President's Message
by Heather Stern

The telltale signs are all around us – the month of May is finally here. No, it’s not the weather to which I refer. At least, not the weather here. I was just at a wedding in rural Illinois the last weekend in April, and it snowed. Yes, it was April 27, and we had a full on blizzard with four to eight inches descending on us in the space of 24 hours, requiring us to, among other things, frantically try to locate a windshield scraper for a rental car we had obtained three days earlier in 70 degree weather. P.S. the wedding pictures are a wondrous juxtaposition of blooming tulips, sleeveless dresses, and soft white snowflakes descending everywhere. It really was magical, albeit cold.

To view the rest of the President's Message, please CLICK HERE.

Photo Gallery
WLALA's SCGA Golf Club at Coyote Hills on Sunday, April 14, 2019.

WLALA's UCLA Law Women LEAD Hike on Saturday, April 27, 2019.
WLALA had a great time hiking with UCLA Law Women LEAD alumni and students in Temescal Canyon. In addition to getting our 10,000 steps before noon, we were rewarded with beautiful wildflowers and a waterfall.

WLALA's Mentor Jet Program. To view more photos, please CLICK HERE.

WLALA May Events

May 7, 2019 - Diverse Women and Battling Bias in the Legal Profession

May 11, 2019 - Food from the Bar: WLALA Volunteer Day at the LA Foodbank

May 11, 2019 - Shopping and Champagne for WLALA
May 14, 2019 - WLALA Westside Career Mentoring Circle Dinner

May 15, 2019 - Finding Your Voice: Effective Communication Strategies for Young Lawyers

May 18, 2019 - Food from the Bar: Family and Friends Volunteer Day at LA Food Bank

May 20, 2019 - Reproductive Rights: Action & Advocacy Training For Attorneys

To view the rest of the WLALA Calendar, please go to www.wlala.org.

Of Interest
United States Courts "In Central District of California, a Woman's Place is in the Courthouse"
Published on March 21, 2019. To read the article, please CLICK HERE.

WLALA’s 2019 Judge Beverly Reid O’Connell Scholarships
The Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA) Foundation is pleased to offer the 2019 Judge Beverly Reid O’Connell Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a woman high school senior, who is interested in the field of law or public service, and who was inspired in this career choice by the WLALA Foundation’s Power Lunch Program, the WLALA organization, or by a WLALA leader. Judge O’Connell, who was long-time board member of WLALA, created the Power Lunch Program to provide civic education, judicial mentorship and exposure to the judicial branch to local high school students. As part of the Power Lunch Program, students come to courthouses to have lunch with judges, lawyers, court staff and members of law enforcement. Applications must be postmarked

To read more about this fellowship, please CLICK HERE.

WLALA Foundation’s Nominating Committee
Due to the resignation of one of the members of the 2019 Nominating Committee for WLALA Foundation, WLALA will be voting for a replacement to serve on the 2019 WLALA Foundation Nominating Committee. Ballots will be available at WLALA’s Diversity & Outreach Committee program on May 7, 2019 and its Young Lawyers Section program on May 15, 2019. The Nominating Committee will interview and select the nominees for WLALA Foundation’s President for the coming 2019-2021 term.

**Member News**

Congratulations to all our WLALA members who made it on the Los Angeles Business Journals’ Most Influential Women Lawyers!

Lisa Gilford  
Patricia L. Glaser  
Jessica Gordon  
Ann Marie Mortimer  
Laura Farber  
Joan B. Kessler  
Nancy Yaffe  

On April 11, WLALA Second Vice President/Treasurer Jessica Kronstadt was honored by Washington University Law School at its 46th Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner. Ms. Kronstadt received a Distinguished Young Alumnus Award. Congrats, Jessica!
WLALA Board Member Hon. Holly Fujie is receiving the 2019 Citation Award from UC Berkeley. The 2019 Citation Award Celebration will be held on June 13, 2019 at The City Club of San Francisco. Congrats, Holly!

WLALA Board Member Elise Greenberg’s firm is expanding and changing its name to Brot Gross Fishbein LLP, and shares the following press release with WLALA. Congrats, Elise!

To view the press release, please CLICK HERE.

Former WLALA Board Member Hon. Wendy Chang was profiled in the Los Angeles Daily Journal on April 30, 2019. The article is titled Eye for Detail. Congrats, Hon. Chang!

If you are a member of WLALA and would like to share some news, please email info@wlala.org.

**WLALA Upcoming Events**

**June 13, 2019 - WLALApalooza**

**June 25, 2019 - How To Start a Law Practice**

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**Finding Your Voice: Effective Communication Strategies for Young Lawyers**

*By WLALA Members Nina Zhang and Nesrein El-Haddad*

Communicating effectively with different people, including judges, partners, opposing counsel, and clients,
is a critical skill for any lawyer. Learning how to identify and understand different communication styles is important so that lawyers can tailor their interactions with different audiences. Young lawyers, in particular, must not only build expertise in their practice area, but also speak confidently with people who often have more authority and years of experience. Join WLALA's Young Lawyers Section on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 to hear our panelists discuss the communication strategies that they have developed throughout their career that are not only true to their own personality but also effective. Our panelists have successfully mastered effective communication strategies in their careers. The program will contain material that will be relevant to both litigators and transactional lawyers across industries.

To read the rest of the article, please CLICK HERE.
To register for this event, please CLICK HERE.

**The 2019 Food from the Bar’s Annual “Munger Games” on April 25, 2019.**

**May Means Time for Food from the Bar: Legal Community Fights Hunger In LA**

By WLALA Board Member Kathleen McDowell

For over ten years now, WLALA has participated in the annual Food from the Bar campaign, a month-long friendly competition among law firms and legal offices to support the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank’s mission to make sure that no child in our community goes hungry. The month-long campaign (May 1 to June 1) has raised over $4,000,000 during the decade it has been in existence in Los Angeles, and has become the major source of support for the Food Bank.

WLALA has participated each year of the Food from the Bar campaign through individual donations by WLALA members and volunteering at the Food Bank. There are opportunities for every WLALA to get involved in some way. This year, for example, WLALA sent a team to compete in “The Munger Games,” a trivia contest kick-off held on April 25. The WLALA “Crème de la Femme” was composed of WLALA members Judge Melissa Widdifield and Jessica Walker, assisted by Craig Thigpen, Ariel Green, and Bill Temko. They were the only team – out of fifteen teams total – that was able to answer the question in the final round based on only one clue.

To read the rest of the article, please CLICK HERE.

**Welcome to the Dark Side**

By Cathy Ostiller, WLALA Criminal Justice Section Co-Chair
On April 24, 2019, the Criminal Justice Section hosted its program entitled “Cryptocurrency and the Dark Net: The Legal Ins and Outs and Latest Trends” at Loyola Law School. I moderated a one-hour panel comprised of three engaging, experienced, and knowledgeable speakers – Robyn K. Bacon, an Assistant United States Attorney in the Cyber and Intellectual Property Crimes Section of the U.S. Attorney’s Office; Jennifer Lieser, a criminal defense attorney with Kaplan Marino; and Anna M. Winningham, a cyber security consultant (and former FBI agent) who is the Executive Vice President of Risk Control Strategies.

Jennifer and Anna began the presentation by explaining what the Dark Net is, how one accesses it, and who typically uses it. They also gave examples of the kinds of things one might find for sale in Dark Net marketplaces – both legitimate and illicit. Robyn then gave a brief overview of what cryptocurrency is and how it works. Some members of the audience seemed generally relieved to learn that it works in much the same way a typical check purchase transaction works, except without the paper record. Robyn also discussed legitimate uses of cryptocurrency, and Anna followed up with a list of legitimate businesses that accept cryptocurrency, some of which were quite surprising. For example, did you know you can buy sandwiches and flowers and pay for college tuition with cryptocurrency?

To read the rest of the article, please [CLICK HERE].

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**Upcoming Local Bar Events and News**

**Save the Date!**

Please join the Young Lawyers Section of WLALA for its spring program, “Finding Your Voice – Effective Communication Strategies for Young Lawyers” on Wednesday, May 15, 2019. Hear from a diverse panel of attorneys with backgrounds in large and small firms, government, transactional law, and litigation share their insight into how young attorneys can communicate most effectively with different people, including partners, clients, hostile opposing counsel, and judges. Wine and appetizers will be provided.

**Save the Date!**

The Multicultural Bar Alliance of Southern California (MCBA) is having their Summer Reception on 8/22/2019. More details to come soon!

To view the rest of the local bar events and news, please [CLICK HERE].

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**Help WLALA Qualify as a Voting Affiliate Organization of California Women Lawyers – Join CWL Now!**
WLALA is in the process of recertifying as an affiliate organization of California Women Lawyers (CWL), the only statewide women's bar association in California. As an affiliate of CWL, WLALA is able to have a voting Affiliate Governor on the CWL Board of Governors, thus ensuring that WLALA contributes to the leadership and direction of CWL. To maintain WLALA's affiliate status with CWL, at least 10% of WLALA’s membership, or 100 WLALA members (whichever is less), must also be members of CWL. The deadline for WLALA to submit its recertification application is May 15, 2019. Please consider becoming a member of CWL by the recertification application deadline. To learn more about CWL and its fantastic work, [CLICK HERE](#).

To view or print the CWL membership application, [CLICK HERE](#).

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**California Women Lawyers Upcoming Events**

April 30, 2019, deadline to apply for District 7 (Los Angeles County) position on the CWL Board of Governors. Information can be found [HERE](#).

CWL will have its Southern California Judicial Reception, awarding the Joan Dempsey Klein Distinguished Jurist Award to Orange County Superior Court Judge Maria Hernandez on May 17, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., at the Noguchi Sculpture Garden, 611 Anton Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Registration is available [HERE](#).

The CWL Annual Conference and Annual Dinner will be September 20, 2019, in Sacramento. Save the Date!

WLALA, NAWJ, and CWL will be hosting a joint reception, “Looking Back, Looking Forward: Women’s Progress in the Law,” commemorating the 100th anniversary of WLALA and the 40th anniversary of NAWJ, on October 16, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Disney Concert Hall, 111 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

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**Become a WLALA Board Member**

WLALA is accepting 2018-2019 WLALA Board Member applications. The deadline for submitting an application is May 31, 2019. You can fill out the application [HERE](#).

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**New Members**

Michelle Banayan, Kimberly Barreto, Sasha Bernstein, Yasmin Best, Leslie Bono (Zim), Britttree Bui, Jessica Bulaon, Chelsea Burke-Gomez, Emily Cameron, Kathleen Carter, Rebekah Catron, Stephanie Chau, Victoria Couch, Saphya Council, Nicoline Cu, Jesse-Justin Cuevas, Shelby Cummings, Stephanie Delgado, Naira Dulgarian, Alexandra Dunton-Stackhouse, Isabella Estrada, Katherine Gavel, Harmony Gbe, Marnel Gerit-Ferraro, Robin Gray, Minely Grigorian, Katie Grossbard, Aisha Hardaway, Ariella Hassid, Kim Haycraft, Kasey Hemphill, Rebekah Hoelscher, Kaycee Holcomb, Alexandra Isenberg, Kristen Jaramillo, English Jennifer, Monica Johnson, Vanuhi Karapetian, Ashley Kim, Emily Kong, Victoria Kreuzer, Tina Kuang, Harper Lanier, Lauren Landau, Daisy Larita, Michele Le, Jessica Leano, Amanda Lee, Jillian LeMaster-Dwyer, Jialin Li, Hannah Linsenmayer, Mary Lu, Johana Lucas-Cruz, Ana Luna, Leslie Macchiarella (Odell), Emilie MacLean, Vivian Martin, Ashley Meh dizadeh, Isabelle Minoofar, Natalie Morales, Jamsha Morgan, Mariam Nazaretyan, Nina Niedbalski, Samantha Pannier, Angelica Panosian, Catherine Parada, Nikita Patel, Haley Pollock, Brenda Rekechenetskiy, Rhea Ricard, Alexandra Sagona, Liliana Sanchez, Sarah Sanger, Morgan Sasaki, Katie Simers, Jacqueline Young.

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**WLALA Member Discounts**

Did you know your WLALA membership comes with opportunities for discounts on everything from deposition services to dry cleaning? To view our current member discounts, please [CLICK HERE](#).
WLALA's increased presence in the legal community over the years has resulted in increased interest and participation among the local law schools. WLALA needs attorney mentor volunteers for its Law Student Mentor Program.

To volunteer as a mentor, please email info@wlala.org.

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**WLALA Job Bank**

Did you know that your WLALA membership allows you to access the WLALA Job Bank? The Job Bank has employment opportunities from different non-profit organizations and law firms.

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP is seeking a highly qualified associate with 3-4 years of solid litigation experience to join our high-profile Investigation & White Collar Defense practice in our Orange County office. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Roku, Inc. is seeking an experienced attorney to join its legal team. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

UCLA School of Law is seeking a full-time instructor with a background in legal research and writing to coordinate and teach in the LL.M. Legal Research and Writing program. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Davis Wright Tremaine's Healthcare M&A practice in Seattle is seeking a Healthcare Corporate Associate. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

UCLA School of Law is accepting applications for Legal Research and Writing Instructor Positions for the 2019-20 Academic Year. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

UCLA School of Law is accepting applications for Part-time Instructors for the 2019-20 Academic Year. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) is seeking a highly qualified Deputy General Counsel II. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Thompson Coburn is seeking an associate with 1-4 years of experience in employment law. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Fellman & Associates, a boutique California law firm, is seeking an experienced Workers' Compensation Defense Attorney for their office located immediately adjacent to LAX. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The Los Angeles – Downtown office of McGuireWoods seeks an entry-level associate to join the Debt Finance Department. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The L.A. Century City office of McGuireWoods seeks an associate to join its Private Equity and Corporate Transactional practice. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The Los Angeles - Century City office of McGuireWoods seeks an Associate for the Labor & Employment Department. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP is hiring for a Litigation Associate (Judicial Clerks Only). For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP is hiring for a Trademark/Copyright Staff Attorney. For more information, please CLICK HERE.
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP is hiring for a Staff Attorney. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP is hiring for a Real Estate Associate. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP is hiring for a Healthcare Litigation Associate. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) Office of Congressional Information and Publishing (CIP) is seeking a Legislative Analyst to join its Legislative Analysis and Information Section (LAIS). For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The Congressional Research Service (CRS), American Law Division (ALD), seeks a Legislative Attorney to analyze legal questions that emerge from the work of Congress related to intellectual property law in particular and American public law generally. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Thompson Coburn is seeking an associate with 1-4 years of experience in employment law. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The County of San Diego is hiring for Senior Deputy County Counsel-Juvenile Dependency. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The Office of the Inspector General is hiring for attorneys. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The Los Angeles - Century City office of McGuireWoods seeks an Associate for the Labor & Employment Department. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The Congressional Research Service (CRS), American Law Division (ALD), seeks a Legislative Attorney to analyze legal questions that emerge from the work of Congress related to trade law in particular and American public law generally. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The Congressional Research Service (CRS), American Law Division (ALD), seeks a Legislative Attorney to analyze legal questions that emerge from the work of Congress related to communications law in particular and American public law generally. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

You must be a current member and logged into the website to view job postings. If you need help obtaining your username and password, please email info@wlala.org. To view the WLALA Job Bank, please CLICK HERE and click on the Search Openings link in the upper left corner of the page.

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