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December 2017

President's Message: *Katrina M. Thompson*



Happy Holidays WLFC! I love this time of year, but it is also when I feel like we women lawyers tend to stretch ourselves the thinnest. In my world of tax credit financed transactions it means I am juggling holiday commitments during my busiest work season (and tax reform is certainly not helping the equation!). I certainly know I am not alone making my to-do lists (and checking them twice), which is why I was so excited to see so many of our members able to make it out to our annual Holiday Party. It was great to have an evening to relax, hang out with friends, win some raffle prizes, and raise a lot of money for the YWCA. (Did I mention it was also not a bad way to celebrate my birthday?) A week later I was able to sneak out of the office again for an intimate reception we hosted to congratulate some of the newest female lawyers on their bar passage. Seeing their excitement to practice law helped motivate me to finish the year strong. I hope you too are ready to ring in the New Year and set your professional goals high as we have a number of exciting things planned for 2018!

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January 17, 2018: YWCA Kit Assembly Party

January 25, 2018: January Luncheon – Speed Networking



Celebrating the Holidays with WLFC

Happy Holidays! On December 7th, WLFC members gathered together for an evening of mingling, wine, and appetizers to celebrate the holiday season. Our members embodied the season of giving and, as a result of your generosity, we raised \$1,787 for the YWCA. The funds will be used to purchase personal care items, which we'll assemble into "kits" for donation to the YWCA. Each "kit" will include a toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion, chapstick, shampoo, conditioner and soap.



We will be hosting a YWCA Kit Assembly Party on January 17, 2018 from 5:30-7:30 to assemble the kits. Please RSVP to WLFCrsvp@gmail.com if you would like to help assemble the kits (snacks and wine will be provided!)



January Luncheon – Speed Networking

Save the date for the WLFC January Luncheon scheduled for January 25, 2018 at the CBA from 12:30-1:30. We will be getting together for speed networking with the other affinity bars. This is always a WLFC favorite and an easy and quick way to expand your professional network!



Event for Newly Admitted Attorneys

WLFC hosted an intimate event for newly admitted women attorneys at the offices of Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP. The event was a great opportunity for WLFC Board members to welcome new attorneys to the profession and to introduce them to the benefits of our organization. Martha Asseff of the Supreme Court of Ohio also discussed the value of the Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program.





November Luncheon Recap

Jessica Goldman King presented tips for a successful negotiation and mediation during our November luncheon. An easy tip to remember is “ABC – Always Be Closing.”





Capital Law Mentor Program

The Women's Law Association at Capital University Law School is revamping its Professional Mentorship program and are seeking bright and energetic practitioners like you to serve as mentors. While the most recent incoming classes have been at least 50% women, we believe women still face unique challenges in the professional setting.

Participants in the program will be asked to:

- (1) meet your mentee at the Professional Mentor Kick-off event at Capital Law School on January 18th from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (other arrangements can be made if you are unable to attend but would like to be a mentor);
- (2) meet once with your mentee to review her resume and offer suggestions or editing, and;
- (3) meet once with your mentee in a social setting.

Capital University Law School would be honored to host you on January 18th from 5:30-6:30pm. We hope you decide to serve as a Professional Mentor. If interested please contact Sara Valentine at svalentine@law.capital.edu.



Volunteers Needed - WLFC Mock Interview Program

Please join us and volunteer to serve as an interviewer for the 2018 WLFC Mock Interview Program! Interviews will be held during January or February 2018 at the volunteer's place of business.

Last year, in its inception, the program provided law students from Ohio State and Capital Law Schools with the opportunity to schedule practice interviews with legal practitioners and receive direct feedback about their interview responses from women lawyers in the community. There were a total of 17 law students and 10 lawyer volunteers who participated in the first WLFC Mock Interview Program. This year with your help we hope to provide more practice interview opportunities to additional students! Law students must be WLFC members in order to participate in the program.

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer or desire additional information about the program, please contact Bridjette Brown (Law School Liaison) at 614-233-2391 or bbrown@fcdjfs.franklincountyohio.gov. Please volunteer to participate no later than 12/31/17.



Happy Holidays from WLFC!



We look forward to seeing you in 2018!