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**Please join us at next
month's luncheon:**

**The Hon. Stacy
Boulware Eurie**

**Thursday,
November 17, 2016
Lucca Restaurant**

October Luncheon Highlights

Domestic Violence: The Intersections with Race, Sexual Assault
and Human Trafficking

Speakers: Nilda Valmores & Sonia Satchell

By: *Kristine Scribner*, Co-Chair Programs Committee

WLS hosted both Nilda Valmores, who is the executive director of My Sister's House, and Sacramento County Deputy District Attorney Sonia Satchell for a discussion on domestic violence and the intersections of race, sexual assault and human trafficking. Both speakers gave us a very eye-opening view of the complexities of domestic violence as they exist in our own community. Ms. Satchell explained that the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office has a human trafficking unit which aims to recognize human trafficking victims as victims of a crime.

Sacramento County generally contains the following types of human trafficking victims: runaway girls, women or girls with a weak family structure, domestic violence survivors and gang members. Often times victims present challenges because they are transient and have issues relating to trust and isolation.

Ms. Satchell also explained the Sacramento County CSET and RESET Court Programs where victims can get the resources they need such as housing and job assistance.

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WLS President Jennifer Hartman King with Sonia Satchell and Nilda Vammores



President's Corner

By: Jennifer Hartman King

Women Lawyers of Sacramento is not a political organization; however, our mission unites us around a very important principle that was at stake in this year's presidential election: women's rights. I, therefore, find it impossible to write this message without addressing this issue candidly.

This year's historic presidential election was hallmarked by surprising dichotomies. On one hand, we witnessed a major victory toward gender equality in our society with the selection of the first female presidential candidate of a major political party. On the other hand, we experienced the appalling normalization of misogynic rhetoric, not just toward the female presidential candidate, but toward women generally. This is an affront to our mission as an organization, and therefore demands attention.

We do not need to share the same political party affiliation or stance on public policy issues to unite around the importance of standing up to sexism in our society and national discourse. If we care about this issue, it is incumbent upon us to actively engage in our political system by speaking up and getting involved in ways that promote gender equality. In whatever form this takes – donating time or resources to causes that advance women's interests, joining other like-minded organizations, registering yourself and others to vote, running for public office – we need to be active in pursuing this goal together!

Although there are some concerning signals, the potential impact of the incoming administration on gender issues is unclear. In

these uncertain times, one thing we can do to regain forward momentum toward gender equality is to join forces in demanding that politicians support this important ideal. We cannot complain about gender discrimination – such as unequal advancement of women in the workforce or the gender pay gap – if we are unwilling to hold our political candidates and elected officials accountable for promoting equality through their words, deeds and policy positions.

A place to start is by joining the Women's March on Sacramento, to be held at the State Capitol Building on January 21, 2017, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This is an opportunity to stand together in solidarity for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families. The march is intended to send a bold message to the new administration on its first day in office, and to the world, that women's rights are human rights. This is not an anti-movement; it is a push for equality, respect and inclusion. The organizers pledge that everyone who supports women's rights is welcome. I hope to see you there!

Also, please remember to cast your vote for the candidates for WLS's 2017 board of directors. Ballots are now available, and the incoming board will be sworn in during our December luncheon. Cast your vote to help us select WLS's next round of leaders who will continue our fight for women's rights in the workplace and in society.



WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO



November Luncheon:

A Conversation with the Honorable Stacy Boulware Eurie, Presiding Judge of the Sacramento Juvenile Court

Come join us for a lively conversation with Judge Boulware Eurie. We will be discussing the collaborative role of the Juvenile Court in our community, the latest issues facing the court and Judge Boulware Eurie's goals for the future. The Honorable Stacy Boulware Eurie was appointed to the Superior Court of Sacramento County in 2007 by Governor Schwarzenegger. She has been the presiding judge of the Sacramento Juvenile Court since 2010. Judge Boulware Eurie is currently vice chair of the Chief Justice's Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Initiative Steering Committee; serves on the Executive Committee of the Commission on the Future of California's Court System; and sits on the California Child Welfare Council. Before she was appointed to the bench, she served in the California Office of the Attorney General.

WHEN: November 17, 2016

WHERE: Lucca Restaurant and Bar, 1615 J Street, Sacramento, CA

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

MENU: Patchwork salad with Chicken, Vegetarian Sandwich, Spicy Penne with Sausage or Lucky Dog Cheeseburger. Each menu item comes with choice of soda or iced tea.

COST: \$30.00 for current WLS members, Past Presidents of WLS, and Judges; \$35.00 for all others, except law students, whose cost is \$25.00. Without advance reservation, it may not be possible to get the entrée of your choice.

RSVP with menu choice online at www.womenlawyers-sacramento.org (please use the Note function to identify name of attendee and menu choice) **or with confirmation of mailed check to Kelly Babineau at kbabineau@klblawoffice.net.** Please mail your check, payable to WLS, with menu choice **for receipt by September 14, 2016** to WLS, Attn: Luncheon, P.O. Box 936, Sacramento, CA 95814. **Please indicate if you are a current WLS member, past president, or judge on the check.** WLS is charged for cancellations. Payments must be received in advance and are not refundable. Seating at the door is subject to availability.

This Program qualifies for MCLE credits.

WLS Hosts 4th Annual Speed Networking Mixer

On October 20th, the Career Advancement and Retention and Publicity and Community Relations Committees co-hosted the 4th Annual WLS Speed Networking Event at the McGeorge School of Law. The Grand Saloon was full of experienced attorneys and recent law school graduates, getting to know each other and swapping business cards in three-minute intervals. Many thanks to our gracious hosts and to all those who attended this great event!



WLS members, attorneys and recent law school graduates speed network



WLS Board members Corrie Manning, Amy O'Neill, Christina Cortino, Katherine Underwood and Allison Callaghan Walsh



Career Advancement and Retention Committee members Allison Callaghan Walsh, Kim Buchholz and Amy O'Neill plan another successful Speed Networking Event!

October Luncheon Highlights, continued...

Ms. Satchell also explained the Sacramento County CSET and RESET Court Programs where victims can get the resources they need such as housing and job assistance. move forward in their lives without being characterized or prosecuted, as prostitutes. Sacramento County's vision and practice recognizes the intersection of the complexities of human trafficking and is forward thinking by because it seeks to understand the victim's needs.

Nilda Valmores is the executive director of My Sister's House, which is focused on providing services to Asian and Pacific Islanders. This organization offers various programs including an emergency Safe Haven for domestic violence and human trafficking victims, a 6 bed transitional house, a 6 bed house for victims of human trafficking focused on massage parlor and brothel victims, and a Women to Work Program. Ms. Valmores impressed upon us that the percentage of domestic violence victims runs commensurate with our community make-up. That said, it is imperative that the staff at domestic violence or human trafficking facilities are able to connect and provide assistance to its residents and their culture.

Ms. Valmores spoke about the cultural differences and traditions and how they add dimension to the challenges of domestic violence and human trafficking in our area. Many considerations include international marriages of girls under the age of 18, plural marriages, women feeling isolated in the United States as a result of an international marriage and victims not knowing resources or how to find help. The intricacies of domestic violence and human trafficking are often times overlooked and misunderstood. It is imperative that we help these victims move forward by providing support and services through an open mind and compassion.

We are grateful to have had Ms. Satchell and Ms. Valmores speak at our luncheon for the month of October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We wish both of our speakers luck in their vital role in the Sacramento Community and the best for 2017.



WLS was also happy to award the Francis Newell Scholarship to its deserving recipients, Chou Khang and Krista Lister at the October luncheon. Both Mr. Khang and Ms. Lister are third year law students at Lincoln Law School. We sincerely congratulate them for their efforts and wish them the best in their academic success.

Women Lawyers of Sacramento Supreme Court Reception a Success

By: *Sonia Fernandes, Vice President*

On November 1, 2016, the Sacramento bench and bar gathered in the foyer of the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts building to welcome the justices of the California Supreme Court. The reception followed the Court's oral arguments and chamber conference. It was a wonderful evening emceed'd by Women Lawyers of Sacramento (WLS) President, Jennifer Hartman King, and highlighted by remarks from the Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye. Associate Justice Ming W. Chin, Associate Justice Carol A. Corrigan, Associate Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar, and Associate Justice Leondra R. Kruger also attended. Associate Justice Kathryn M. Werdegar and Associate Justice Goodwin Liu were unable to attend.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye spoke of her ties to the Sacramento legal community, including her experiences with Women Lawyers of Sacramento. In addition to briefly mentioning past receptions held in honor of the California Supreme Court, she spoke of fond memories of attending what she deemed to be well-organized and efficiently-run WLS luncheons, praising the opportunity to obtain CLE credit and catching up with friends and colleagues while enjoying a great meal.

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The Sacramento legal community mingles during the annual Supreme Court Reception at the Stanley Mosk Library and Courts building.



Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye spoke to the packed house.



Justice Ming Chin with law students and attorney attendees.

Supreme Court Reception, continued...

WLS thanks retired Court Administrator and Clerk Frank McGuire, and newly-appointed Court Administrator and Clerk Jorge E. Navarette, for their assistance in planning this event. Mr. McGuire recently retired after 25 years of service in the judicial branch, and has played a significant role in organizing a countless number of past receptions. Mr. Navarette, the first Latino to serve as the Court Administrator and Clerk, assumed his new role on October 1, 2016.

Women Lawyers of Sacramento is pleased to have hosted this event, which would not have been possible without the contributions of its sponsors, *Boutin Jones, Inc.*, *Jay-Allen Eisen Law Corporation* and *King & Williams, LLP*.



Associate Justice Ronald Robie, Presiding Justice Vance Raye, Associate Justice Leondra Kruger, Judge Jennifer Rockwell, Presiding Judge Kevin Culhane



Ret. Justice Art Scotland, WLS Vice-President Sonia Fernandes, Associate Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar, WLS President Jennifer Hartman King, and other attendees



Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye with reception attendees



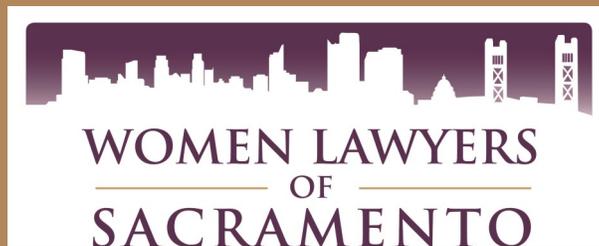
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Announcements

2016 Luncheon Schedule

Lucca Restaurant and Bar
1615 J Street, Sacramento

- **November 17**
- **December 15**



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) or Heather Johnston (hjohnston@trainorfairbrook.com) for more information or visit our website at <http://womenlawyers-sacramento.org/>

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 and Latika Sharma at 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.

Announcements Continued...

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At DBBWC, we are grateful to work with various non-profit organizations that cultivate the seeds of change through diversity, understanding, and collaboration. In Martin Luther King's words, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice."

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SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2017

CALIFORNIA WOMEN LAWYERS AWARDS CEREMONIES

CWL will be seeking nominations for all of its 2017 award ceremonies by Tuesday, January 6, 2017. Please see below and the CWL website for a description of each award, its criteria and instructions for submitting nominations.

Rose Bird Memorial Award

The Rose Bird Memorial Award was established in 2000 in honor of the first woman to serve as Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, Rose Bird. Chief Justice Bird was one of the pioneers who founded CWL in 1974. Rose Bird's unwavering devotion to doing what she believed was right, regardless of popular opinion and her efforts to improve the administration of justice were important landmarks in the history of the California Supreme court. She was also known and loved for her unfailing kindness and compassion. The recipient of the Rose Bird Award must manifest the qualities of the person for whom the award is named. The honoree must be courageous and compassionate, exhibit brilliance and excellence, demonstrate a devotion to public service and inspire the women lawyers of California. The award will go to a judge from Northern California, from Fresno County or any county north of Fresno County.

Judith Soley Lawyer as Citizen Award

This award will honor a worthy recipient who has made a significant contribution to her community, extending beyond the practice of law, to devote time and effort to the public good and values through the tradition of public service and involvement, and who exemplifies the values and missions of CWL.

Fay Stender Award

Throughout her life, Fay undertook unpopular causes and worked with under-represented groups and individuals. Her tenacity, creativity, and compelling sense of justice were legendary, and her commitment, energy and integrity enriched all who were privileged to work with her.

Candidates for the award are judged on the basis of the following attributes which were characteristic of Fay Stender: Zest, humanity, personal courage, forceful presence and non-conformity; Demonstrated commitment to under-represented or disadvantaged groups or unpopular causes; Demonstrated feminist perspective; Vigorous advocacy on behalf of women litigants which serves as a model for women attorneys; and Demonstrated ability to effect change as a single individual.

Nomination Submission Instructions:

Nominations should include: Nominee's Resume/Bio; Nominee's Photo; Supporting Statement: Include a letter supporting the nominee as a worthy recipient of this honor with a description of how the nominee meets the above criteria - not to exceed five pages; Letters of Support: not to exceed five letters with a two page limit each; Articles: To present a comprehensive picture of the nominee, you may include up to three news/magazine articles written by or about the nominee; The nominating organization is strongly urged to participate in the planning. Please note that you may re-submit a prior nomination.

Nominations must be sent electronically as a complete packet to info@cwll.org no later than 5PM January 6, 2017.

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Mission Statement: Women Lawyers of Sacramento supports and encourages every woman lawyer in her career aspirations and helps promote a society that places no limits on where a woman's skills and talent can take her. Women Lawyers of Sacramento dedicates itself to (1) promoting the full and equal participation of women lawyers and judges in the legal profession, (2) maintaining the integrity of our legal system by advocating principles of fairness and equal access to justice, (3) improving the status of women in our society and (4) advocating for equal rights, reproductive choice, equal opportunity and pay for women, and current social, political, economic, or legal issues of concern to the members of Women Lawyers of Sacramento.

Foundation Mission Statement: Women Lawyers of Sacramento Foundation is the charitable arm of Women Lawyers of Sacramento. This charitable organization seeks to address the unmet needs of women and children and raises funds to support legal educational opportunities and community programs that satisfy these needs.

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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January 1, 2016- December 31, 2016

(If you join on or after October 1, 2015, you will get the remainder of 2015 FREE)

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- \$65: 6-10 years in practice
- \$75: Over 10 years in practice
- \$100 or more: sustaining donor
- \$1500 or more: lifetime membership

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- \$25: Law school graduate not yet admitted to Bar
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- Grants & Awards
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- Legislation & Bar Delegation
- Membership
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- Publicity/Community Relatic
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