



# WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Thursday,**  
**February 23, 2017**

**WLS FEBRUARY  
LUNCHEON**

**Lucca Restaurant**

## President's Corner

### By: Sonia Fernandes



Happy New Year and welcome to 2017 with Women Lawyers of Sacramento! This year marks the 55th year of this fine organization and I am honored to serve as President. In my 10th year on the board, I will continue to advance WLS's strong mission statement in honor of WLS's founding members, past and present leaders, and mentors who have inspired my legal career and journey in life.

Please take a moment to meet our board members, highlighted in this month's newsletter. Our organization continues because of these women and I am grateful for their time and dedication.

The year led off with the December swearing in ceremony where we also honored the 2016 Frances Newell Carr recipient, the Honorable Thadd Blizzard. Judge Blizzard has been a long-time member and consistent supporter of Women Lawyers of Sacramento, as well as many other legal and community organizations. He has achieved excellence in his career, both as a lawyer and as a judge. Judge

Blizzard has assisted women in pursuing legal careers, and has personally advanced opportunities for women in the law. Additionally, he has demonstrated commitment to improving the lives of others in the Sacramento region through his meaningful community service. It was a pleasure to witness Judge Blizzard receiving the Frances Newell Carr Award. On January 7, the executive committee and I led a productive orientation, with nearly all of our board members present. The Board is already hard at work and ready to deliver the high caliber of events our membership and the legal community has come to expect. First up is our January luncheon featuring Larry Doyle, the former Chief Legislative Counsel for the State Bar of California and the current Legislative Representative for the Conference of California Bar Associations. Mr. Doyle's presentation will focus on California's new rules of professional conduct. The luncheon includes ethics MCLE. Please join us.

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# The Career Advancement & Retention Committee of the Women Lawyers of Sacramento

*Presents*

## **A Brown Bag Lunch with Cami McLaren:**

### **Maintaining Physical, Emotional and Mental Well-Being as Lawyers**

*How and why do lawyers care for themselves?*

*How can we maintain ourselves and our jobs and families?*

*Is balance attainable?*

The purpose of the brown bag series is career advancement and retention for women in the law.

Come join us for a discussion of how women lawyers can operate at their best.

**February 28, 2017 from 12– 1 p.m.**

**Nossaman LLP, 621 Capitol Mall 25th Floor**

**This event is free.**

Please RSVP to [m.borrelli@westernhealth.com](mailto:m.borrelli@westernhealth.com) by February 23



Cami McLaren has worked in top law firms, and one-on-one with attorneys to help them improve communication skills, create more effective and positive relationships and improve time management skills and productivity. She is co-author of the book on Coaching for Attorneys: Improving Productivity and Achieving Balance, ABA, 2014. Cami is a certified performance coach, relationship coach, leadership coach and NLP practitioner. She is the owner of McLaren Coaching and can be found on the web at [www.mclarencoaching.com](http://www.mclarencoaching.com).

# December Luncheon Highlights

## Holiday Party

*By: Kelly Babineau, Co-Chair of the Programs Committee*

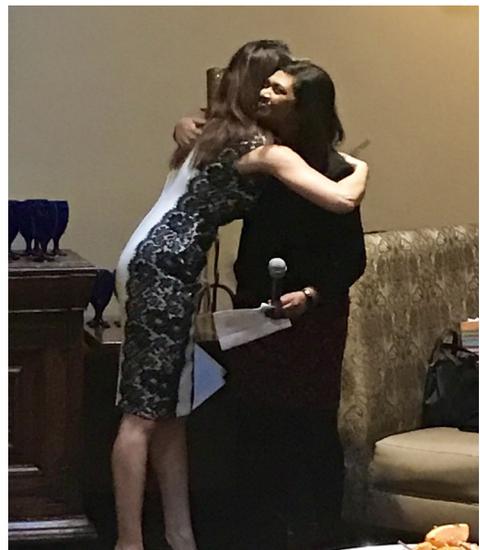
In December WLS celebrated the holiday season with a festive get-together at the monthly luncheon. While enjoying appetizers and champagne, members socialized with friends and colleagues. Jennifer Hartman-King thanked the outgoing Board and highlighted the wonderful year that WLS enjoyed. Sonia Fernandes welcomed the new Board and spoke of her vision for the next year. The Honorable Emily Vazquez, an enthusiastic supporter of WLS, joined the luncheon. As she has graciously done in past years, Judge Vazquez swore in the new Board and offered kind words of encouragement and support. A delightful time was had by all.



Swearing in of the 2017 Board by the Honorable Emily Vasquez



2016 outgoing WLS President, Jennifer Hartman King, and Frances Newell Carr Award recipient Judge Thadd Blizzard



2016 outgoing WLS President, Jennifer Hartman King, welcoming 2017 incoming WLS President Sonia Fernandes

## President's Corner (Continued from Page 1) By: Sonia Fernandes

Please also take a moment to renew your membership! Your membership is vital to the success of our organization and we are thankful for your support. If you renewed in October or later, your membership is active through 2017. You will notice a continued online and social media presence of WLS as we seek to increase our visibility and inform members of events organized by WLS, or aligned with WLS's mission. In addition, we will continue to share articles and information on issues of importance to our membership.

I am confident that 2017 will provide many opportunities for dialogue and advocacy on issues relating to fairness, equality, and the advancement of women in the legal profession. I welcome your calls (650.201.4783) or emails ([soniafernandes.esq@gmail.com](mailto:soniafernandes.esq@gmail.com)) this year as we continue our efforts to provide opportunities for leadership, networking, and mentorship. On behalf of the 2017 Board, I hope you will join us.

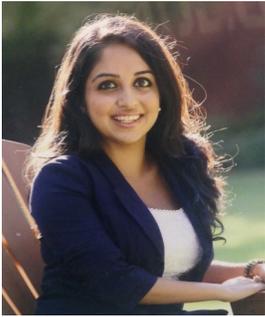


2017 WLS Board at the Board Orientation  
January 7, 2017



Executive Committee Members  
Kim Garner, Kelly Pope, Sonia Fernandes and Elizabeth Dietzen Olsen

## Meet The 2017 WLS Board



**Aparna Agnihotri** is co-chair of the Publicity and Community Relations Committee. She received her undergraduate degree from UC Irvine with a double major in International Studies and Political Science. She is a recent graduate from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and hopes to pursue a career in nonprofit Family Law. Aparna did her Graduate Legal Fellowship at Women Escaping a Violent Environment (WEAVE) and volunteers at the legal clinic at My Sister's House. She is heavily involved in the South Asian Bar Association of Sacramento and is the current Treasurer. In her spare time, Aparna donates much of her time to nonprofit organizations in the Sacramento community, such as: Women's Empowerment, Family Promise, the Sacramento Food Bank, Land Park Volunteer Corps, and My Sister's House.



**Suzanne M. Alves** is vice-chair of the Newsletter Committee. Ms. Alves has been practicing law for nearly 20 years and has been part of Sacramento's legal community for the past 10. She is a proud member of WLS's Board and serves as a Fee Arbitrator for the SCBA. She has two wonderful daughters whom she hopes will grow up in a world filled with more opportunities for women from all backgrounds.



**Kelly Babineau** is vice-chair of the Programs committee. She has been practicing criminal defense since 1997. After practicing law as a public defender for over 10 years, she opened her own firm in 2009. She represents clients in state and federal court. When not in trial, she enjoys cycling, hiking and yoga, but her passion is for wine and has started a French wine import company that will be selling beautiful Bordeaux wine from small family wineries on line in early 2017.



**Julia Blair** is vice-chair of the Legislation and Bar Delegations committee. She is a Senior Commission Counsel at the State of California Commission on State Mandates. Her areas of practice include state mandates, administrative, and State government law. This is the 5th year that Julia has served on the WLS Board of Directors. Julia also serves as a WLS delegate for the Conference of Delegates. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband and six children.



**Kristin Blocher** returns to the Board as co-chair of the Judicial/Other Appointments Committee. Kristin's areas of practice include civil litigation and transactional business law with an emphasis in intellectual property, trusts and estates, real estate transactions, and employment. She received her bachelor's degree from Westmont College and her law degree from McGeorge School of Law. Out of the office, she enjoys playing with her dog, running, snowboarding, cooking, researching and indulging her passion for wine.



**Melissa Borrelli** is co-chair of the Career Advancement and Retention Committee. She is happy to continue to be involved with the WLS Board for an eighth year. She is a graduate of UC Davis for both her BS and JD. She also earned an LL.M. in Health Law at Loyola University, Chicago School of Law. She works as Director of Compliance at Western Health Advantage, a local health plan. She also serves on the Board of the California Society for Healthcare Attorneys. She enjoys time with her husband and two children.



**Kimberly Buchholz** is co-chair of the Career Advancement and Retention Committee. She grew up in Folsom and received her undergraduate degree from UC Santa Barbara. Kim graduated from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 2007. She practices estate planning as principal of the Law Office of Kimberly Buchholz. Additionally, Kim presides over administrative law hearings and mental health proceedings as a hearing officer for the Institute for Administrative Justice at the McGeorge School of Law. Kim lives in Land Park with her husband, daughter, son, and dog.



**Christina Cortino** is co-chair of the Publicity and Community Relations Committee, and has been a member of WLS since 2009. She is the owner of the Cortino Law Office, and represents clients in family law and litigation. Christina enjoys helping her clients navigate complex family law matters, such as high conflict child custody litigation, and issues related to domestic violence. One of Christina's passions is expanding legal information and access to justice to underrepresented populations. In 2017 she is excited to collaborate with a local organization to teach indigent civil litigants the skills they need to represent themselves in court, including trial advocacy. Outside of the office, Christina's interests are focused on the arts and outdoors, including painting, photography, playing piano, and backpacking.



**Carmen-Nicole Cox** is vice-chair of the Newsletter Committee. Carmen is Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary in the Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. She has a passion for mentoring youth and supporting efforts to increase diversity in law schools and the legal profession. She has proudly supported WLS as a member of the Board since 2013.



**Kresta Daly**, vice-chair of the Programs Committee, is a partner at Barth Daly, LLP. For nearly 15 years, Kresta has defended individuals, corporations, corporate executives, public officials and others in a wide range of federal and state criminal investigations and prosecutions. She lives on a small farm outside of Winters with her husband and their son. She serves on the American Bar Association Commission on Immigration Advisory Task Force as well as the California State Bar Commission on Access to Justice.



**Nicole M. Egan** is a vice-chair of the Development Committee. She is the Clinical Legal Fellow at McGeorge School of Law, Community Legal Services. She works with the on campus legal clinics to strengthen the community outreach footprint as well as individual case work for elder & health law, immigration, and bankruptcy clients. Much of her case work includes advocating for clients in obtaining elder abuse restraining orders and litigating elder financial abuse civil suits. Nicole has been an attorney since 2011, having worked for a small firm then establishing her own solo practice in San Diego before moving back to her home town of Sacramento. Outside the office, Nicole spends time with her husband, 2-year-old son, and cocker spaniel.



**Monica Espejo** is co-chair of the Career Advancement and Retention Committee. This is Monica's first year on the board and she is excited to be a part of this organization. Monica is an associate with Wolfe & Wyman, LLP, where she focuses on general civil litigation and construction defect matters. Originally from the Bay Area, Monica moved to Sacramento to attend McGeorge School of Law where she received her law degree in 2007. In her spare time, Monica enjoys spending time with her husband and two children outdoors, drinking coffee, and exploring new restaurants in mid-town Sacramento.



**Aminah Famili** is co-chair of the Newsletter Committee. Aminah is a senior associate at King Williams LLP. Her practice focuses environmental litigation, enforcement defense and regulatory compliance counseling. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring new restaurants, hiking and playing with her Old English Sheepdog puppy, Wallace.



**Sonia Fernandes**, President, is Assistant Chief Counsel at the California Department of Managed Health Care, Office of Plan Monitoring. She directs the investigatory functions of the Division of Plan Surveys, which evaluates and promotes health plan regulatory compliance and quality improvement related to health care delivery systems, and serves as legal advisor to the Deputy Director. Sonia, a graduate of Pacific McGeorge School of Law, received the 2010 Jack Berman Award of Achievement for Distinguished Service to the Profession and the Public from the California Young Lawyers Association. She enjoys volunteering in her community as an advisory board of My Sister's House and member of the Sacramento Metropolitan Lions Club. In her down time, Sonia enjoys travelling with her husband and five-year old daughter.



**Kathleen Gallagher** is vice-chair of the Publicity and Community Relations Committee. She is a Founding Partner at Gallagher Jones LLP, a women-owned law firm specializing in Business Litigation, Business Formation and Governance, and Estate Planning. Her hobbies include skiing, playing golf, and traveling with her husband, among others.



**Kim Garner**, Secretary, is Of Counsel at Cornerstone Estate Law Corporation and specializes in trust litigation. Her background is in a wide array of civil litigation matters and brings that knowledge and experience to her trust litigation practice. She has been recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers Northern California in 2015 and 2016. Kim received her B.A. in Sociology from University of California, Berkeley and her J.D. from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Kim also serves on the Board of Directors for the McGeorge Alumni Association as Vice President. In her spare time, Kim enjoys spending time with her husband and two children (2 year old and 4 month old), drinking wine, making wine and shopping from her iPhone.



**Jessica Graves**, is vice-chair of Programs. She has been solely practicing criminal defense since 2002. She left the Public Defenders in 2012 to work with her mom and sister at The Law Offices of Wing & Parisi. In her spare time, she loves to watch her kids play sports, travel and catch up on some reading.



**Wendy Green**, vice-chair of the Development Committee, is an associate with Hansen, Kohls, Sommer & Jacob, LLP. Her practice focuses on legal and insurance professional liability defense, business litigation, insurance bad faith defense and civil appeals. Wendy is also a member of the Committee on Administration of Justice for the State Bar of California.



**Amy Halloran** is vice-chair of the Grants & Awards Committee. This is her 8th year on the WLS Board. Amy spent over 15 years in private practice as an estate, trust, and tax planning attorney and is currently Counsel at Sutter Health on the Business, Tax and Governance team. She lives in the Arden Park area with her husband and two daughters. They spend fall on the soccer field, summer with the swim team, and the in-between time bike riding, traveling, and hanging-out with family and friends.



**Vanessa Hunter** is vice-chair of the Grants and Awards Committee. This is her third year serving on the board and she is excited for the opportunity to become more involved in the leadership of WLS. Vanessa is an associate at the Pollara Law Group where her practice focuses on medical malpractice defense and administrative law. Vanessa received her B.A. in English from California State University, Sacramento and her J.D. from McGeorge School of Law. Vanessa enjoys spending her free time with her husband, three wonderful dogs, and one very ornery cat.



**Heather Johnston** is a vice-chair of the Membership Committee. This is her fourth year on the WLS Board. She is a shareholder at Trainor Fairbrook, a boutique real estate law firm. Ms. Johnston's practice focuses on transactional real estate matters. Ms. Johnston was one of five real estate attorneys in the country selected to be a 2015-2017 fellow for the American Bar Association, Real Property, Trust and Estate Section. She is a graduate of McGeorge School of Law (J.D., with distinction) and U.C. San Diego (B.S.).



**Lauren Jones** is vice-chair of the Development Committee. She is a Founding Partner at Gallagher Jones LLP, a women-owned law firm specializing in Business Litigation, Business Formation and Governance, and Estate Planning. When she's not working, you can find Lauren spending time with her husband and daughter, painting, crafting, or dabbling in photography.



**Alexandra Kamel** is vice-chair of the Programs Committee. She practices environmental law for the California Air Resources Board, where she has worked on such high-profile cases as *People ex rel. Air Resources Board* and *Attorney General Harris v. Volkswagen*. She is passionate about protecting the environment and the people of California. Prior to her work for the Air Resources Board, she worked in general civil litigation and completed a prestigious executive fellowship with the California Office of the Governor. When she is not working, she enjoys volunteering for causes she cares about, reading, watching musicals and French films, and singing. She looks forward to working with the Women Lawyers of Sacramento Board this year.



**Katie Konz** returns this year as co-chair of the Publicity and Community Relations Committee. Katie is an associate at Downey Brand LLP. Her practice focuses on general civil litigation and appellate work. In her spare time, Katie enjoys spending time with her three dogs, snowboarding, hiking, reading, and eating.



**Alanna Lungren** is co-chair of the Membership Committee. She is an associate at King Williams LLP, and represents and advises business clients in environmental litigation and regulatory compliance matters, including cost recovery and contribution actions and environmental agency enforcement defense. She graduated from McGeorge School of Law and attended the University of Notre Dame for undergrad. For fun, Alanna enjoys skiing, riding horses, and triathlons.



**Corrie Manning** is vice-chair of the Development Committee. This is her fifth year serving on the WLS Board, having previously served on both the Development Committee and the Membership Committee. Corrie is senior counsel for the League of California Cities, an organization that advocates for the interests of cities in both the Legislature and the courts. In her spare time, Corrie likes to travel with her husband and two dogs, Violet and Indigo. She also loves to spoil her ten nieces and nephews, the youngest three of which are triplets!



**Tiffany Monroe** is vice-chair of the Development Committee. She practices employment law and business litigation for Delfino Madden O'Malley Coyle & Koewler. Tiffany focuses on preventive counseling to mitigate the risk of litigation as well as defending employers from Wage & Hour class actions. She loves to hike, backpack, and scuba dive.



**Stephanie Ogren** is co-chair of the Development Committee. Stephanie is an attorney at the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. In her free time, she enjoys riding her Vespa and playing with her daughter.



**Elizabeth Dietzen Olsen** is Treasurer. She is a policy consultant and counsel to the California Senate Office of Research. Her areas of expertise include the judiciary, public safety and governmental organization. She previously was counsel for the California Senate Judiciary Committee and prior to that, she was an Assistant Public Defender for Sacramento County. Her husband, Dan Olsen, is also an attorney in Sacramento at Abrate and Olsen Law Group, handling trusts and estates, business formation, debt collection and criminal defense matters. She enjoys spending her free time with her husband and three young children.



**Amy O'Neill**, the co-chair of the Membership Committee, is an associate at Boutin Jones Inc. where she works in the civil litigation department, primarily in the arena of business litigation. Amy has been on the board of WLS since 2012. Amy lives with her husband in Sacramento and likes to spend her free time doing anything outdoors.



**Kelly Pope**, Vice President, is a partner with Downey Brand LLP, where she is a member of the firm's business litigation and bankruptcy law practices. Her litigation experience is vast and includes matters involving eminent domain, real property disputes, business disputes, and family law. She also represents debtors in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, and secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 7, 11, and 13 bankruptcy cases. In her spare time, Kelly enjoys reading, hiking, and exploring Sacramento's many fun activities with her husband and three young children.



**Tara Rojas** is a co-chair on the Grants & Awards Committee. She is a family law attorney at Rojas Family Law, Inc. where she handles the full range of domestic relations matters, including dissolution of marriage, child custody, support, domestic violence, pre-marital/postnuptial agreements, and property division. She earned her bachelor's degree from Saint Mary's and her law degree from Pacific McGeorge. In her spare time, Tara enjoys spending time with family and friends.



**Meghan Covert Russell** is co-chair of the Newsletter Committee. She is serving her sixth year on the WLS Board and has previously served on Grants & Awards and Programs Committees. Meghan is an associate at Parker & Covert LLP, where she practices education law. She focuses on facilities, finance and general advice and counsel for public school districts. She has a passion for public education and has previously volunteered with Operation Protect & Defend and the McClatchy Law & Public Policy Academy. Meghan enjoys baking, traveling, and spending time with her husband and their two children.



**Kristine Scribner** is co-chair of the Programs Committee. Kristine is an attorney with Lewis Brisbois where she practices civil litigation, including public entity, civil rights and general liability defense. She is native of the Sacramento area and obtained her bachelor's degree from U.C. Davis and graduated from McGeorge School of Law with a concentration in intellectual property. Kristine enjoys spending time with friends and family, frequenting local wineries and traveling.



**Latika Sharma** is co-Chair of the Grants and Awards Committee. She is an attorney at the Department of Managed Health Care, Office of Legal Services, where she focuses on current health care regulations and legislation as well as other health care issues facing the DMHC. Latika also currently serves on the Board of the Asian Bar Association of Sacramento Law Foundation, OrFan International Project, the South Asian Bar Association of Sacramento, and Women Lawyers of Sacramento.



**Lauren Foust Sorokolit** is co-chair of the Legislation and Bar Delegations Committee. She is Associate General Counsel at Molina Healthcare, Inc., where she focuses primarily on health plan licensing, state fair hearings, and pharmacy issues. Prior to joining Molina Healthcare, she litigated medical malpractice and business dispute lawsuits. Outside of work, she is a mentor through the C. K. McClatchy Law and Public Policy Academy. She enjoys traveling, skiing, and spending time with her family (one dog, two cats, one husband).



**Roxanne Strohmeier**, a vice-chair of the Legislation and Bar Delegations Committee, graduated from the University of California, Davis, School of Law in December 2016. At UC Davis, she was the Managing Productions Editor for the Journal of Juvenile Law and Policy, a board member of the King Hall Women's Law Association and Law Students for Reproductive Justice, a member of the Trial Practice Honors Board, and a student member of the Milton Schwartz David Levi American Inn of Court. Before attending law school, Roxanne worked as a Program Development Consultant for the California Department of Public Health. She received her B.A. from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and her Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine.



**Jackie Limbo Sueyres** is co-chair of the Judicial and Other Appointments. This is Jackie's second year on the board and she is excited to be a part of this organization. Jackie is an associate at Tiza Serrano-Thompson and Associates where she practices insurance defense litigation. She previously spent time in the Sacramento and Santa Barbara Public Defenders offices. Jackie is also a board member for PINC, a local philanthropic organization. In her spare time, Jackie teaches classes at the Dailey Method in downtown Sacramento and enjoys spending time with her husband, son and 2 dogs.



**Britney Dicksa Torres** is a vice-chair of the Programs Committee. She has been practicing since 2012 and has focused exclusively on labor and employment law since 2015. Ms. Dicksa Torres began her practice in Southern California and relocated to Sacramento in 2015. In her spare time, she enjoys travel, yoga, and exploring Sacramento's farm to fork offerings.



**Katherine Underwood**, co-chair of the Publicity and Community Relations Committee, is a Deputy City Attorney with the City of Sacramento. She is a member of the Litigation Section, which handles lawsuits involving the City and/or its staff and provides pre-litigation and risk management advice to City departments on an as-needed basis. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. Prior to attending law school, Katherine worked as a paralegal in Silicon Valley, California and Washington, D.C. When she isn't working, Katherine and her partner, Anthony, enjoy working on their 1920's home and indulging in their love of food and wine.



**Allison Callaghan Walsh**, vice-chair of the Career Advancement and Retention Committee, is an associate at Nossaman LLP. Allison's practice focuses on employment law, including class action and single-plaintiff litigation and administrative agency proceedings. She also advises both public and private employers. Allison is a graduate of U.C. Davis School of Law and Claremont McKenna College. She is a native of the Greater Sacramento area and now lives in Davis. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, outdoor adventuring, good food and wine, and spending time with her husband, family, and friends.

## 2017 Liaisons with the Board

### JUDICIAL LIAISON



**Justice Hoch** joined the California Court of Appeal in January 2011. She previously served as the Governor's Legal Affairs Secretary. Born and raised in California, she is a graduate of Stanford University and received her law degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. After law school, she worked in private practice, and then began her 23-year career in state public service. She worked on labor law issues at two state boards before joining the California Attorney General's Office. Next, she was appointed as Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation, and then appointed as Legal Affairs Secretary.

### PAST-PRESIDENT LIAISON



**Megan Rowe** (formerly Megan Lewis) was President of WLS in 2012 during the organization's 50th Anniversary. Megan became involved in WLS in 2003 and served on the Board from 2005-2012. She also served on the California Women Lawyers' Board from 2008-2013. She is currently the Vice-Chair of the State Bar of California, Litigation Section Executive Committee. Megan is a shareholder of Daponde Szabo Rowe PC, a health care law firm focused on the legal needs of health plans and health insurers. In her spare time, Megan enjoys boxing, hiking, wine tasting and spending time with family and friends.

# Announcements & Other News



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## SAVE THE DATE

### 2017 Luncheon Schedule

Lucca Restaurant and Bar,  
1615 J Street, Sacramento

- February 23
- March 23
- April 27
- May 25
- September 28
- October 26
- November 16
- December 15

WLS lunches \*may\* be on summer break June, July and August.



## 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 Aminah Famili at [AFamili@KingWilliamsLaw.com](mailto:AFamili@KingWilliamsLaw.com).

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...



The Employment Law Practice Group at Boutin Jones is seeking a mid to senior level associate to join its ranks. The attorneys in the Employment Law Practice Group work closely as a team. Associate attorneys can expect to practice at the highest levels of the legal profession. We also provide a collegial work environment and professional development for those interested in becoming a shareholder. Candidates should have at least 3 years of significant experience in employment law and litigation. Class action experience is preferred, but not required. We are also open to the possibility of hiring a second attorney who is interested in advice and counseling exclusively. This is an excellent opportunity for a hard working, smart individual suited to the private practice of law and committed to serving our clients. High class standing from a top-ranked law school required. Qualified candidates may submit their resumes, writing samples, and law school transcripts with a cover letter to: Julia Jenness at [jjenness@boutinjones.com](mailto:jjenness@boutinjones.com).

More information is available at <http://boutinjones.com/careers/lateral-attorneys>

## **ARE YOU A MEMBER OF WLS?**

### **HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR WLS MEMBERSHIP?**

**Please remember to return your membership application/renewal form (located at the end of this newsletter) and payment to WLS. Please consider adding the California Women Lawyers membership at a discounted rate in addition to your WLS membership.**

## **California Women Lawyers**

Presents its 16th Annual

### **Norther California Judicial Reception and Rose Bird Memorial Award**

Honoring Hon. Carol S. Brosnahan

(Alameda Superior Court)

Friday, March 3 from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

John F. Kennedy University

100 Ellinwood Way

Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

## WOMEN LAWYERS OF SACRAMENTO

**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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