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President's Message

Dear Members:

Welcome back to another year of programming from WLFC! Our year starts out quickly with three exciting get-togethers, all held at the Columbus Bar Association. Our first meeting on September 27 at 12:30 p.m. is entitled "Community Service: the Intrinsic and Extrinsic Benefits" with featured panelists President and CEO of the United Way of Central Ohio Janet Jackson, CEO and President of the Columbus, Ohio YWCA Elfi DiBella, Columbus School Board Member Shawna Gibbs, and Franklin County Municipal Court Judge Anne Taylor. On October 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., WLFC will be hosting its annual Candidates Night, which offers the opportunity to mingle with candidates for the contested judicial races. October 12 at 8:00 a.m. is the kick-off breakfast for the WLFC Dining Circle Initiative, which partners diverse groups of women attorneys, judges, and others connected to the legal profession for monthly, informal gatherings.

We plan to use this year to continue to explore issues relating to all aspects of women in the legal profession. Membership in WLFC benefits you by providing access to our luncheons at a reduced rate and it benefits all of us by fostering a network of women attorneys that are interested in bettering ourselves and one another. I would be remiss if I did not mention the benefit to future women lawyers, as once again we provided a scholarship to a current law student at our annual meeting. This scholarship is funded by the proceeds from our silent auction, as well as donations from our members (and donations to the WLFC scholarship fund are of course accepted at any time).

I hope you enjoy the activities we have planned for this year and that you will continue to find WLFC a useful tool to your practice as *WE ARE OUR OWN BEST RESOURCE!*

Very truly yours,
Julie B. Smith



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"LET'S DINE!"

WLFC Dining Circle Initiative

Kick-Off Breakfast

8:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Location: CBA

WLFC, in conjunction with the Columbus Bar Association, will again offer the "Dining Circle" Initiative.

Dining Circle is a fun and easy way to network, mentor, and encourage each other! Dining circle groups meet monthly for breakfast, lunch, or happy hour in local venues. This year, in addition to the "traditional" Breakfast, Lunch, and Happy Hour Dining Circle options, WLFC added a Dining Circle Playgroup designed for those who practice part-time or are currently staying at home.

To register for a Dining Circle, please go to <http://www.wlfc.ws> and select the link for the Dining Circle Initiative. Please send your completed form by regular mail, fax, or e-mail to Heather Melick by **October 5, 2010**, or bring your completed form with you to turn-in at the WLFC's first luncheon on September 27th at the CBA .

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Anyone may join any Dining Circle;
however, WLFC membership is required.
WLFC Membership is only \$50.00 annually.

WLFC HELPS GIVE BACK TO COLUMBUS!

In May, we helped host a happy hour at M with the ACS's Columbus Lawyer Chapter, the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Central Ohio, the John Mercer Langston Bar Association, and the Young Lawyers and LGBT Sections of the Columbus Bar Association.

We collected a total of \$258. \$200 went to West Broad Street Elementary School and \$58 to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

Thank *you* for your participation in another successful event. Cheers!

WLFC and Habitat-for-Humanity

As the new year for Women Lawyers of Franklin County gets under way with a presentation on the 27th on the benefits of engaging in Community Service, it is time to get involved and volunteer!

This past Spring, WLFC Community Service Chair Florence Murray launched an initiative to get WLFC members donating their time and skills (actually, no skills needed - Habitat will train you in home building skills. Can you say DIY?!).

If you are interested in donating time and learning, please visit <http://columbus.volunteerhub.com> or contact WLFC Community Service Chair Florence Murray.

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Save-the-Dates

—Community Service: the Intrinsic and Extrinsic Benefits—

Monday, Sept. 27, 2010 @ CBA 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Enjoy a knowledgeable and impressive panel of speakers including **Janet Jackson**, President and CEO of the United Way of Central Ohio, **Elfi DiBella**, CEO and President of the Columbus, Ohio YWCA, **Shawna Gibbs**, Communications Director for IMPACT Community Action, and **The Honorable Anne Taylor**, Franklin Co. Municipal Judge.

The cost, which covers the expense for lunch, is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members. Please RSVP to Kerry Green at kgreen@hahnlaw.com by Sept. 23, 2010.

—Mingle with the Candidates Night—

Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010 @ CBA from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join WLFC for our Annual Mingle with the Candidates Event.
All Franklin County judicial candidates are invited to attend.

The cost is \$20.00 at the door (no cost to judicial candidates or law students).
Refreshments, beer, and wine will be provided.
Contact Lisa Wafer with questions, (614) 203-5611 or lwaffer@waferlaw.com.

—WLFC Dining Circle Initiative Kick-Off Breakfast—

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2010 @ CBA at 8:00 a.m.

—A View from Inside—

Practicing Law from the In-House Attorney's Perspective

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010 CBA 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010 WLFC Holiday Party
Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011 WLFC Monthly Luncheon
Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011 WLFC Monthly Luncheon
Tuesday, March 15, 2011 WLFC Monthly Luncheon
Tuesday, April 19, 2011 WLFC Monthly Luncheon



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"ROCK THE BAR"

Received any Recognition Lately? WLFC wants to know!

Super Lawyers/Rising Stars of 2010?
Personal Honors/Achievements?
New Practices/Partnerships?
Bar Admissions/Certifications?
Appointments/Elections/Leadership Positions?
Acts of Service (or Opportunities)?

Don't be too modest. WLFC women deserve recognition and inspiration. Send notice of WLFC members' accomplishments at bar or in the community to caitlin_chamberlin@ohsd.uscourts.gov. Don't forget to put "WLFC Rock the Bar" in the subject line.

In the meantime, check out these WLFC Rockstars.

Kerry Green, WLFC President Elect, **Sandra McIntosh**, WLFC Past President, and **Janica Pierce Tucker**, WLFC 2008-09 Past President, recognized as Rising Stars in *Ohio Super Lawyers* 2010 Magazine.

Seeking Authors, Writers, Editorialists!

Are you an WLFC member who wants to voice your opinion on an issue relevant to women and the law? Email your article to caitlin_chamberlin@ohsd.uscourts.gov. Please put "WLFC Voices" in the subject line.



Coming soon: WLFC on Facebook!



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Highlights from WLFC’s Annual Meeting & Silent Auction

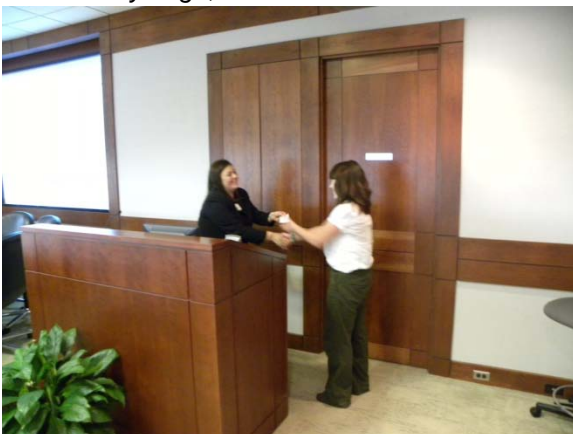


Views from the Bench

A distinguished panel of female judges share their insights with WLFC members.

Gina Prescott
WLFC Scholarship Recipient

Sandy McIntosh congratulates Gina Prescott, WLFC Scholarship Recipient, 2009-10. Gina is a third-year law student at Capital University Law School. She is active in Capital University's Law Review, served on the executive board for Capital Equality Alliance, and is the president of Capital's branch of the American Civil Liberties Union. *Way to go, Gina!*



WLFC Officers

From L to R. Karen Held Phipps, Kerry R. Green, Monica L. Waller, Lark T. Mallory, and Eleana A. Drakatos take their oath of office.