



WOMEN LAWYERS
of FRANKLIN COUNTY

WE ARE OUR OWN BEST RESOURCE

October 2017

President's Message: *Katrina M. Thompson*



October is a great time for networking with WLFC! I love the energy at the start of our programming year and connecting with old friends and new faces at our luncheons and events. Also, sign-ups are going on now for our Dining Circle Program, which is one of my favorite WLFC programs. As someone who often finds networking at large events intimidating, I love the intimacy and instant comradery achieved in our smaller Dining Circle groups. It is a great way to connect with other members from different practices and at different stages of their careers (while enjoying a lunch or happy hour outside of your standard go to place). Speaking of connections,

I hope to see you at our upcoming events (listed below for your convenience) and would love to connect with you directly on Linked In! Looking forward to connecting with you!

 Connect with me



October 17, 2017: Members-Only Event: Present Your Best Self

October 26, 2017: WLFC Dining Circle Kickoff Luncheon

November 16, 2017: [WLFC November Luncheon](#)



Dining Circle Initiative and Kickoff Luncheon

The Women Lawyers of Franklin County will again offer the "Dining Circle" Initiative for 2017-2018. **The Dining Circle is a mentoring and networking program that provides members with an opportunity to meet other women attorneys in the community and to share experiences in a comfortable environment.** Each Dining Circle Group will consist of approximately 7 to 10 women with varying professional backgrounds who will meet once a month during the program year. All interested attorneys are welcome to participate—from experienced attorneys to new associates, government lawyers to in-house counsel, firm-based attorneys to solo practitioners, and judges as well!

Several group options are available to meet members' wide-range of scheduling needs: Early Breakfast (before 8:30 a.m.), Late Breakfast (after 8:30 a.m.), Lunch, Happy Hour, and Playgroup. For the Playgroup option, monthly activities are scheduled during traditional work-time hours and include the group members' children (such as a picnic at a playground or a trip to the zoo). Although the Dining Circle Playgroup is designed for attorneys who either practice part-time or currently do not work outside of the home, any attorney is encouraged to sign up for the group.

There will be a "Kick-Off" lunch for participants to meet one another at **12:30 pm, October 26**, at the Columbus Bar Association. Lunch will be provided.

You must be a member to participate, so please make sure your membership is current when you submit your application.



WLFC Members-Only Event: Present Your Best Self

Due to recent cancellations there are three (3) spots open **TONIGHT!**

Join WLFC for an evening of style with Macy's Easton on October 17, 2017! This interactive presentation will focus on how to dress for business and craft your own personal style.

Two stylists will be presenting a class on simple foundations and style for day to evening. Get easy solutions to many common fit issues with clothing and try some fast personalized looks.

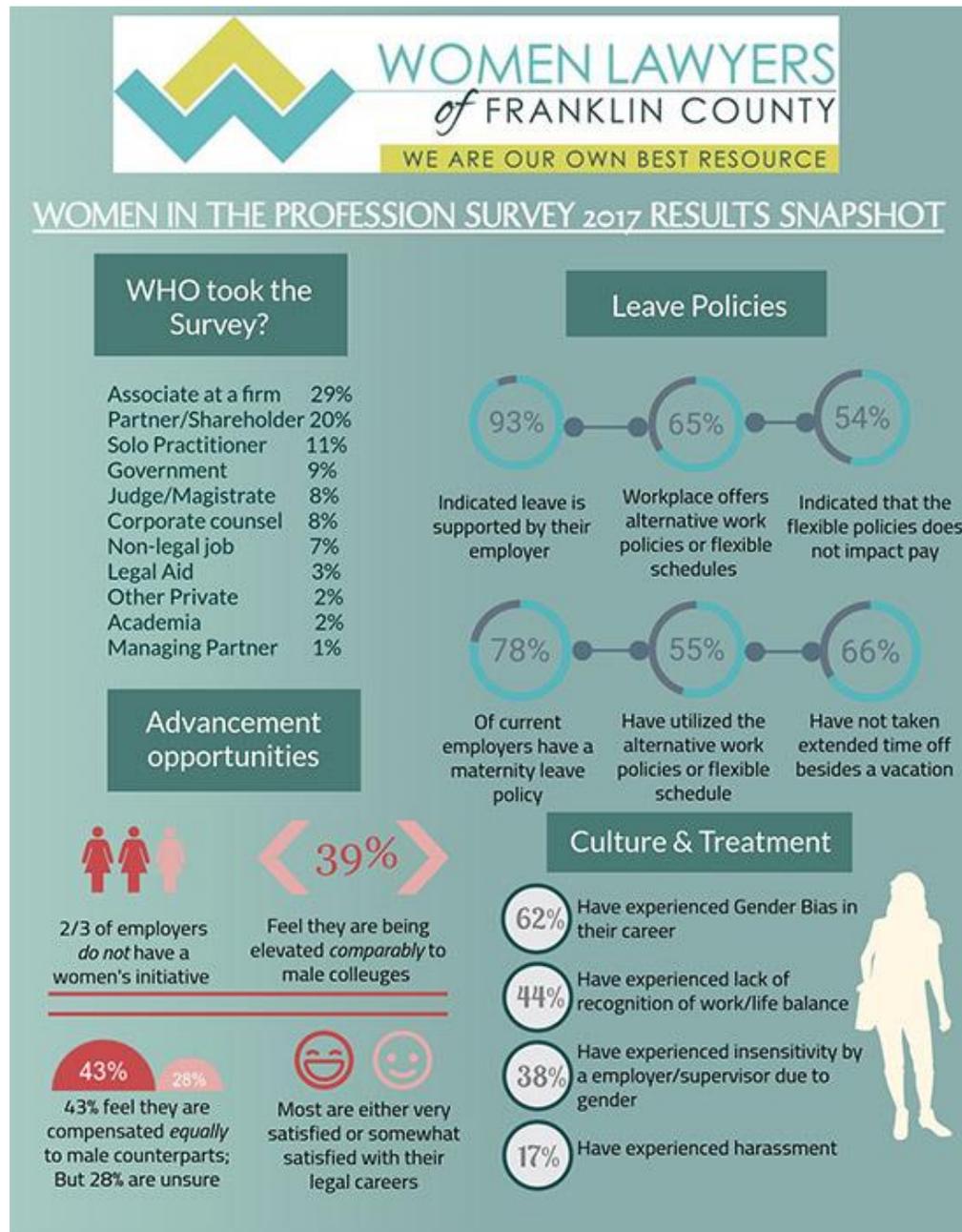
About our Stylists: Julie Easterling and Kris Hays will be the Stylists for this event and they are experts in dressing every body type in clothing and accessories that will help you express your personal style, fit

your budget, and be easy and non-intimidating to execute.

The bluemercury team will also be on hand to teach a Master Class on skincare and beauty, focusing on easy-to-execute skincare and beauty routines in less time than you would expect. Please RSVP to Jenny Schiller (jenny.schiller@squirepb.com). There is no cost for members.



“Women in the Profession” Article Published



Please click the link below for the full article summarizing the results from the WLFC “Women in the Profession” survey published in the Columbus Bar Lawyers Quarterly:

<https://issuu.com/columbusbarlawyersquarterly/docs/fall2017cblqpages2>



September Luncheon Recap

The first WLFC monthly luncheon “Are You Doing Enough: Diversity + Service in the Community” was held in September. WLFC Diversity Chair Hannah Botkin-Doty moderated a panel of four speakers, Jocelyn Armstrong, Stephanie Hanna, Trent Stechschulte, and Anna Sanyal, who highlighted some of the benefits and challenges faced in working toward an inclusive and diverse workplace and society. The event was well-attended and was a great start to the WLFC monthly luncheons.





WLFC Co-Hosts Candidate Meet and Greet with John Mercer Langston Bar Association, the Hispanic National Bar Association – Region X, and the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Central Ohio at the CBA on October 11, 2017





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.