



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By THERESA LA VOIE

17TH ANNUAL MARGARET BRENT WOMEN LAWYERS OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS LUNCHEON

In recognition of our theme this year of "powerful and influential" women, this month's article is devoted to the 17th Annual Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Awards luncheon that I and a number of WLS members attended on August 12, 2007.

I had never attended this luncheon before, but WLS particularly wanted to be well represented this year to honor Angela Bradstreet of San Francisco, one of the recipients of the prestigious Margaret Brent Award.

The Margaret Brent award recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of women lawyers (and judges) who have excelled in their field and have paved the way to success for other women lawyers.

As I sat there at the luncheon learning about the accomplishments of each of these recipients and listening to their acceptance speeches, I was truly inspired.

THE MARGARET BRENT AWARD

Established in 1991 by the ABA's Commission on Women in the Profession and named after Margaret Brent, who is thought to be the first woman lawyer in America, the award honors outstanding female attorneys who have achieved professional excellence within their area of specialty and have actively paved the way to success for other women in law.

COMMISSION ON WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION

The Commission on Women in the Profession is the national voice for women lawyers, and it is dedicated to ensuring fairness in the justice system and equal opportunity in the legal workplace.

in the legal profession; identify barriers to advancement; and to secure the full and equal participation of women in the ABA, the legal profession and the justice system.



Now in its second decade, the Commission aims not only to address the challenges that women lawyers face, but also to combat bias in the justice system and to improve the quality of life for the profession generally.

WHO WAS MARGARET BRENT?

I must confess that before attending the luncheon, I didn't really know who Margaret Brent was, or why such a prestigious award was given in her name.

Margaret Brent was the first woman lawyer in America and owned real property in her own name. Born around 1601, Margaret Brent was approximately thirty-seven years old when she arrived in Maryland.

Her parents were landowners of Catholic gentry living in Gloucestershire, England. The daughters of such families usually lived quietly at home under the domination of their fathers until they married, at which time control of their lives and their fortunes were transferred to their husbands.

Margaret had some early education, but little is known about her studies. She decided to immigrate to Maryland which was not so unique at that time.

In 1645, the Maryland settlement faced a severe crisis. The civil war raging in England between Charles I and Parliament spilled over into Maryland.

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colony dropped drastically. Late in 1646, the Governor returned with soldiers to reestablish control. However, Governor Leonard Calvert died in 1647 with his own and Maryland's affairs still in turmoil. From his deathbed, exhorting her to "Take all and pay all," he appointed Margaret Brent his executor, a testimony to his faith in her abilities.

Margaret's decisive actions in such troubled times ensured the survival of the settlement. Leonard Calvert's soldiers threatened to mutiny if they were not paid, and Margaret averted the disaster. She had the Maryland Assembly transfer to her Leonard Calvert's power of attorney for his brother Lord Baltimore. Because Leonard Calvert's estate was not sufficient, she sold some of Lord Baltimore's cattle to pay the soldiers. Margaret's actions in averting disaster were commended by the Assembly to Lord Baltimore, but he could not see beyond the loss of his cattle.

Margaret Brent became an accomplished litigator, masterful negotiator, and respected leader. She won all of her 124 court cases tried over an eight year period. Her most famous action was in 1648 when she formally demanded a "vote and voice" in the Maryland Assembly, which the governor denied. Harper's

magazine called her "the first woman in America to make a stand for the rights of her sex." Margaret relocated to Virginia in 1651, where she died around 1671.

THE 2007 RECIPIENTS OF THE MARGARET BRENT AWARD

This year's recipients were Angela M. Bradstreet and Marsha S. Berzon of San Francisco, as well as Roxana C. Bacon of Phoenix, Arizona, Marva Jones Brooks of Atlanta, Georgia, and Irma S. Raker of Annapolis, Maryland. Each of these women were recognized for their professional excellence, influence on other women in the profession, and leadership in expanding the opportunities available to women practicing law.

Rather than abbreviate the background and achievements of each of these women, I have included their expanded biographies on the following pages so you can fully appreciate how remarkable each of these women are. And in so doing, I hope you become inspired to carry forth the torch that Margaret Brent lit over 200 years ago.

PHOTOS FROM LAST MONTH'S LUNCHEON FEATURING CALIFORNIA'S JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY Sharon Majors-Lewis



Assistant Secretary Sharon Majors-Lewis draws a crowd.



Assistant Secretary Sharon Majors-Lewis addresses the many facets of diversity.



Board Members Amal Abu-Rahma and Angela Lai coordinate the WLS programs and guest check-in.



WLS Board and the Governor's Secretary of Judicial Appointments, Sharon Majors-Lewis. R to L: Angela Lai, Patricia Sturdevant, Kristi Beckley, Megan Lewis, Secretary Majors-Lewis, Jennifer Rouse, Amal Abu-Rahma, Jean McEvoy, and Wendy York. Photo taken by Maralee MacDonald.

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Roxana C. Bacon



Roxana C. Bacon's career, spanning over three decades, is a series of "firsts" that collectively have inspired two generations of women lawyers in Arizona. In 1977, Ms. Bacon was the first woman partner at Jennings, Strouss

& Salmon, then the largest firm in the state. She was the first woman visiting professor at Arizona State University College of Law in 1979-80 and has served ever since as an adjunct professor in her two areas of particular expertise, immigration law and professional responsibility. Ms. Bacon was the first woman to serve as chair of the State Bar of Arizona's Admissions Committee on Character and Fitness, the first woman to be selected by Arizona's federal bench to serve as a lawyer representative to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and the first woman to be elected president of the State Bar of Arizona.

Following a life-changing stint in the Peace Corps in Chile, Ms. Bacon completed college and entered the University of California at Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law in 1971. Upon graduation, she was the second woman associate to be hired by Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, where she developed a practice in immigration law—the first such practice in Arizona to provide services in business immigration law.

Arizona is deeply affected by immigration, and Ms. Bacon has been an exceptional leader in this field. She is one of the premier immigration lawyers in the country and was the first woman to serve as general counsel to the American Immigration Lawyers Association in 1993 and to the American Immigration Lawyers Foundation since 2000. She has generously endowed immigration law clinics at both of Arizona's law schools, ensuring that students have opportunities to work with some of the country's most emotionally and intellectually challenging immigration issues (such as gender-based asylum questions).

In 1997, she was a founding partner of Bacon & Dear, a woman-owned firm with an innovative business model that includes the first interactive database for case management and preparation, no billable hours, and a team format for client service. By emphasizing teamwork and relying upon software as its nerve center, this structure rewards lawyers for their legal work rather than its administration. The firm's lawyers are able to work from anywhere at any time, and the resulting flexible schedules and diverse work sites address some of the key reasons women lawyers leave the profession too soon.

While building her national reputation in immigration law, Ms. Bacon was known throughout the state for her leadership in the state bar. She is a founder of the Arizona Women Lawyers Association and in 1991 became the first woman president of the State Bar of Arizona. As president and through her extensive involvement with the bar in other capacities over the years, she established Arizona's first Gender Task Force and led the bar's successful efforts to amend Arizona's constitution to include gender as one of the criteria for merit selection of judges. Her many leadership positions and accomplishments are even more impressive considering the politically conservative environment that existed in Arizona in the 1970s and 1980s. During her rise in the ranks of the bar, she built opportunities for other women. Through her, women found employment in the bar association, support for seeking political office, and more willingness to have them participate in important bar committees.

A true embodiment of the spirit of the pioneering West, in January, 2007, Ms. Bacon became the executive director of Western Progress, a new nonprofit think tank devoted to issues of concern in the American Southwest. Time and again, her colleagues have described her "rock star" charm and her unique talent for building bridges and forming coalitions. She is the personification of the Margaret Brent Award honoree.

Margaret Brent

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Marsha S. Berzon



Judge Marsha S. Berzon of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit did not intend to become a lawyer when she graduated from Radcliffe College in 1966. Only after trying out careers as a historian, journalist, and community organization official did she decide to attend law school at UC Berkeley.

Judge Berzon excelled at law school but at first had a difficult time being selected as a judicial law clerk, as several San Francisco judges had never hired a female clerk, much less a mother with an infant son. Judge James R. Browning, now Judge Berzon's colleague on the Ninth Circuit, did employ her; he still maintains, fondly, that she returned to him briefs speckled with baby formula. Judge Berzon then clerked for Justice William J. Brennan on the United States Supreme Court, as his first woman law clerk and one of the earliest female clerks on the Court. While working at the Court, Judge Berzon was featured in an article in *Mademoiselle* magazine on professional women juggling careers and children, the first of many opportunities to encourage young women lawyers.

Judge Berzon next embarked on a union-side labor law practice when almost no women practiced in that area. She represented the AFL-CIO coalition of labor organizations, as the first woman to appear on behalf of the national labor movement in the Supreme Court and in appellate courts throughout the country, filing dozens of briefs in seminal labor and employment and First Amendment cases, among others. Judge Berzon's appearances on behalf of labor unions and employees in landmark Supreme Court and appellate cases, her role as an organizer of and lecturer at conferences on labor and employment law, and her exemplary professional skill in representing largely male unions opened the door for women attorneys as union attorneys.

In her legal practice, Judge Berzon continually advanced the interests of women. She provided much of the intellectual capital and legislative strategy for both the Pregnancy Discrimination Act and the Family and Medical Leave Act, working closely with groups of women's rights attorneys to balance two sometimes conflicting principles—equal treatment based on gender and accommodation of women's family obligations. Judge Berzon also worked on Supreme Court cases dealing with women's pension rights, pregnancy disability, sexual stereotyping, and sexual harassment, and she briefed and argued in the

Supreme Court both *UAW v. Johnson Controls* (which established the principle that employers may not remove fertile women from the workplace rather than cleaning up the work environment) and *Blessing v. Freeston* (dealing with whether custodial parents may enforce federal child support obligations).

During her private practice with Altshuler, Berzon in San Francisco, Judge Berzon also represented women academics in tenure disputes, seeking to ensure that young women attending universities have female teachers and mentors. Over 20 years ago, Judge Berzon helped organize a group of 25 women lawyers, including two other Margaret Brent award winners, who were struggling with balancing family lives and fulfilling legal careers and who continue to meet annually, laughing together, sharing their stories and supporting each other. Judge Berzon was active in the organized bar as well, serving as an officer of state and local Labor and Employment Law Sections and as co-chair of the Appellate Practice Committee.

Judge Berzon was appointed to the federal appellate bench in 2000, with broad support from all sectors of the employment bar. At her investiture, one woman law clerk commented that learning of Judge Berzon's career was an inspiration, both in demonstrating that women can reach the pinnacle of the legal profession and in emphasizing that they need not sacrifice family and friendships to do so. Since joining the Ninth Circuit in 2000, Judge Berzon co-authored the court's opinion in *Hibbs v. Dep't of Human Resources*, later affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court, which permitted suits against states under the Family and Medical Leave Act. Judge Berzon has been honored by a wide range of organizations, including the California Women Lawyers' Association (the Fay Stender Award), the American Jewish Committee (the Learned Hand Award), and the Louisiana State University Law School (as the Alvin and Janice Rubin Lecturer).

Throughout her career, Judge Berzon has achieved legal breakthroughs that have improved the lives of women across all economic strata and has served as a mentor, model, friend, and supporter of women lawyers across the country.

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Angela M. Bradstreet



Angela M. Bradstreet left home in England for the United States at 24 years old, completely on her own but with a fierce determination to succeed. During the more than 25 years since she earned her masters in law degree

at the University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, she has been an unwavering champion for the rights of women and young girls. As president of Queen's Bench in 1989 and of California Women Lawyers in 1992, she created the *Rainmakers Guide for Women Attorneys* to help women attorneys become successful rainmakers. Additionally, she launched a successful effort to have more women appointed to the bench and testified at the Senate confirmation hearing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Today, Ms. Bradstreet is Senator Feinstein's representative on the Northern District Federal Judicial Selection Committee.

In 1995, Ms. Bradstreet led the only city bar delegation in the United States to the World Women's Conference in Beijing, which made presentations on sexual harassment, women's health care equity, and reproductive choice. She also co-founded Womentoring, a program that provides womentors to help women and young girls in need of a helping hand.

As president of the San Francisco Bar Association in 2001, Ms. Bradstreet created a blue ribbon No Glass Ceiling Task Force, which developed an initiative with specific commitments designed to eradicate the glass ceiling. Over 60 signatory firms, corporate law departments, and public law departments pledged to have at least 25% women in partnership and management positions by 2005. The initiative has been updated recently to provide for a goal of 30% for signatories with a Bay Area presence by 2010. Today, there are almost 100 signatories to the initiative, which

has resulted in measurable, concrete progress in advancing women to partnership and other management/leadership positions. The initiative has served as a model nationwide, and Ms. Bradstreet has worked with other bar associations locally, nationally, and internationally to launch similar programs.

To help address the oppression of women in Afghanistan, Ms. Bradstreet created the Advancement of Afghan Women's Scholarship at Golden Gate University Law School. Today, the recipient, Nasrina Bargzie, is a civil rights lawyer working on national security issues.

Ms. Bradstreet also has been a leader in equality for gays and lesbians. In 2002, she spearheaded the unanimous adoption by the San Francisco Superior Court of the first policy of a United States trial court banning membership by judges in organizations that discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. She then took the issue statewide, obtaining the support of the Los Angeles and Santa Clara County Bar Associations. Ultimately, the California Supreme Court unanimously voted to amend the Commentary in the Judicial Canons of Ethics to require judicial officers to disclose memberships in organizations that exclude gays and lesbians. She was awarded the State Bar Diversity Award in 2003 and is a member of the State Bar Council on Access & Fairness.

First elected as Carroll, Burdick & McDonough's managing partner in 1998, Ms. Bradstreet is an outstanding employment lawyer and has been recognized as one of the Top 75 Women Litigators in California. In June, 2007, Ms. Bradstreet was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as Labor Commissioner for California.

"Women helping women" is not a catchphrase for Angela Bradstreet. It is the philosophy that infuses how she conducts her life and fuels her passion and commitment to the advancement of women.

Margaret Brent

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Marva Jones Brooks



“Always take the high road.” This philosophy is the cornerstone of Marva Jones Brooks’ legal career and has led her down not only the high road but also roads not taken.

In 1980, the former mayor of Atlanta, the late Maynard Jackson, appointed Ms. Brooks to become the first female—and the first African-American—city attorney in the history of Atlanta. At that time, most large governmental bodies, particularly in the South, had only men in the role of chief legal officer. Her appointment heralded a new era for women and African-American attorneys throughout the country as the Jackson administration, with her involvement, set a new standard for major American cities in diversity of leadership and in equal financial opportunity in government contracting.

The following year, the next mayor, Andrew Young, retained Ms. Brooks as his chief legal officer. She used her leadership role as city attorney to encourage other women lawyers to become involved in public service. She appointed many talented young women attorneys to key leadership positions in the city law department and mentored them so they could build resumes that would enable them to move on to successful careers in public service and private practice. As one of her mentees at that time has described, this was a political world where one’s “practice unfolds on the front page of the newspaper. Governmental clients often have different agendas that conflict. I watched and learned with amazement as Marva corralled these differing viewpoints and fashioned them into a coherent legal position for the city.”

In 1990, Ms. Brooks moved into private practice with Arnall Golden Gregory, LLP in Atlanta. One year later, she was recruited to serve as associate general counsel for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games, a role she held from 1991 through 2000. Ms. Brooks was one of the two highest-ranking women involved in the 1996 Olympic Games and earned the respect and admiration of both the U.S. and

the International Olympic Committees.

On the national level, Ms. Brooks served on the Board of Trustees of the National Conference of Bar Examiners from 1998-2004 and became chair in 2005. She was elected president of the International Municipal Lawyers Association for the 1989-90 term.

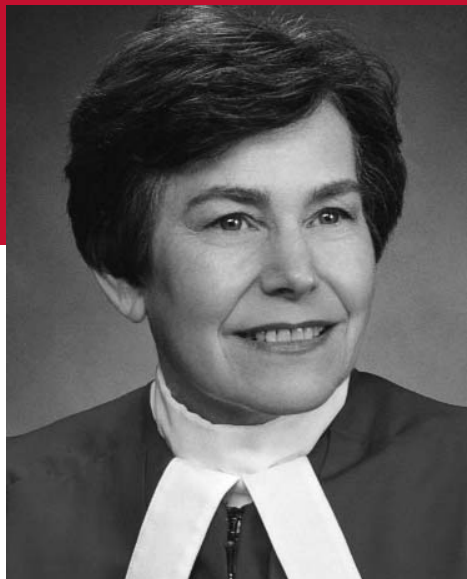
Ms. Brooks remains active in local community organizations. Among her many leadership positions in professional, civic, charitable, and business organizations, she has served on the Board of Trustees of Bennett College (one of the few women-only historically black colleges and universities). She also has served as the directors of the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and the Atlanta Business League. In many of these roles, she was among the first women to occupy leadership positions at the board level. She set the example and served as a trailblazer for other professional women who saw her success and how she laid the groundwork for those accomplishments, thereby making it easier for others to follow in her footsteps.

Time and again, colleagues report young women on opposing sides in lengthy negotiations who were so enthralled with Ms. Brooks’ reputation and leadership skills that they were inspired to set their goals higher and pursue them more vigorously. Time and again, women say that they entered public legal service because they wanted to emulate her career path. Women whom she has mentored consistently describe how she taught them how to practice law with grace and dignity and how to be true to the law without taking sides. In other words, she showed them by way of her own example how to “take the high road.” In true Margaret Brent Award fashion, she has walked the talk.

Margaret Brent

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Irma S. Raker



Judge Irma Raker grew up in Brooklyn, New York, the daughter of a lawyer and school teacher. In 1959, she graduated from Syracuse University with the intention of attending law school. Instead, she married her nuclear

engineer husband, Sam, and moved to Maryland. Judge Raker did not start law school until she was 32 years old, having deferred her legal education while raising three children, but she has more than made up for lost time. One year after graduation, in 1973, she became the first woman prosecutor in the history of Montgomery County, Maryland. During her six years with the State's Attorney's Office, she quickly emerged as a leader, acting as a mentor and counselor to many women. Her success, a product of her courage, scholarship, and collegiality, paved the way for women who followed her into a then-male-dominated field.

Throughout her legal career, Judge Raker has been known for her intellectual approach to the law as well as for her commitment to the issues related to women and children. As an assistant state's attorney, and one of the few women litigators in the county, Judge Raker prosecuted major criminal cases. She was a leading advocate in Maryland to revise the sexual offense laws, modernize jury instructions in rape cases, and champion on behalf of victims of domestic violence and child abuse at a time when the law enforcement community was only just beginning to acknowledge the devastating nature of these crimes.

In 1980, Judge Raker was appointed to serve as a judge on the District Court of Maryland, and in 1982, she was appointed to the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Judge Raker was known for her standard of fairness in addition to her intellectual power. Her much-publicized *Burning Tree* opinion impacted country clubs across the U.S. In *Burning Tree Club, Inc. v Bainum*, she held, as a trial judge, that the private Burning Tree Country Club was not entitled to a special tax exemption because it refused to admit women

among its members. This decision—ultimately upheld by the Maryland Court of Appeals—resulted in many country clubs within and outside Maryland changing their practices.

Judge Raker was appointed in 1993 to the Court of Appeals of Maryland, the state's highest court. She chairs the Judicial Compensation Committee of the Maryland Judicial Conference and has been successful in representing the judiciary in encouraging fair compensation for Maryland judges. Sensing a need to open channels of communication between the different branches of government, and to encourage networking between the women legislators and judges, she initiated an annual dinner held at the court (which has become a national model) for women legislators and judges. Since 1980, she has served as the chairperson of the Maryland State Bar Association Pattern Jury Instruction Committee, and the resulting *Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions* is recognized throughout the legal community as one of the best of its kind. She is an elected Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and an elected member of the American Law Institute. She is an adjunct professor of law at the Washington College of Law of the American University and a faculty member of the Maryland Judicial Institute.

Judge Raker is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Women's Law Center Dorothy Beatty Memorial Award for Significant Contribution to Women's Rights, the Women's Bar Association Rita C. Davidson Award, the Maryland State Bar Association Robert C. Heeney Award, the Syracuse University Outstanding Alumna Award, and the Daily Record "Maryland's Top 100 Women" award.

Judge Irma Raker's leadership and professional excellence have benefitted all Maryland women and men. She continues to be a prominent, active, and dynamic member of the community and understands the challenges women lawyers face today. She serves as a role model, a mentor, a trail blazer, and a legal scholar. Her past and present accomplishments make her a worthy recipient of the award named in honor of her home state's first practicing attorney, Margaret Brent.

Margaret Brent

**Women Lawyers of Sacramento &
Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento
are Pleased to Co-Host a September Luncheon Featuring
Deputy Chief Counsel to the California Senate Judiciary Committee
Gloria Megino Ochoa**

Please note increased cost listed below.

**RSVP with menu choice by September 19th to WLS/ABAS member
Angela Lai at (916) 442-8888 or alai@nossaman.com.**

DATE: September 27, 2007

TOPIC: “The Power of Women in the Legislature”

For almost 30 years, Deputy Chief Counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee Gloria Megino Ochoa has been at the forefront of the women’s movement. Ms. Ochoa will discuss the power of women in the legislature, as well as why women need to maintain that power.

Ms. Ochoa was the first Filipina elected to a mainland U.S. County seat and was the Democratic nominee for the 22nd Congressional seat in California in a widely publicized campaign against oil millionaire Michael Huffington. Since her graduation from U.C. Davis Law School, **Ms. Ochoa** has served in various capacities in local, state, and federal government, and maintained a private law practice over the years. **Ms. Ochoa** is also the Immediate Past President of My Sister’s House. Drawing from her personal experience with domestic violence, **Ms. Ochoa** helped draft women- and survivor-friendly legislation such as the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, which became a model for other states and basis for the federal law known as the Violence Against Women Act.

Pending .75 Hours MCLE Credit in the area of Elimination of Bias in the Profession

WHERE: Firehouse Restaurant (Old Sacramento)

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

MENU: **Chicken Marsala**, with smoked wild mushrooms and fresh herbs in a marsala wine demi; or **Petit Pork Chop** in a mild curry, with wine-spiced pear, caramelized onion compote and cider demi; or **Braised Fennel & Mushroom Risotto**, with wild mushrooms and parmigiano-reggiano cheese, sweet peas, smoked roma tomatoes and cipollini onions.

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 the entrée of first choice unless reservation is made before the deadline.

Please mail your check payable to WLS and menu choice by September 19, 2007 to WLS, Attn: Luncheon, P.O. Box 936, Sacramento, CA 95812. Please indicate on the check if you are a pre-paid WLS or ABAS member, past president, or judge. Since WLS and ABAS will be charged for cancellations, payments must be received in advance and are non-refundable.

RSVPs or Questions about the luncheon? Contact WLS member Amal Abu-Rahma at (916) 322-9726 or aaburahma@dmhc.ca.gov or WLS/ABAS member Angela Lai at (916) 442-8888 or alai@nossaman.com.

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.

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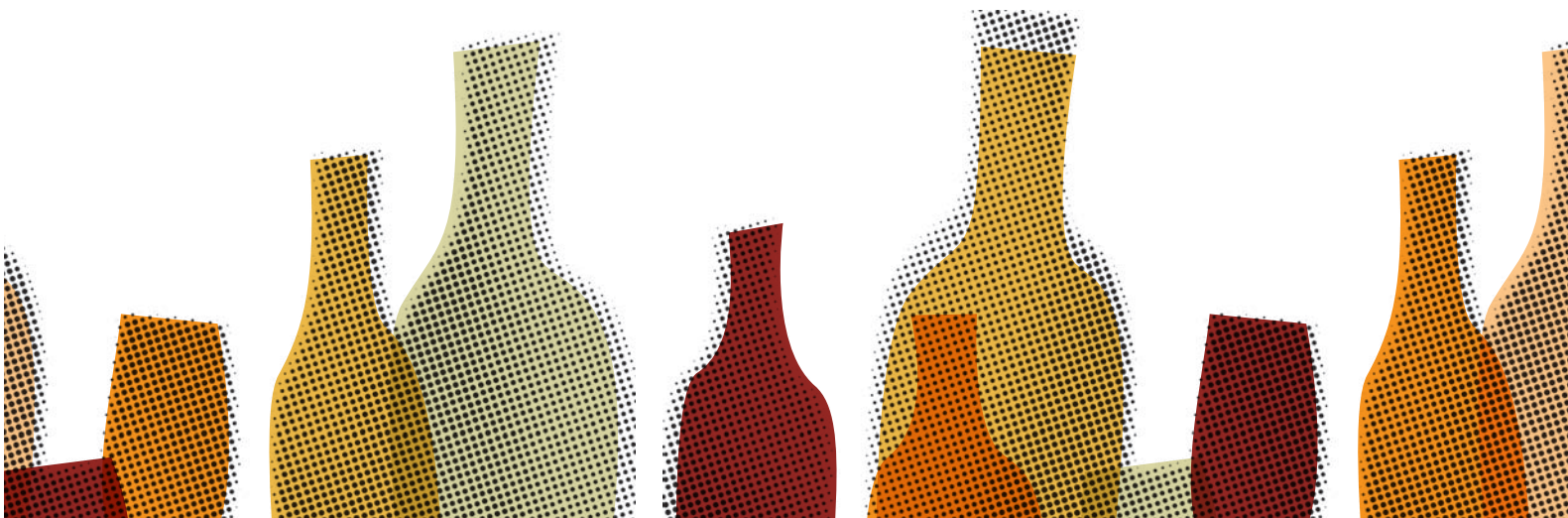
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General Admission:

\$35/INDIVIDUAL, \$60/PAIR

McGeorge Students & Faculty:

\$30/INDIVIDUAL, \$50/PAIR



WLS' Fourteenth Annual Art Fest



Women Lawyers of Sacramento is excited to announce that tickets for its Fourteenth Annual Art Fest fundraiser are now on sale! WLS' Art Fest will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the magnificent Vizcaya, 2019 21st Street, Sacramento. The Vizcaya is surrounded by beautiful, colorful gardens and three fountains. The building also features unique stained glass domes and many arched windows overlooking vibrant flower beds and fountains. We are very excited to host this event at such a wonderful location.

As in the past, the event will include exhibits by local artists, a highly popular Silent Auction, live band, catered buffet, and hosted wine. All proceeds from this event are retained by the

WLS Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, to be used for awarding scholarships to deserving law school students and grants to local organizations serving the greater Sacramento area. Past recipients include WEAVE (Women Escaping A Violent Environment), Sacramento Child Advocates (providing legal training to advocates for abused and neglected children), My Sister's House, Loaves and Fishes, Wellspring Women's Center, Maryhouse, and other important organizations.

Each year WLS also awards four scholarships to worthy law school students. In 1966, WLS awarded its first scholarship, the WLS Scholarship, in the amount of \$250, to Barbara McCallum, who used the scholarship to pay one quarter's tuition at McGeorge School of Law. Barbara later served as president of WLS in 1972.

WLS also awards three named scholarships. The first such scholarship is the Margaret A. Flynn Scholarship. The Margaret A. Flynn Scholarship was established in 1983 thanks to special donations to the Scholarship Fund by Frances Newell Carr and Elizabeth Welsh. The Margaret A. Flynn Scholarship was established in honor of Sacramento County's first woman judge. This scholarship recognizes individuals who have contributed outstanding community service.

In 1992, WLS created a second named scholarship in honor of Justice Frances Newell Carr. Frances Carr was a founding member and the first president of WLS. In 1978, she was elected presiding judge and in 1980 she became the first woman to be appointed to the Third District Court of Appeal. The Frances Newell Carr Scholarship honors law students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement.

The third named scholarship WLS created honors Virginia S. Mueller. Virginia Mueller is another founding member and continued supporter of WLS. The Virginia S. Mueller scholarship is awarded to a graduating law student to help pay Bar Exam expenses. Special consideration for this scholarship is given to candidates who have worked to expand opportunities for historically disadvantaged persons.

WLS Foundation is also excited to announce the creation of another named scholarship in honor of Karen Pedersen Stevens, a true pioneer for women in the legal field. The parameters of this scholarship are currently under discussion. More information about this scholarship will follow in future newsletters and announcements, as well as at Art Fest on Thursday, October 4, 2007.

If you would like to pre-purchase tickets for this exciting event please print, fill-out, and send the ticket request form in this newsletter. We have already sold over 100 tickets to this fantastic event! If you would like to sponsor or contribute to the event, please contact WLS Development co-chairs Jamie Errecart at (916) 444-3900 or by email at jerrecart@mhalaw.com or Michele Stevenson at (916) 830-7200 or mzstevenson@littler.com.

WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO

14TH ANNUAL

ARTFEST

Thursday, October 4

6:00 - 9:00 pm

The Vizcaya

2019 21st Street

Sacramento, CA

Join colleagues and friends in the splendor of the Vizcaya for an evening including local artistry, music, fine cuisine, spirits, and silent auction. Proceeds fund grants to local charitable organizations and scholarships to law students.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENTO ATTORNEY CHARITY KENYON RECEIVES 2007 INNS OF COURT AWARD

WLS member Charity Kenyon, a Sacramento media attorney, received the 2007 American Inns of Court Ninth Circuit Professionalism Award. The award was presented to Charity by Hawaii Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon at the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals annual judicial conference held this year in Honolulu,

Hawaii. The award honors an attorney whose life and work display character, integrity and dedication to the highest standards of the rule of law. Charity Kenyon is a founding partner of Riegels Campos & Kenyon, and is nationally recognized for her legal expertise in First Amendment law.

MEREDITH A. JURY IS ELEVATED TO 9TH CIRCUIT BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Meredith A. Jury, who sits in Riverside County, California, was elevated to the 9th Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel. Judge Jury will begin her assignment on the Pasadena-based panel and

hear appeals of bankruptcy decisions in nine western states. Before becoming a bankruptcy judge, she practiced civil law with Riversides' Best Vest & Krieger for 20 years.

SAC LEGAL TO HOST FUNDRAISER SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

On September 6th, Sacramento Lawyers for the Equality of Gays and Lesbians (SAC LEGAL) will host its annual fundraiser for the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) and Marriage Equality USA (MEUSA). The event will feature live music, comedy, and a silent auction. Tapas will be provided by Cervantes restau-

rant. The event is from 6 to 9 p.m. at Club 21. Tickets are \$50.00 and can be purchased in advance and at the door. Student discounts are available. SAC LEGAL is in need of items for the silent auction, as well as volunteers to help at the event. For more information or to offer assistance, e-mail NCLRFundraiser@aol.com.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BENCH TO HONOR JUDGE ENGLAND AS JUDGE OF THE YEAR SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

U.S. District Court Judge Morrison England will be the honored judge of the year at the Sacramento County Bar Association Annual Bench Bar Reception on Wednesday, September 19th. The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., at the Sterling Hotel. Newly appointed and

elevated judges will also be honored. Tickets are \$30 if purchased prior to September 10th. After September 10th, tickets will be \$35, subject to availability. For more information, contact: Michelle at 448-1087 ext. 200.

WLS TO HOST MIXER FOR NEW ATTORNEYS SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

WLS will host a mixer for law students and new admittees to the legal profession at a mixer on September 20th. The mixer will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., at Weintraub Genshlea Chediak (400 Capitol Mall, 11th

Floor). There will be a speaker's panel followed by a small reception. For further details, contact Liva Stocica at (916) 319-8516 or livia.stocica@dhcs.ca.gov.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT.

WLS HEADS FOR ANAHEIM FOR CWL ANNUAL DINNER: PAST WLS PRESIDENT KAREN GOODMAN TO BE SWORN IN AND WLS TO HONOR KAREN STEVENS SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

This year the State Bar Annual Meeting is in Anaheim. One of the highlights is the California Women Lawyers' Annual Dinner, which will be held on September 27th. Each year, the dinner hosts notable keynote speakers and the new officers of CWL take their oaths. This year's dinner is quite special in that WLS past president Karen Goodman will be sworn in by Sacramento Superior Court Judge Emily Vasquez as the new CWL president. We would like to have a strong Sacramento force at the dinner, so please consider coming and let others know about the dinner. The speaker is Eleanor Clift from Newsweek and The McLaughlin Group and the Fay Stender Award will be presented to Kim Hubbard. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Jennifer Rouse, rouse@jfmjlaw.com, and send a check payable to WLS for \$110 to WLS at PO Box 936, Sacramento,

CA 95812 with "CWL Annual Dinner" in the memo line. WLS will send a check to CWL for the full table amount along with everyone's names. Reserving a table seat through WLS is the best way to get a good seat. If you are unable to attend, but would like to congratulate Karen, you can place a congratulatory ad in the annual dinner program. Contact Jennifer Rouse, Pat Sturdevant at 916-327-7312 or CWL at 916-646-3114 for information.

WLS past presidents will also honor the late Karen Stevens with an ad in the CWL dinner program. Any contributions WLS receives over the \$1,000 to pay for the ad will go to the WLS Foundation for a Karen Stevens Scholarship. Mail your donations to WLS at P.O. Box 936, Sacramento, CA 95812. Checks for the scholarship need to be made payable to the WLS Foundation.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS TO HOST BENEFIT FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH & TREATMENT SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

Since 1987, area businesses have taken advantage of this opportunity to recognize the achievements of professional women in our region. This year Women in Business will host a reception to benefit breast cancer research and treatment. The event will take place from 5 to 8 p.m., on September 27th at the Sacramento Con-

vention Center. The reception will feature cuisines from 25 local restaurants, wine tasting, special offerings from area businesses, and live entertainment. The entire ticket price of \$35 will go to Cure Breast Cancer, Inc. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$35. For more information, see www.CureBreastCancer.org.

UC DAVIS EVENT CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENTS OF CRUZ REYNOSO

The University of California Davis School of Law will host an event celebrating the lifetime achievements of California Associate Supreme Court Justice, Cruz Reynoso at 5:00 on Saturday, September 15th at the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center. Reynoso dedicated his life to public service and championing causes in civil rights, immigration and refugee policy, government

reform, and legal services from the poor. He was the first Latino to serve on the California Supreme Court and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom awarded to him by President Bill Clinton in 2000. Reynoso is on the faculty at the University of California Davis School of Law. To attend the event, contact Jean Flournoy Korinke, at jfkorinke@ucdavis.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT.

WLS BOARD MEMBER ANGELA LAI TO BECOME VICE CHAIR OF ABA HEALTH LAW SECTION

In October, WLS Board Member Angela M. Lai will become vice chairwoman of the Payment and Reimbursement Interest Group of the American Bar Association's Health Law Section. Lai was featured in the Daily Journal on August 20th for her outstanding achievements both in the United States and in China where she grew up. Lai is both an internationally celebrated artist and calligraphist, and she is an accomplished lawyer with a generous heart.

Lai immigrated to the United States in 1995 to attend the University of Wisconsin, where she earned a bachelor's degree in 1999 with majors in medical microbiology and immunology and economics. She was the first in her family to earn a college degree. She is fluent in Cantonese and Mandarin, which helped her land an

internship at a local law firm in Beijing in late 2003. In 2005, Lai joined the Sacramento offices of Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott. She represents health care systems, hospitals, physicians and medical groups in litigation over Medicare and Medi-Cal reimbursement disputes, licensing and employment disputes.

Lai is director of My Sister's House, the only nonprofit in the Central Valley to address domestic violence in the Asian Pacific community, and of the Sacramento chapter of the Organization of Chinese Americans. She is also a member of several organizations, including the International Women Artists Association, which her mother heads. It's a full plate, but Lai never complains. "To whom much is given, much is expected, too," she said. *[Source: The Daily Journal]*

GOVERNOR NAMES 18 JUDGES STATEWIDE

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on September 20th appointed 18 trial court judges, including seven that will fill new positions created by legislation last year.

Nine of the new judges will serve in Los Angeles County: Terry Bork, Gregory Dohi, Marguerite Downing, Elizabeth Feffer, Lesley Green, Elaine Lu, Georgina Torres Rizk, Elia Weinbach and Melissa Widdifield. In Ventura County, two court commissioners have been promoted to judgeships: Douglas Daily and Bruce Young. Two court commissioners, Carol Codrington and Dale Wells, will also take the bench in Riverside County. Prosecutor Robert Burlison and Efren Iglesia, a senior deputy county counsel, were appointed in Monterey County.

The governor's three other judicial appointments are court Commissioner Molly Bigelow of Shasta County, Chief Deputy District Attorney Mark Boessenecker of Napa County, and family law specialist Jennifer Shirk of Tulare County.

Schwarzenegger has now filled 30 of the 50 bench positions allocated by the Legislature last summer. Judiciary leaders are pushing legislation that would create another 50 judgeships in 2008. Of the 18 appointees statewide, 11 are Republicans, six are Democrats, and one is registered decline-to-state. Six of the new judges are currently court commissioners.

The governor's office does not release the ethnic backgrounds of individual appointees. But Assemblyman Dave Jones, D-Sacramento, said he was disappointed that an initial scan of photos of the 18 appointees suggests that just five are ethnic minorities.

Jones said the apparent lack of diversity in the governor's picks could spell trouble for the bill he's carrying to create another 50 judgeships. "I think it's a problem in that the Legislature's appetite for more critically needed judgeships is going to be diminished," he said.

Each judge will earn \$171,648.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO HOST RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

The District Attorney's Diversity Reception will be held on September 20th from 4 to 7:30 p.m., in the John Price Conference room (4th Floor) of the Sacramento District Attorney's office. Any law student or attorney interested in learning about employment opportunities at Sacramento District Attorney's office, or becoming a Deputy District Attorney or intern should attend. Refreshments will be provided.

AUTHOR OF BOOK ON WOMEN REFORMERS IN MUSLIM WORLD TO SPEAK AT UOP-MCGEORGE SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

UC Davis School of Law Professor Madhavi Sunder will be the opening speaker in the 15th Annual Pacific McGeorge Distinguished Speakers Series. Sunder, a leading scholar in the field of cultural legal regulation, will speak at noon, on September 25th in The Pub at McGeorge. The author of a book of women reformers in the Muslim world, Sunder is an associate editor of the International Journal of Cultural Property and on the board of editors for the Muslim World Journal of Human Rights.

AUTHOR OF THE PAPER CHASE TO SPEAK AT MCGEORGE SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

University of San Francisco law school professor John Osborn, author of The Paper Chase, will speak at Pacific McGeorge on September 18, 2007 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the California Reading Room. MCLE credit is available and lunch will be provided. The cost is \$25. RSVP to (916) 739-7141.

NADER TO SPEAK AT UOP-MCGEORGE ETHICS EVENT SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

Consumer advocate and occasional presidential candidate Ralph Nader will headline Pacific McGeorge's 2nd Annual "Ethics Across the Professions" symposium on Thursday, September 20th. Nader, who has run three times for the U.S. presidency, will deliver a public lecture on professional ethics and corporate responsibility at 5 p.m. "Ethics Across the Professions," funded by the Sierra Health Foundation and organized by Professor George Harris, features academics and practitioners from a wide array of professions, including law, medicine, journalism, and business. This year's symposium will focus on the relationship between professional ethics and corporate conduct.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

INSURANCE DEFENSE FIRM SEEKS ASSOCIATE

The Costa Law Firm of Sacramento is looking for a bright, energetic associate with 3-5 years of experience and excellent writing skills. The firm offers a competitive salary and benefits. The firm focuses on civil litigation with an emphasis on personal injury and insurance. Fax resume & writing sample to The Costa Law Firm at (916) 920-2857.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES, CONT.

DHHS SEEKS ATTORNEY TO WORK ON INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

The Office of the Regional Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), in San Francisco is soliciting résumés from current members of the bar. It is anticipated that the attorney will work primarily on matters involving the Indian Health Service, especially the Navajo Area. The Office of the Regional Counsel handles matters arising within DHHS Region IX (principally Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada). In-

terested candidates should send a résumé, two writing samples, and a reference list to the attention of Richard K. Waterman, Regional Chief Counsel to richard.waterman@hhs.gov. If you graduated from law school less than five years ago, a law school transcript also should be submitted. The position is open only to U.S. citizens. To ensure consideration, materials must be received by **September 28, 2007.**

CALIFORNIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION SEEKS RESEARCHERS

The California District Attorneys Association is seeking a Legal Research Attorney I/II. Salary range is \$40K to

\$52.8K for a "I"; \$40K to \$66K for a "II". See job description at www.CDAA.org for more information.

CALIFORNIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION HAS CORPORATE ATTORNEY POSITION

The California Dental Association is seeking a corporate attorney. Experience with insurance law and negotiation and drafting legislation and regulations is preferred.

A minimum of three years experience is required. Salary DOE. Submit resumes to cdajobs@cda.org.

OFFICE OF FEDERAL DEFENDER SEEKS 2 ATTORNEYS, 1 INVESTIGATOR, AND 1 PARALEGAL

The Office of the Federal Defender of the Eastern District of California (Office) is accepting applications for two positions for Assistant Federal Defender for its Capital Habeas Unit. The unit represents California death row inmates in habeas corpus proceedings at the federal level. This position may require working holidays, evening, and weekend hours and may require substantial travel. At least four years of attorney experience required. Capital trial or post-conviction experience is preferred. This is a full-time position with federal salary and ben-

efits based on qualifications and experience. To apply, send cover letter, resume, three references and writing sample to: Office of the Federal Defender, Eastern District of California, 801 I Street, 4th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, or applications may be reached via e-mail CAE_HR@fd.org.

The Office is also seeking an investigator and a paralegal. Please see <http://www.womenlawyers-sacramento.org/news.cfm> for more information.

WOMEN LAWYERS AND PARALEGALS WANTED ON BASKETBALL 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 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. For more information, contact sacramentoladylawyers@gmail.com.



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