as a Handler,

Leather Daddy, Educator, and Community Service Leader, roles which all support Alnabil as he continue to build a solid foundation for His own House, Alnabil's House of Flaming Hearts. Furthermore, Alnabil leads Transformative Impact Coaching & Consulting Group, LLC, where he empowers individuals and organizations through education on Sexual Health, Sex Positivity, Sexual Liberation, and Self-Transformation. His expertise has been featured on the DC Ends HIV Positive Voices Podcast in 2023, and he authored an article for Positively Aware Journal in January 2024 titled "Want To Start Long-Acting Injectable HIV Treatment? Become Your Own Advocate!"

As President of Leather Boys of Color, Alnabil is a dedicated advocate for visibility and representation, actively working to create inclusive spaces. He has both taught classes and facilitated workshops at CLAW 2024 + 2025. He honorably served as Judges Boy for the 2025 Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend and holds the esteemed title of 2025 Mr. Uproar DC (Washington, DC). His advocacy seamlessly blends professional expertise with personal narratives, fostering empathy and understanding. Alnabil exemplifies resilience, compassion, and leadership in his ongoing pursuit of equity and empowerment within public health, sexuality, and community advocacy.

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