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## August 2016 Newsletter

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**Join Us At This Month's Luncheon:**

**The FPPC Now and in the Future  
Featuring Galena West,  
Chief of Enforcement  
Fair Political Practices  
Commission**

**Thursday,  
August 25, 2016**



## President's Corner By: Jennifer Hartman King

This month, we gathered for the annual Past President's Reception, held in the lovely home of WLS Past President Joan Stone. The reception has been a tradition for many years. It brings together the current WLS board, past presidents, and Frances

During the reception, approximately 40 of us gathered in Joan's living room and took turns introducing ourselves. The past presidents shared insights from their years on the board, and described some of the challenges they faced. After having attended this event



WLS Past Presidents

Newell Carr award recipients in an effort to maintain the connections among the past and current leaders of this wonderful organization. It is always an inspiring evening, and this year seemed particularly so.

for many years, I have heard a number of the stories before; but some of them particularly struck me this year: female job applicants asked whether they had or planned to have children, women being the single "token"

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## WLS Awards 2016 Grants

### By: Vanessa Hunter

Co-Chairs Tara Rojas and Elizabeth Dietsen-Olsen and Vice-Chairs Vanessa Hunter and Amy Halloran of The Grants and Awards committee met in July 2016 to discuss grant applications for the year. 26 applications from a variety of organizations were received. In the call for applications, organizations were asked to identify how they fall into one of the categories WLS hopes to support. The categories are (1) women's issues; (2) children's issues; (3) education; (4) access to law; and (5) community based. Out of the many deserving and moving applications received, The Grants and Awards committee, with the approval of the WLS Board, awarded the following grants:

#### Wellspring Women's Health (\$500)

The Women's Center is a nonprofit organization located in Sacramento's Oak Park neighborhood. It was founded in 1987 by Sisters Catherine Connell and Claire Graham. As social workers, they had regularly witnessed a common effect of poverty on women - a lack of basic self-esteem. They sought to create an environment where such personal self-esteem might be nurtured, and where women would be supported to recognize their innate goodness and dignity. Wellspring requested funding to supply guests with a package of ten sanitary napkins for three months. WLS continues to show of support for this program by providing Wellspring with a \$500 grant to fulfill this need.

#### Maryhouse (\$1000)

Located within Loaves and Fishes, Maryhouse is a hospitality center for homeless women and their children. The program addresses the immediate needs of homeless women who come to Loaves & Fishes for respite and hope in changing their difficult lives. Located in downtown Sacramento, the Maryhouse program has been serving homeless women since 1986. Maryhouse provides respite rooms where homeless women can sleep on a couch or relax in comfortable chairs for the day without stress or pressure. Over time the furniture has experienced wear and tear. In order to make the needed repairs, \$1,000 was awarded to assist with this project.

#### St. Johns (\$1500)

St. John's Program for Real Change has provided nearly 30,000 women and children in crisis with essential tools to rise above their circumstances, steady their footing and personal foundation, and fully care for themselves and their children. Through their holistic 18-month residency program, St. John's helps women transform and change the trajectory of their lives once and for all by helping to create healthy, self-sustaining and thriving families where women are empowered with the tools they need to truly break the cycle of poverty, homelessness, and abuse. St. John's provides training for the women in all aspects of hospitality, including food service and catering. Each training participant is outfitted with a uniform and the appropriate shoes that meet specific food service/restaurant worker standards. St. John's will use the grant to provide approximately 800 hours of training for 55 women participating in their new Employment Training Program.

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## President's Corner, continued...

female attorney for their employer, female attorneys being told that they could not be litigators if they had children, and employers requiring women to be on birth control. These experiences were within the past few decades, which really is not that long ago given the long history of legal practice in Sacramento. This made me especially grateful for, and inspired by, the stories we heard this year about the women who marched for our rights and paved the way for those of us who have come after them. On behalf of the 2016 board, I thank all the brave and dedicated women who have fought for equal treatment of female lawyers in Sacramento and beyond.

Although progress certainly has been made, work remains to be done. WLS continues to promote the professional advancement of female lawyers by, among other things, providing grants and awards to deserving law students and organizations that support our mission, and tracking/supporting legislation that advances these interests. Of course, progress requires us all to make an effort to stretch beyond perceived boundaries and destroy old and unfounded notions regarding limitations on our capabilities. One of the ways we can do so is by achieving professional excellence in our own careers. The largest strides, however, will be made if we not only do this for ourselves, but also support and promote each other in this process. What could you do to give a striving female attorney a boost today? Think about it, and then act!



## WLS Awards 2016 Grants, continued...

### Sex Workers Outreach Program (\$500)

The Sex Workers Outreach Program is a California State social justice network dedicated to reducing harm, improving healthcare, and upholding civil and human rights of sex workers in our community. Its focus is on ending violence and stigma through education and advocacy while addressing the health and wellbeing of both trafficked victims and those who engage in survival sex. It currently provides an emergency shelter, sexual and general health education, interface and capacity building programs, safety while working in the sex trade, exiting from sex work, benefits, welfare and debt advice, and lifestyle changes. The money awarded will be used to provide 90 wellness kits to be distributed by peer counselors and volunteers during direct street outreach several times per week.

### Children's Issues

#### Tubman House (\$1000)

Tubman House provides housing and support to Sacramento homeless, parenting, or pregnant youth and their children so that the women and children may focus on living rather than surviving. Since 2003, Tubman House has offered over 1,600 youth and their children 18 months of housing and support. Tubman partners with each resident to reduce dependency on programs and unhealthy relationships so that each participant graduates to sustainable housing, health, mental wellness, strong parent-child relationships, jobs, and to allow them to progress toward careers. In short, Tubman House provides an intensive intervention in early childhood that moves families from dependency to self-sufficiency. Tubman House requested a grant to supply classroom and college supplies to the children of Tubman House.

#### Tiny Feet (\$500)

Tiny Feet provides support to families who have a child in the Sacramento Area Neonatal Intensive Care Units. It compiles gas cards, housing vouchers, food vouchers, premie sized clothing, and other necessary items required to support families who are putting their lives on hold to be with their premature children in the intensive care nursery. Oftentimes, families are unable to spend time with their premature infants due financial hardship and outside demands. Tiny Feet strives to provide that support and its goal is to help families not worry about the small things and allow them to focus on their child, who is fighting for his/her life.

### Education

#### Reading Partners (\$1000)

Reading Partners' mission is to help children become lifelong readers by empowering communities to provide individualized instruction with measurable results. It focuses on low-income K-4 students to maximize the amount of instruction each child receives before their achievement gap widens, ensuring that as many students as possible are reaching proficiency by fourth grade. It partners with schools to turn donated classroom space into reading centers. With a structured, research-based curriculum that requires no prior experience, it transforms volunteers into high-quality instructors, enabling it to recruit 70-100 tutors to serve 50 or more students at each reading center. Reading House will purchase leveled books and supplies to

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## WLS Awards 2016 Grants, continued...

accompany its curriculum for the launch of a new reading center.

### **Access to Law**

#### Opening Doors (\$1000)

Opening Doors empowers refugees, immigrants, human trafficking survivors, and underserved Sacramento area residents by helping them achieve self-sufficiency. It provides safe places, skills development, immigration legal services, and connections to community resources. A grant from WLS would allow Opening Doors to provide immigration legal services to victims of crime who otherwise could not afford these services and would help to process visas for women and/or children who are survivors of violent crimes. Once the visas are approved, the survivors will have the opportunity to find legal and gainful employment and financially support themselves, which is crucial to helping survivors become self-sufficient and to break the cycle of financial dependence on the abuser.

### **Community-Based**

#### Mercy House (\$1000)

Mercy House was founded in 1981 by the Sisters of Mercy in response to what they saw as a growing crisis in the United States—the lack of safe, clean, and affordable housing. Its mission is to create a stable, vibrant and healthy community by developing, financing, and operating affordable, program-enriched housing for families, seniors and people with special needs who lack the financial resources to access quality and safe housing. It has developed 142 affordable housing complexes in 36 counties throughout California, providing 11,000+ homes and serving 22,000+ families in need. In the Sacramento area, it has developed 43 housing properties and has helped more than 5,000 children, adults, and seniors. Mercy House will use the grant provided to purchase fabric and supplies for the 7<sup>th</sup> & H Apartments Community Sewing Group. The sewing group members learn the basics of sewing and use those skills to sew pillows, pajama pants, and to make reusable bags in accordance with the Reusable Bag Ordinance, which went into effect in January 2016. The groups plan to sell their reusable bags in a coffee shop located on the site and to use profits to sustain the group with fabric and supplies.

WLS is incredibly pleased to continue to support such wonderful organizations which are making real change for the women and children in our community.

## Congratulations to the Following WLS Members For Being Selected As Super Lawyers and Rising Stars!

Super Lawyers selects attorneys using multiple factors. The objective is to create a list that is diverse and comprehensive. Super Lawyers process includes nomination of top attorneys by their peers, evaluation by a third-party research on 12 categories, review by Blue Ribbon Panel of attorneys, and the final selection. Women Lawyers is proud to note that the following members have been selected by Super Lawyers for this year:

- \* Rebecca Akroyd, Kroick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard (Rising Star)
- \* Natalie Bustamante, Kennaday Leavitt PC (Rising Star)
- \* June Coleman, Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard (Super Lawyer)
- \* Christina Cortino, Law Office of Christina E. Cortino (Rising Star)
- \* Kresta Daly, Barth Daly LLP (Super Lawyer)
- \* Stacy Don, Law Office of Stacy E. Don (Rising Star)
- \* Jennifer Duggan, Duggan Law Corporation (Super Lawyer)
- \* Noemi Esparza, Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood Campora, LLP (Rising Star)
- \* Maralee Eriksen, Attorney At Law (Super Lawyer)
- \* Kelsey Fischer, Dreyer Babich Buccola Wood Campora, LLP (Rising Star)
- \* Kimberly Garner, Cornerstone Estate Law Corporation (Rising Star)
- \* Karen Goodman, Goodman & Associates (Super Lawyer)
- \* Lindsay Goulding, Porter Scott, A Professional Corporation (Rising Star)
- \* Jenifer Hartman King, King Williams LLP (Super Lawyer)
- \* Amy Heavey Halloran, Law Office of Williams & Associates, PC (Super Lawyer)
- \* Jennifer Hemmer, Hemmer I Bar (Rising Star)
- \* Colleen Howard, Porter Scott, A Professional Corporation (Rising Star)
- \* Elizabeth Jackson, Delfino Madden O'Malley Coyle & Koewler, LLP (Rising Star)
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- \* Jerilyn Paik, Law Offices of Jerilyn Paik (Super Lawyer)
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- \* LeeAnn Whitmore, Jacobsen & McElroy PC (Rising Star)
- \* Ashley Wisniewski, Porter Scott, A Professional Corporation (Rising Star)

**NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR 2017  
SUPER LAWYERS AND RISING STARS!**

# Announcements & Other News



## WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO

### Call for Nominations for the 2016 Frances Newell Carr Achievement Award

The Frances Newell Carr Achievement Award is a prestigious annual award given by Women Lawyers of Sacramento to an outstanding lawyer, judge, or scholar in the Sacramento community in celebration of the awardee's professional achievements, commitment to furthering legal opportunities for women in the law, and contribution to the lives of women and children in our community.

The Frances Newell Carr Achievement Award was established by WLS in 1994 to honor the late Justice Frances Newell Carr (October 27, 1923 - January 16, 1992), who was a founder and the first president of WLS in 1962. Justice Carr was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to the Sacramento County Superior Court and was the first woman judge appointed in the county. In 1978, she was elected the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, and in 1980, she was appointed to the Third District Court of Appeal, where she served until her passing in 1992. In addition to her professional achievements, Justice Carr had vision and commitment to her community.

The 2016 Frances Newell Carr Achievement Award for Professional Excellence will be presented at the WLS December luncheon.

If you would like to nominate an individual for the award, contact Amy Halloran ([Amy@WilliamsLawAssociates.com](mailto:Amy@WilliamsLawAssociates.com)), Elizabeth Dietzen Olsen ([Elizabeth.DietzenOlsen@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.DietzenOlsen@sen.ca.gov)) and Tara Rojas ([Tara@goyette-assoc.com](mailto:Tara@goyette-assoc.com)), and Vanessa Hunter ([vh@pollara-law.com](mailto:vh@pollara-law.com)) Co-Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Grants and Awards Committee. Nominations will be accepted until August 31, 2016.

In your nomination, please address how the proposed nominee has met the following four criteria: (1) served in the community; (2) achieved professional excellence in his/her career; (3) assisted women to pursue legal careers; and (4) personally advanced opportunities for women in the law. Each nomination also should include curriculum vitae of the nominee, and three letters of recommendation, with each letter supporting at least one of the four criteria regarding the nominee. Nominations that do not include this information will not be considered.

Previous recipients of the award include: the Honorable Alice Lytle (1994), Virginia Mueller (1995), the Honorable Cecily Bond (1996), Charity Kenyon (1997), the Honorable Faith Geoghegan (1998), Marian Johnston (1999), Professor Martha West (2000), Joan Stone (2001), Lily Spitz (2002), the Honorable Judy H. Hersher (2003), the Honorable James Mize (2004), Pauline Gee (2005), the Honorable Emily Vasquez (2006), Windie Olivia Scott (2007), Dean Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker (2008), Karen M. Goodman (2009), Jean McEvoy (2010), Ruthe Ashley (2011), the Honorable M. Kathleen Butz (2012), Patricia Sturdevant (2013), the Honorable Kimberly J. Mueller (2014), and the Honorable Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye (2015).

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## Women Lawyers of Sacramento will honor the California Supreme Court

**November 1, 2016  
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Stanley Mosk Library and Courts Building Foyer  
914 Capitol Mall, Sacramento**

*Reception will follow the Court's completion of oral arguments  
and chambers conference.*

**Tickets will be available to WLS members on**

**September 20th  
and to non-members on October 1st.**

For information about the event, please contact:  
Sonia Fernandes ([soniafernandes.esq@gmail.com](mailto:soniafernandes.esq@gmail.com)) or  
Stephanie Ogren ([sogren@delfinomadden.com](mailto:sogren@delfinomadden.com))

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**Join us for**  
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**42nd Annual Dinner and Silent Auction**  
***"Inspire, Inform, Illuminate"***

**Thursday, September 29, 2016**

Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina

33 West Harbor Drive

San Diego, CA

5:30 pm - Silent Auction and Networking Reception

7:00 pm - Dinner

Tickets \$150 per person



**Featuring Keynote Speaker,**  
Janet Napolitano  
President, University of California

***Please see the following page for more information.***

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**And, presentation of the 2016 Fay Stender Award to:**



**Elaine A. Alexander**

Executive Director, Appellate Defenders, Inc.

*In recognition of her commitment to the advancement of women and minorities.*

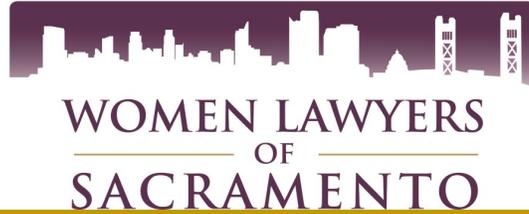
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For more information please click here

<http://www.cwl.org/events/CWL-42nd-Annual-Dinner-and-Silent-Auction-109/details>

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If you are not currently a member of Women Lawyers of Sacramento, please consider joining this incredible organization. WLS is premised on the belief that women deserve equal rights, respect and opportunities in the workplace and society at large. Founded in 1962, WLS reaches beyond the practice of law by promoting the interest of women in the community. Membership is open to all judges, lawyers and law students. If you are a current member, please visit our website to review all of the wonderful resources available to you.

Please contact one of our co-chairs, Carmen-Nicole Cox ([carmeniclecox@gmail.com](mailto:carmeniclecox@gmail.com)) or Heather Johnston ([hjohnston@trainorfairbrook.com](mailto:hjohnston@trainorfairbrook.com)) for more information or visit our website at <http://womenlawyers-sacramento.org/>

## California Women Lawyers



### CALIFORNIA WOMEN LAWYERS

### MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

Have you been meaning to join or renew with CWL? Wait no longer. CWL is offering a membership special now. Join or renew for 2017 and get the remainder of 2016, free of charge. That is 17 months of membership for the price of 12!

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# Announcements continued...

## Buy Your Ticket For WLS' 23rd Annual Artfest! September 22, 2016 at the Verge Center for the Arts

Enjoy an evening of hor d'oeuvres and wine as you view the artwork of talented local artists and participate in a silent auction to support worthy local non-profit organizations at Women Lawyers of Sacramento's 23rd Annual Artfest and Silent Auction, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are available on the WLS website or by completing and returning the event flyer included in this issue of the newsletter.

If you would like to donate or obtain items and services for the Silent Auction, please contact Corrie Manning at [cmanning@cacities.org](mailto:cmanning@cacities.org). If you would like to nominate a local artist to display his or her work, please contact Katie Nystrom at [katie.nystrom@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:katie.nystrom@calrecycle.ca.gov).



*The South Asian Bar Association (SABA) of Sacramento invites you to*

## Save the Date!



*for its*

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Law Student Reception

Saturday, September 17, 2016

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Davis, CA

Questions? Email: [shama.mesiwala@jud.ca.gov](mailto:shama.mesiwala@jud.ca.gov)

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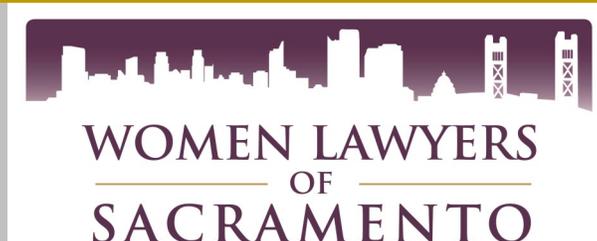
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## WLS Accepts & Publishes Readers' Announcements



If you have an announcement to share with the WLS members, please email the Newsletter Co-Chairs, Meghan Covert Russell at [mrussell@parkercovert.com](mailto:mrussell@parkercovert.com) and Latika Sharma at [Latika.Sharma@DMHC.CA.GOV](mailto:Latika.Sharma@DMHC.CA.GOV). We will endeavor to publish your announcement in an upcoming edition of the WLS Newsletter (space permitting).

The submission deadline for each issue is the 1st of that month.

Please attach any digital photos or art that you would like to accompany your post.

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# Fest

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016 - 6:00PM-8:30PM

LOCATION: VERGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS  
625 S STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95811

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**Ticket pricing: \$40 advance purchase; \$45 at the door.**

Tickets may also be purchased online at <http://womenlawyers-sacramento.org/events/annual-artfest/>

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$40/person

I cannot attend, but would like to donate: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Address/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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For information on the event please contact the WLS Development Committee at [wlsartfest@gmail.com](mailto:wlsartfest@gmail.com)

Return form and check payable to "WLS Foundation" To: FolioDynamix  
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## 23rd Annual ArtFest

[www.womenlawyers-sacramento.org](http://www.womenlawyers-sacramento.org)

Women Lawyers of Sacramento (WLS) is pleased to announce the sponsorship opportunities for the 23rd Annual ArtFest. There are five levels of sponsorship, each receiving some level of recognition, as follows:

### **PLATINUM (\$1,000+)**

- Recognition with your business logo in our pre-event advertising, including the WLS website, the *Sacramento Lawyer Magazine*, on fliers, and other event advertising.
- Recognition on the greeting board(s) at the event, in the program at the time of the event, and verbal recognition during the event.
- 3 months of your choice of a half-page advertisement in the WLS Newsletter, distributed to 200+ members.
- 8 tickets to ArtFest.

### **GOLD (\$500)**

- Recognition by name in our pre-event advertising, including the WLS website, the *Sacramento Lawyer Magazine*, on fliers, and other event advertising.
- Recognition on the greeting board(s) at the event, in the program at the time of the event, and verbal recognition during the event.
- 1 month of your choice of a quarter-page advertisement in the WLS Newsletter, distributed to 200+ members.
- 4 tickets to ArtFest.

### **SILVER (\$350)**

- Recognition on the greeting board(s) at the event, in the program at the time of the event, and verbal recognition during the event.
- 3 tickets to ArtFest.

### **BRONZE (\$150)**

- Recognition on the greeting board(s) at the event, in the program at the time of the event, and verbal recognition during the event.
- 2 tickets to ArtFest.

### **FRIEND OF WLS (\$75)**

- Recognition on the greeting board(s) at the event, in the program at the time of the event, and verbal recognition during the event.
- 1 ticket to ArtFest.

Sponsorships are a critical component of the success of WLS' ArtFest. ArtFest is WLS' sole fundraiser to support the WLS Foundation annually. The funds raised from ArtFest allow WLS to award grants to local charities such as A Touch of Understanding, Center for Community Health and Well-Being, Lilliput Children's Services, Elk Grove Homeless Assistance Resource Team, Sierra Forever Families, the True North Project, and Wellspring Women's Center, as well as scholarships to needy law school students, both of which improve our community.

If you would like to be a Platinum or Gold Sponsor and included in our pre-event advertising, please respond by

**May 2, 2016**, otherwise we cannot guarantee acknowledgment in our pre-event advertising. We will accept all sponsorships up through the time of the event; however, we cannot guarantee published acknowledgment opportunities on the day of the event for donations received after **September 2, 2016**. Should you have any questions regarding this event or any sponsorship questions, please contact Corrie Manning at (805) 901-1319 or [wlsartfest@gmail.com](mailto:wlsartfest@gmail.com).



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# 23rd Annual ArtFest Underwriter Response Form

Please include me/my firm as a donor at the following level:

- \$1,000 Platinum Sponsor, includes 8 tickets
- \$500 Gold Sponsor, includes 4 tickets
- \$350 Silver Sponsor, includes 3 tickets
- \$150 Bronze Sponsor, includes 2 tickets
- \$75 Friend of WLS Sponsor, includes 1 ticket

- I/We cannot attend but still wish to support the WLS Foundation as a donor with the enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ contribution to help defray the cost of producing the event.

Name/Firm: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

This year's Artfest will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at The Verge Center for the Arts, located at 625 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95811.

**Please return this form and donation made payable to "WLS Foundation" to:**

**Kristen Benadom/WLS  
 c/o FolioDynamix  
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**Principles:** Women Lawyers of Sacramento is premised on the belief that women deserve equal rights, respect and opportunities in the workplace and in society at large. Women Lawyers of Sacramento endeavors to support and enhance the participation and representation of women in significant leadership and management positions in the legal profession. Women Lawyers of Sacramento also strives to eliminate all forms of bias, discrimination, and harassment, including all forms of violence against women and children, and supports diversity in the legal profession, in legal education, and in society in general. We work toward these goals through mentoring, legislative and administrative advocacy, community service, networking, educational seminars, and open forums of discussion focused on advancing and supporting women.

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