



October 2008

President's Message

BY: JUNE D. COLEMAN

It is that time of year again when people in this country don pink lapel ribbons and talk about a subject that is no longer taboo—breast cancer. Talking about it might mean the difference between life and death since a woman in this country is diagnosed with breast cancer every two minutes.

-- Ileana Bravo, an Emmy award-winning journalist

Fall has snuck up on me, with all it entails: school clothes, school schedules, changes in extra curricular activities, elections (and in some years, national elections). I've always used the change in seasons (and in California, it's sometimes difficult to distinguish when that happens), to take stock and survey my surroundings – is my house in order, so to speak. So I think it is fitting that we are wrapping up the WLS survey results as fall begins. We are getting great responses, but as with any survey, we only have information and insight from a fraction of the membership. If you haven't completed one and returned it, either by mail to the WLS post office box or by email to surveywls@yahoo.com, please consider doing so, even if it is after the October 1st deadline. The survey is included with this newsletter. We will be reporting the results of the survey and how it will impact WLS's direction in the next newsletter. We want your voice to count too!

Fall also brings to mind our Supreme Court Reception. This year, the Supreme Court Reception will be held November 5, 2008, the day after the elections. Although this is normally a "can't miss event," this year's event will be very special. The California Supreme Court will not be hearing cases in Sacramento for a couple of years because the Third District Court of Appeals courtroom is being revamped. The Third District Court of Appeals will continue to hear cases at a temporary location, but the temporary location cannot accommodate the California Supreme Court.

So the California Supreme Court will be unable to come to the WLS Supreme Court Reception in 2009, and 2010. It is for this reason that we intend to make the 2008 Supreme Court Reception very memorable, with better food and wine, as well as some other surprises. For instance, California Women Lawyers' Philanthropic Foundation will present its first scholarship in 2008, and the scholarship will be presented at the Supreme Court Reception. WLS will also be awarding a scholarship that night – in honor and to pay tribute to our beloved Karen Stevens.



June Coleman

Finally, WLS will also be unveiling its pro bono panel to assist cancer patients, which will work in conjunction with the Disability Rights Legal Center and Loyola Law School. WLS is dedicating its pro bono panel to Karen Stevens as well. Karen, who was a past president of WLS and who was a founder of CWL, past away last year as a result of pancreatic cancer. WLS recognizes that a cancer diagnosis can carry with it a variety of potential legal issues, including insurance coverage, employment discrimination, access to health care, child custody, and estate planning. These legal issues can cause people who are at their sickest while combating cancer to unnecessarily worry about legal problems. Moreover, people stricken by cancer may not have the energy to address these issues in a timely manner, and then ultimately learn that they have lost their homes, jobs, insurance, or families. WLS's pro bono panel will consist of volunteer attorneys who will provide free and confidential information and resources on cancer-related legal issues.

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WLS October Luncheon Speaker:

- ◆ Honored Guest Speaker: Lucinda "Cindy" Ehnes
- ◆ Date: Oct. 23, 2008
- ◆ See pg. 2 for Details

Women Lawyers of Sacramento Hosts an October Luncheon in Recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Featuring: Lucinda “Cindy” Ehnes, Director *Department of Managed Health Care*

RSVP with menu choice and confirmation of mailed check by October 15th, to WLS Member Angela Lai at (916) 324-7152 or alai@dmhc.ca.gov.

DATE: October 23, 2008

TITLE: “Sick, Scared & Vulnerable: Breast Cancer Patients & Access to Care.”

Since 2004, **Lucinda “Cindy” Ehnes**, has directed the Department of Managed Health Care; our nation’s trailblazer in regulatory authority over HMOs like Blue Cross, Blue Shield and Kaiser. An attorney, with over 25 years of legal experience, primarily in the area of health insurance and regulatory law, **Ms. Ehnes** is currently paving access to care, at the right time, for children with autism, enrollees whose health care coverage was rescinded, often during serious or life-saving treatment, as well as breast cancer patients.

As a member of the Governor’s Health Care Reform Team, **Ms. Ehnes** serves as the eyes and ears of HMO enrollees. In 2007 **Ms. Ehnes** was named one of “20 People Who Make Healthcare Better”, by HealthLeaders Magazine, for being a policy leader who takes on complicated and controversial issues, while creating a culture of accountability in the managed care industry. In May, 2008, **Ms. Ehnes** was named Public Administrator of the Year by the American Society of Public Administration, Sacramento Chapter, for meritorious service and outstanding contributions to our community.

Ms. Ehnes is a graduate of George Washington University, receiving her JD from Catholic University Law School. She is currently licensed to practice in both Colorado and California. So join us and see just how **Ms. Ehnes** has maximized her legal training.

Pending .75 Hours MCLE Credit for Substantive Law.

WHERE: Firehouse Restaurant (Old Sacramento)

TIME: 12:00-1:15 p.m.

MENU: *Atlantic King Salmon* pan seared with sauce arlesienne and tomato confit, or *Hearts of Romaine Caesar w/ Chicken* whole leaves of crisp lettuce and house-made dressing, anchovies and shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano, or *Baked Penne Parma Rosa* roasted tomato parmesan cream sauce and herb gremolata, fresh mozzarella, artichoke hearts, zucchini, sun-dried tomatoes and asparagus, served with garlic bread.

COST: \$25.00 for WLS prepaid members, past presidents of WLS, and judges; \$30.00 for all others, except law students, whose cost is \$15.00. It may not be possible to get a first choice entree unless reservation is made before the deadline.

Please mail your check, payable to WLS, w/ menu choice **for receipt by October 15, 2008**, to WLS, Attn: Luncheon, P.O. Box 936, Sacramento, CA 95812. **Please indicate if you are a pre-paid WLS member, past president, or judge on the check.** WLS is charged for cancellations. Payments must be received in advance and are not refundable.

RSVPs or Questions about the luncheon? Contact WLS Member Amal Abu-Rahma at (916) 322-9726 or aaburahma@dmhc.ca.gov or WLS Member Angela Lai at (916) 324-7152 or alai@dmhc.ca.gov.

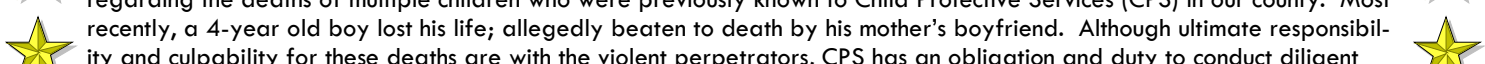
Seating at the door is subject to availability. Please bring any unused toiletries and women’s personal items to the luncheon. These items will be donated to Maryhouse, a non-profit organization that helps homeless women and children.

WLS Board Forms Ad Hoc Child Protection Committee

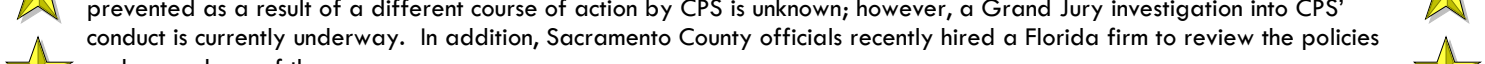
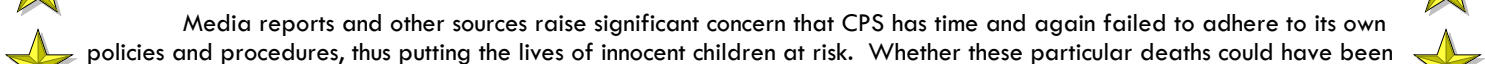
By: **Sonia Fernandes**



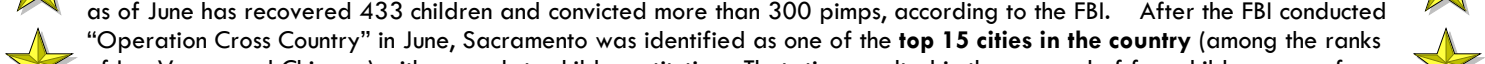
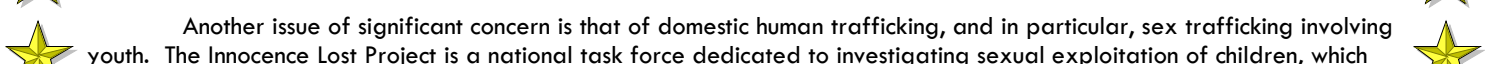
During the last few weeks, some members of the WLS Board of Directors have been meeting to explore a number of issues concerning the protection of children in our community. Current members of our ad hoc committee include Pat Sturdevant, Sonia Fernandes, Megan Lewis, Susan Hill, Erin Weber, and Kristi Beckley. Our focus has been on the increasing concern regarding the failure to protect abused and neglected children, and the sexual exploitation of children in our county. In addition to conducting research into the problems and possible solutions, we have been meeting with various community leaders and organizers in an attempt to assess the needs of our children.



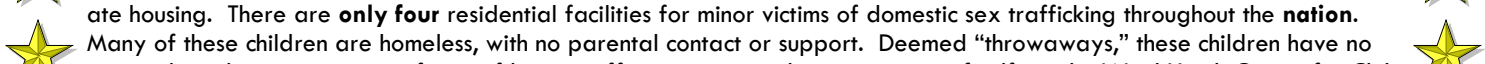
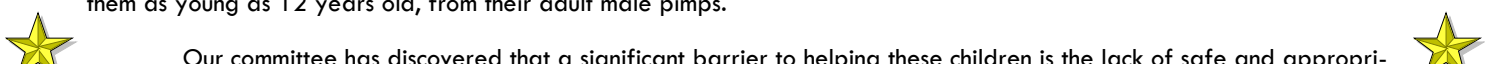
Some of you may have read the special report published in June, and subsequent articles in the *Sacramento Bee* regarding the deaths of multiple children who were previously known to Child Protective Services (CPS) in our county. Most recently, a 4-year old boy lost his life; allegedly beaten to death by his mother's boyfriend. Although ultimate responsibility and culpability for these deaths are with the violent perpetrators, CPS has an obligation and duty to conduct diligent investigations into reports of child abuse and neglect, and to take children assessed to be at risk of serious physical abuse or neglect into protective custody.



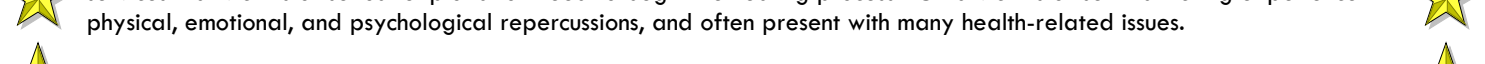
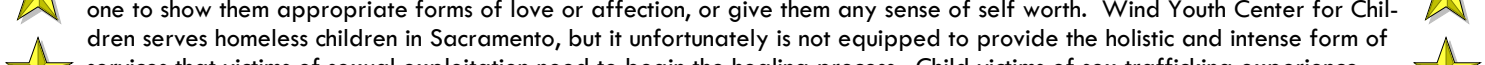
Media reports and other sources raise significant concern that CPS has time and again failed to adhere to its own policies and procedures, thus putting the lives of innocent children at risk. Whether these particular deaths could have been prevented as a result of a different course of action by CPS is unknown; however, a Grand Jury investigation into CPS' conduct is currently underway. In addition, Sacramento County officials recently hired a Florida firm to review the policies and procedures of the agency.



Another issue of significant concern is that of domestic human trafficking, and in particular, sex trafficking involving youth. The Innocence Lost Project is a national task force dedicated to investigating sexual exploitation of children, which as of June has recovered 433 children and convicted more than 300 pimps, according to the FBI. After the FBI conducted "Operation Cross Country" in June, Sacramento was identified as one of the **top 15 cities in the country** (among the ranks of Las Vegas and Chicago) with regards to child prostitution. That sting resulted in the removal of four children, one of them as young as 12 years old, from their adult male pimps.



Our committee has discovered that a significant barrier to helping these children is the lack of safe and appropriate housing. There are **only four** residential facilities for minor victims of domestic sex trafficking throughout the **nation**. Many of these children are homeless, with no parental contact or support. Deemed "throwaways," these children have no one to show them appropriate forms of love or affection, or give them any sense of self worth. Wind Youth Center for Children serves homeless children in Sacramento, but it unfortunately is not equipped to provide the holistic and intense form of services that victims of sexual exploitation need to begin the healing process. Child victims of sex trafficking experience physical, emotional, and psychological repercussions, and often present with many health-related issues.



In addition to housing assistance, these children can benefit from our advocacy, legal assistance and expertise – for example, to obtain medical/mental health benefits, or attain legal immigration status. We are seeking WLS member as volunteers to assist in developing ways to ensure that children in our community are protected. If you are interested in finding out more information, and/or volunteering, please contact Pat Sturdevant (patstur@sbcglobal.net) or Sonia Fernandes (sfernandes@dmhc.ca.gov).



WLS 15th Annual Artifesta Success

By: Jaime M. Errecart

Women Lawyers of Sacramento extends a sincere appreciation to our Artifest sponsors as well as everyone who attended Artifest on September 4, 2008 at the Vizcaya. We had 33 sponsors and over 200 people attend Artifest this year! WLS Development co-chairs Jamie Errecart and Michele Stevenson worked extremely hard throughout the year planning and preparing for the event. The WLS Foundation netted over \$17,000, a new Artifest record, all of which will go towards grants to local charitable organizations and scholarships to deserving law school students. This year's Artifest hosted a large variety of artists and a silent auction that included some fantastic donations, including an estate plan donated by Jennifer Rouse and a plane ride for two to Half Moon Bay with lunch in Princeton donated by Ron Lamb. The band, Larry and the Lobsters, most of whom are local attorneys, graciously donated their time and provided wonderful music for dancing. WLS presented five grants to local charitable organizations, including Loaves and Fishes (Maryhouse Project), The Center for Community Health and Well-Being/Nia, The Birthing Project Clinic (Judge Alice Lytle Academy of Dreams Program), Sacramento Child Advocates (Child Welfare Fund), Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services, and Wellspring Women's Center (Breakfast Program). Thank you again to all of our sponsors and attendees. Without you, we could not fund grants or scholarships.



**Jaime Errecart, June Coleman & Michele Stevenson,
WLS Board Members**



**Andy Thielen, Wellspring
Women's Center**



**June Coleman & Robert Wilson,
Sacramento Child Advocates**



**Helen Plenert (Women's Wisdom Pro-
ject Manger), Jeremiah Rhine,
(Programs Director of SFBFS)
& June Coleman**

More Artfest Photos



Rolanda Wilkins, Program Director for Judge Alice Lytle Academy of Dreams from the Center for Community Health and Well-Being/Nia, The Birthing Project Clinic



Larry and the Lobsters



Tim Lazar, artist



Marsha Mobley Kilian, artist

Attorneys and Judges Form the Leonard M. Friedman Bar Association

By: Theo Goodwin *

Members of the greater Sacramento area Jewish legal community have joined together to form the Leonard M. Friedman Bar Association. It is named in honor of the late Justice Leonard Friedman, a prominent member of the Sacramento Jewish community and jurist who served on the Sacramento County Courts and on the Third District Court of Appeal.

The idea for the Association grew out of a meeting earlier this year of some 80 Jewish judges, administrative law judges, civil and criminal defense attorneys, government attorneys, deputy district attorneys, public defenders, assistant U.S. attorneys, law school professors, law students and rabbis. The Association will reach out to the legal community in Sacramento, Yolo, Placer and El Dorado Counties. More information will be forthcoming from a website that is under construction.

Judge Judy Hersher summed it up this way: "Justice Leonard M. Friedman was an articulate and dedicated legal scholar, judge and pillar of the Jewish community. In his professional life, he exemplified the Jewish value of working to repair the world through the rule of law and justice. In his personal life, he was a role model for kindness, fairness and a commitment to family and community. The organization's mission is to serve as an educational resource, voice and forum for Jewish attorneys and judges on issues relating to the practice of law, the courts and the community. We intend to invite national and local speakers to address the group at quarterly events on topics of interest to the bench and bar. Diversity of opinion is welcomed."

The Association's kickoff reception will be on November 12, 2008, at 5:30 to 7 p.m., at *Downey Brand LL's* new offices located at 621 Capitol Mall, 18th Floor, Sacramento. All members of the greater Sacramento legal community are invited. If you wish to attend or be placed on the Association's email list, contact rsvp@jsaclaw.org.

"This will be an exciting inaugural event. We want to involve all members of the Jewish legal community, whether they want to get to know others or meet with old friends, as well as people who want to explore the cutting edge legal issues of our times from a Jewish perspective," according to Steering Committee co-chair **Michael Rothschild**.

* *Theo Goodwin is a Senior Staff Counsel with the Employment Development Department, where he handles administrative hearings and tax litigation.*

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Which segues nicely into our luncheon topic this month: Breast Cancer Awareness and Access to Care. October is National Breast Cancer Month. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, other than skin cancer. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, it is estimated that about 182,460 women in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in 2008 (and 1990 men!). About 40,500 women will die from breast cancer in 2008. The chance of a woman having breast cancer in her lifetime is about 1 in 8. The chance of a woman dying from breast cancer is 1 in 35. Death rates have decreased since the 1990s, which is primarily the result of increased early detection and improvements in treatment. This trend can only improve with concerted efforts to improve access to health care for women and encouraging all women to receive regular mammograms pursuant to American Cancer Society's screening guidelines. And, as research continues to look for a cure to breast cancer, lifestyle factors and habits appear to play a big part. This month's speaker, Lucinda "Cindy" Ehnes, the Director of the California Department of Managed Health Care, will speak about access to health care and other issues related to breast cancer. I hope you will join us for a potentially life saving program.

COURT-TO-COURT: Courts of Law and Basketball

Help Educate Underprivileged Children

The Sacramento office of Greenberg Traurig, in association with the Sacramento Monarchs, the Boys and Girls Club (Raley Branch), and the Yolo County Child Welfare Services, is a founding sponsor of an event designed to give at-risk children an insider's view of the justice system and the people who work in the field.

On Tuesday, September 9th, a group of kids ranging in age from 10 to 16 years old got a rare look at the "courts" from behind the scenes. Their special journey began with an in-depth tour of the Sacramento County Superior Court and concluded at a very different "court" -- Arco Arena -- where the Sacramento Monarchs prevailed over the Seattle Storm.

The children met with Justice Tani Cantil Sakauye of the Third District Court of Appeal who explained how appellate courts review lower court decisions, much like one family member might review and reverse the decision of another family member. Judge David DeAlba introduced the court and courthouse, and Judge Emily E. Vasquez poignantly shared her story of hope and the ability to overcome obstacles through hard work, good grades and community service; Judges Shelleyanne Chang and Loren E. McMaster volunteered their courtroom, staff and time to explain law and motion matters ranging from simple name changes to multi-million dollar issues. Courtroom Deputy Kalo and clerk Joan White allowed the kids to sit on the bench, in the attorney chairs and other witness stands to get a three dimensional view. The court tour concluded with a dynamic exchange with Judge Stacy Boulware Eurie in her chambers after the children watched an intense DUI and misdemeanor calendar with some awe. The children then travelled to the Sacramento office of Greenberg Traurig to meet with attorneys and business staff for a glimpse of the legal system from the law firm point of view. The day's finale was Arco Arena where the kids were given a wonderful tour by Kathleen Foley, Senior Director of Monarchs ticket sales, followed by attendance to the Monarchs game. Watching the Monarchs clinch a playoff spot through their dramatic win was a wonderful ending to a fabulous day of Court to Court.

Kathi Finnerty, a business litigation shareholder of the Greenberg Traurig Sacramento office, developed the event.

"For justice to be meaningful, each person and community served by the court must believe that the court exists to serve them. It is particularly important for these children to see that the court is created for and run by compassionate human beings," Finnerty said. "The Court-to-Court program is a tremendous opportunity to humanize the courts for children who might otherwise see courts as something to fear. It also gives the children a unique introduction to the wide variety of careers in the judicial system with the hope of igniting a passion to further their education and achieve their dreams. I am honored to be a part of this program with so many other caring individuals." Several of the young teens that attended the event expressed great enthusiasm about the experience. One young woman shared that it was the 'best day of her entire 16 years.'" Finnerty responded "My heart goes out to these often forgotten children, many of whom have had far too much exposure to family law and criminal courts already." To be able to share a glimmer of hope and compassion for these soon to be adults was a fabulous experience, that I hope we can repeat year after year."

About Greenberg Traurig:

Greenberg Traurig, LLP is an international, full-service law firm with more than 1750 attorneys and governmental affairs professionals in the U.S., Europe and Asia. The firm was selected as the 2007 USA Law Firm of the Year by Chambers and Partners. For additional information, please visit the firm's Web site at www.gtlaw.com.

Announcements & Other News

Jamie M. Errecart is Appointed to State Bar's Litigation Section Executive Committee

WLS Board Member Jamie M. Errecart was appointed to the State Bar's Litigation Section Executive Committee. Ms. Errecart's term is effective at the close of the 2008 State Bar Annual Meeting, September 28, 2008, and expires at the close of the 2011 Annual Meeting. Ms. Errecart is an attorney at McDonough Holland & Allen PC where she represents clients in general civil litigation matters.

ABA WOMEN RAINMAKERS MID-CAREER WORKSHOP

If you missed last year's workshop in Puerto Rico, you don't want to miss out this October! Join the ABA Women Rainmakers of the ABA Law Practice Management Section from October 17-19, 2008 for the ABA Women Rainmakers Mid-Career Workshop at the Westin La Paloma Resort and Spa in Tucson, Arizona.

This is a highly interactive forum developed to give valuable insight and enhance the performance of the mid-career woman lawyer. Two distinct tracks will be offered to accommodate both small firm/solo practitioners and large firm attorneys.

A dynamic set of legal professionals has been assembled, including attorneys, consultants, and marketing experts, for this interactive workshop. For more information on ABA Women Rainmakers, please visit www.womenrainmakers.org.



The 11th Annual OWL Awards

Recognizing Outstanding Women Leaders

Save the Date to join the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Sacramento Valley for a dinner and awards gala highlighting the accomplishments of Sacramento-area women who are soaring in today's business environment. The event will be hosted by on-air personality, Kitty O'Neal of KFBK, and will include a silent auction.

Thursday, October 16, 2008, 6:00—9:00 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Sacramento

Cocktail or Business Attire

For more information, or to nominate your Outstanding Woman Leader, contact Rosanna Garcia at 202-7294; www.nawbo-sac.org

Network & Have Fun at Court

Looking for a great way to network, workout, and have fun after work? Get In The Game Hoops, a national basketball non-profit organization of women lawyers and friends of lawyers, is looking for more basketball players to add to its growing Sacramento league. Court is in session at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Sacramento State University Yosemite Hall.

For more information, contact sacraentoladylawyers@gmail.com



ABAS 20TH ANNUAL GOLF INVITATIONAL
TURKEY CREEK GOLF CLUB
Sunday, October 12, 2008
12:30 p.m. shotgun start
(Check-in at 11 a.m.)

For more information, contact Jerilyn Paik, at 568-1222; jeri@jplawoffice.com

WLS Is Accepting & Publishing Readers' Announcements

Do you have an announcement that you would like to share with the WLS family? Perhaps you have changed firms, changed careers, moved, won a significant court case, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, introduced legislation, gotten married, or your family has grown?

If so, please let us know and we will share in your joy. Email WLS Newsletter co-

chairs Kristi Beckley and Ellen Arabian-Lee at kristibeckley@edd.ca.gov and ellen@gurneelaw.com, and we will make an effort to print your announcement in a future edition of the WLS Newsletter (depending upon available space). The deadline to submit announcements is the 20th of each month. Please attach any digital photos or other art that you would like to share with your email.

Announcements & Other News - Cont.



5th Annual Run for a Safe Haven benefiting
MY SISTER'S HOUSE
 A Domestic Violence Shelter for battered Asian Pacific
 Islander Women and Children
 November 8, 2008, 8 am
 William Land Park
 Kids Run and 5k Fun Run/Walk

Contact Dee Brown at brownd@insurance.ca.gov if you wish to run or walk on one of ABAS's teams: ABAS Legal Eagles (runners) OR ABAS Legal Beagles (walkers) OR form your own teams! (10 runners/walkers per team)

For more information, contact Ophelia Riego, MSH Run Coordinator at:
Ophelia@riegoinsurance.com

The first 20 teams to sign up opting to pay \$50/person will receive free Nike running shoes!!!

ABAS Volunteer Legal Clinic

Asian Bar Association of Sacramento (ABAS) has been running a volunteer legal clinic for My Sister's House since January 2007. The weekly legal clinic is held every Tuesday night, in conjunction with the Women to Work Program, which My Sister's House also administers. The ABAS clinic has been in such demand and has helped so many women and children that ABAS won the Heroes of Hope Award this year at the My Sister's House annual dinner. ABAS is looking for attorneys to help at the legal clinic, so that ABAS can maintain the continuity and great level of service to persons in need.

For more information see sacasianpacbar.com



NAWL Fourth Annual General Counsel Institute
 November 6 -7, 2008
 New York, New York
 The Westin New York at Times Square

ALL SENIOR WOMEN IN-HOUSE COUNSEL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS EVENT

Register now for the NAWL Fourth Annual General Counsel Institute. This year's conference will focus on what it takes to support the business and provide leadership in the face of the tumultuous economic and political developments that will undoubtedly shape where companies -- and careers -- are headed. Previous attendees have represented Fortune 500 corporations, governmental entities, not-for-profits and small private companies.

For more information or to register for this event, visit www.nawl.org or contact the NAWL offices at 312-988-6729 or nawl@nawl.org.

The National Directory of Women-Owned Law Firms and Women Lawyers

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Hansen, Culhane, Kohls, Jones & Sommer, LLP is looking for litigation associate attorneys at our Roseville office. This position requires a person with excellent verbal and written communication skills, confidence, poise and the ability to think creatively. The right candidates are committed to building a stellar career, not having a job. In short, the firm seeks candidates who will bring exceptional presence, intellect and commitment to the reputation of our clients. Our salaries are

very competitive and we offer a great working environment. A minimum of three years' civil litigation experience is required. If this describes you, contact Herminio L. Nuñez, Administrator, via email at hnuñez@hckjs.com, or by mail to 3001 Lava Ridge Court, Suite 120, Roseville, California 95661.

KAREN PEDERSEN STEVENS SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED BY WLS

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOLARSHIP:

In 2008, WLS established a memorial scholarship in honor of Karen Pedersen Stevens. A passionate advocate for women's rights, Karen Pedersen Stevens began her successful career and journey soon after graduating from Vassar College in 1966. While working at the State Capitol, she was instrumental in helping the Senate Judiciary Committee draft California's "no-fault" divorce law. In 1973, she graduated from McGeorge School of Law, and immediately began her involvement in promoting women in the profession. Karen Pedersen Stevens was a founding member of California Women Lawyers, and she later served as a president of Women Lawyers of Sacramento. Her service and dedication to the legal community also at one time included her involvement on the Attorney General's Women's Rights Task Force, State Bar's board of governors, California Young Lawyers' board of governors, and UOP McGeorge School of law board of directors. Karen Stevens was also active in local bar activities, serving on the judiciary committee and as a Sacramento County Bar Association (SCBA) board member and officer. She resigned from her position as First Vice President on SCBA's board of directors to concentrate on fighting her brief, but courageous, battle with pancreatic cancer. In 2007, SCBA selected Karen Stevens as the posthumous recipient of the Distinguished Attorney of the Year Award.

AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP:

\$1500

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Friday, October 24, 2008. [Please note that the recipient will be asked to attend (as a guest of WLS) the Supreme Court Reception on November 5, 2008 to accept the scholarship.]

CRITERIA:

This scholarship will be awarded to a financially needy first or second year law student who either has an interest in pursuing a legal career in family law and/or an individual who has provided assistance to women and/or children (i.e. dissolution process, adoptions, etc.) Special consideration will be given to individuals who have a desire to start their own family law practice.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

If interested in applying for this scholarship, please e-mail the following information to either Christine E. Jacobs at cjacobs@hckjs.com or Sonia Fernandes at sfernandes@dmhc.ca.gov by no later than October 24, 2008:

- 1) Name
- 2) Address
- 3) Phone Number
- 4) Email
- 5) Current resume, including academic record
- 6) List and describe affiliations with past and present organizations
- 7) Describe how you meet the criteria for the scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP

UNITY BAR DINNER 2008

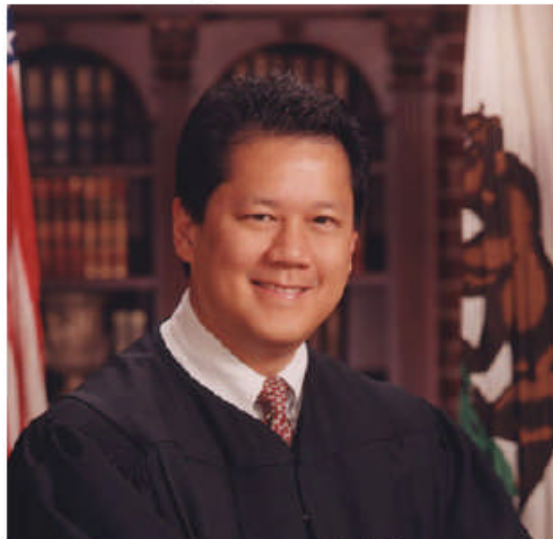
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Unity Bar Association of Sacramento

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Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento
La Raza Lawyers Association, Sacramento
Sacramento Lawyers for the Equality of Gays and Lesbians

Wiley W. Manuel Bar Association
Women Lawyers of Sacramento
South Asian Bar Association of Sacramento

Master of Ceremonies
Judge Russell L. Hom



Superior Court of California
Sacramento County

Keynote Speaker
Magistrate Judge Edward M. Chen



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First Asian-American on bench in District
Counsel for Plaintiffs in *Korematsu v. U.S.*

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6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dinner, awards presentations, and Keynote Speaker
Radisson Hotel Sacramento, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento, CA 95815, (916) 922-2020

***** Detach here and return as instructed below *****

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Minority Bar Coalition



2008 MBC Unity Conference & Awards Reception “Choices and Unity”

Friday, October 10, 2008
11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Golden Gate University
536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA

Unity Conference Schedule

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon & Keynote Panel:

Fulfilling the Promise of

Equality: California's Marriage Cases

Moderator: Elizabeth Cabraser

Panelists: Elizabeth Gill, Stuart Gaffney,
Professor Courtney Joslin, Therese Stewart

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Session 1 (choose one panel):

Panel A:

Choosing America's Next President:

How Gender, Race, and the Media

Affect Our Choices

Panel B:

Minority Candidates in Local Elections:

The Role of Coalition Building

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Session 2 (choose one panel):

Panel A:

Taking Control of Your Legal Career

Panel B:

Legislation by the People? California

State Initiatives

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Unity Awards Reception

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Please join us for a hosted reception
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