



Women in Law Committee

Indiana State Bar Association
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Highlight of Accomplishments

- Celebrated the 23rd year of the Women's Bench & Bar Retreat at the Swan Lake Resort in Plymouth, Indiana on February 28 – March 2, 2025
- Over 61 lawyers and judges attended the retreat.
- Offered scholarships to young lawyers and to law students to attend conference so that they can network and gain connections throughout the state.



CLE

- Offered 9.0 CLE/ 1.0 Ethics credits to lawyers attending the 2025 Women's Bench & Bar Retreat.
- CLEs ranged from:
 - Appeal on Wheels Oral Argument with Appellate Judges Dana Kenworthy, Margret Robb, and Leanna Weissmann
 - Judiciary's Response to Substance Use Disorder with Chief Justice Rush
 - The Costs of Self-Neglect
 - 23 Things Every Indiana Lawyer Should Know with Hon. Steven David
 - Trial Proceedings with Hon., Margret Robb and Christina Miller
 - Problem Solving Courts Panel from Clark and Floyd County Judges



Social opportunities

- Sisters in Law Summer Social – August 2025
 - 64 Women Judges and Lawyers gathered at the home of Chief Justice Loretta Rush to celebrate another successful year in the practice of law.
 - Many long-time members as well as newly admitted lawyers joined together for a lovely evening of fun and fellowship
 - Thank you to the Chief Justice and her husband, Jim, for a lovely evening and we were so happy the weather cooperated as well!



Scholarships & Awards

- Six scholarships were awarded to law students and young women lawyers to attend the 2025 Women's Bench & Bar Retreat.
- The Women in Law Committee is so happy to offer opportunities to attend these important events with the assistance of the ISBA and other generous supporters!
- Thank you!!



Contributions

- Committee members donated their resources in December with the Women in Law “Golden Gifts” 2024
- Committee members purchased gifts to spread cheer for some very lovely seniors in our area who may be forgotten during the holiday season
- A special thank you to Tamara Weaver for coordinating this service project



Looking to the Future

- 24th Annual Women's Bench & Bar Retreat is going on the Road!!
 - Coven WBBR 2026: Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges, and Inspiring Change
 - March 1 – 4, 2026 in Savannah, Georgia
 - Make plans to attend!
 - Make your Hotel Reservations now – Registration to be open soon!
 - Join us for 9 hours of CLE with Indiana Judges and Lawyers
- We are always looking for new members – contact Leah Baker to join our committee!



This report is respectfully submitted by:

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Women in Law Committee