Thank you to everyone who attended WLALA’s Centennial Celebration on September 21! It was a wonderful way to say goodbye to summer and hello to the start of WLALA’s 2019-2020 board year. In case you were unable to attend, you can view photos of the event in this newsletter and watch the 100th anniversary video put together by the History Project Committee on WLALA’s website. The celebration of WLALA’s 100th anniversary also continues this month – on October 16, the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) will be holding a reception at Walt Disney Concert Hall to celebrate NAWJ’s 40th anniversary and WLALA’s 100th anniversary. Tickets may be purchased through the link on WLALA’s website. I hope to see you there!
Photo Gallery

WLALA's Centennial Celebration: Awards & Installation Dinner on Saturday, September 21, 2019. To view more photos, please CLICK HERE.

Upcoming WLALA Events
WLALA SCGA Golf Club
Sat. Oct. 19, 2019 • Ojai Valley Inn Golf Course
905 Country Club Rd., Ojai, CA 93023

Practice Range at 9:00 a.m.
Check in no later than 9:30 a.m.
Everyone at carts by 10:15 a.m.
19th hole TBA

Ojai Valley Inn Golf Course is a breathtaking 18-hole course in Ojai Valley. It is the site of seven PGA Tour Champions events. There is a driving range – arrive early to practice for this fabulous resort course. Register online at www.WLALA.org by October 10 to guarantee a player spot. (Our tee times at this special rate may fill before that date.) Registration is $105 for WLALA SCGA members and $145 for guests. Registration includes green fees, cart, bag fee gratuity and range balls. There will be contests and prizes.

WLALA SCGA members play their own ball and record scores. Intermediate and advanced beginners have a basic understanding of swinging a club, taken golf lessons, and at least played 9-hole rounds of golf. If a true beginner, please join our WLALA Golf League and Golf Clinic first to master the basics. If you have questions about ready golf, come early to get answers, stretch and be ready!

SCGA Advocating Women Lawyers Golf Club aka WLALA SCGA Golf Club.
Members of our SCGA Club are Women in the Legal Field – lawyers, judges, law students, expert witnesses, court consultants, court reporters, law firm administrators, etc. Many began golfing through the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA) Golf League. Join us if you fit our Club’s criteria (legal related) and want to have fun playing more golf, as we as we rotate through 9-hole and 18-hole courses in the greater Los Angeles area. Men are welcome to join us. Contact Cynthia Cohen, Ph.D. at cohen@verdictsuccess.com for SCGA club membership questions. Annual dues are $50 (payable to the SCGA).
Women on the Move: Planning for and Making the Most of Professional Transitions

Professional transitions present opportunities and challenges, and there are strategies to make the most of both! Join us as we hear from six women lawyers with diverse backgrounds and experiences who have navigated career transitions to and from large and mid-size firms, small firms and solo practice, government positions, the bench, and non-law jobs, as well as returning to the paid workforce after an extended time away and entering retirement. Our panelists will share how they planned for those transitions and the lessons they learned.

When: October 22, 2019
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Networking: 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Location: James Day
555 S. Flower Street, Fiftieth Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Cost: $35 WLALA Member
$45 Non-Member

-Light refreshments will be served-

Parking: Public parking lots are available nearby for less than in-building parking

Panelists

Bridget Byrnes Hirsch, Byrnes Hirsch P.C.

Carla Ford, General Counsel, U.S.VETS

Arozou Kohan, Consigliere

Harriet Beegum Leva (ret.)

Hilary Sledge-Samor, MUTG Union Bank, N.A.

Carolyn Turchin, U.S. Magistrate Judge (ret.)

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**Save the Date!**  
**Thursday,**  
**December 12, 2019**  
**Jonathan Club**

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**Fran Kandel Article**  
*By Zoe Lillian, 2019 Fran Kandel Recipient*

As a reproductive justice activist turned future lawyer, the Fran Kandel Public Interest Grant was invaluable to my summer internship at the ACLU of Southern California’s LGBTQ, Gender Equity and Reproductive Justice Project. While there, in addition to working on religious refusal to prescribe contraception policy questions and monitoring trans and reproductive health in Los Angeles County prisons and jails, I developed a lactation rights campaign: creating model advocacy letters for breastfeeding parents in the workplace, in schools and in prisons and jails.

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

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**WLALA Foundation's Domestic Violence Project**

The Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles Domestic Violence Project (DV Project) is chaired by Jill Piano. The DV Project sponsors a weekly drop-in legal clinic each Monday from 6-7 p.m. in conjunction with Sojourn, a domestic violence service provider in Santa Monica.

At the legal clinic, clients - all of whom are referred by Sojourn - are provided with assistance on a variety of legal issues, including restraining orders, divorce/separation, child custody, child/spousal support, criminal proceedings as well as civil law issues. These clients represent every socio-economic and ethnic background, from executives at large entertainment industry corporations to recent immigrants who speak limited English. Some of these women are still with their batterer and being abused, while others have left their batterers and are seeking guidance on their legal rights and next steps.

The legal clinic is staffed entirely by Carol Tantau, Sojourn Support Services Coordinator, Minty Msiu-Kootnikoff, Legal Services Director, Sojourn, and WLALA volunteer attorneys who answer legal
questions, explain the legal process, inform victims of their rights and make referrals as necessary. Through the legal clinic, attorneys provide legal advice, guidance and support to these women, and clients are welcome to return as often as necessary until their legal issues are resolved. Each client consultation is brief, about 10-15 minutes depending on the number of clients waiting for assistance. The legal clinic does not provide representation of clients in court and does not assist in completing legal forms. However, attorneys are available to review forms completed by clients and to prepare clients to testify and present their case in court. Repeat clients often work on reestablishing their lives and working towards other positive goals for themselves and/or their children.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers may help in two various ways: 1) volunteering directly for the legal clinic itself; 2) assisting the co-chairs in organizing with training materials, programs and meetings, or 3) may choose to offer pro bono representation to a client if the volunteer so desires, with mentorship from Sojourn’s Legal Services Director. There is no expectation that a volunteer take a case for representation. We welcome all volunteer attorneys and law students regardless of background or training in domestic violence or family law issues.

For more information:
Please contact our chair Jill Piano at jillpianoesq@aol.com.

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**Request for Attorney Mentors for WLALA Law Student Mentor Program**

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.

To read the rest of this article, CLICK HERE.

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

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**Member News**

WLALA Past President Selma Moidel Smith celebrates her 100th birthday with WLALA this year! Here is her website: https://www.selmamoidelsmith.net. From all of us here at WLALA, we wish you a very Happy Birthday, Selma!

WLALA Board Member Maria Byrum is being appointed as a commissioner with the superior court. Congrats, Maria!

Congratulations to Amy Brantly who was nominated for a 2019 Leaders in Law Award by the Los Angeles Business Journal. *Correction - We previously reported that Amy won the award. Awards will be given out on October 22. Best of luck to Amy and all those nominated!

If you are a member of WLALA and would like to share some news, please email info@wlala.org.
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A SPECIAL RECEPTION AT WALT DISNEY HALL

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6:00PM – 8:00PM

Celebrating NAWJ’s 40th Anniversary and
Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles’ 100th Anniversary

Featuring a Special Performance by the
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A SPECIAL GALA & AWARDS CEREMONY

Celebrating a Century of Women's Progress,
Honoring Community Leaders Who Have Made a Difference

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2019
Cocktails 6:00pm, Dinner 7:00pm, Dancing Until 11:00pm

Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza
251 South Olive Street, Los Angeles, California 90012

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

Individual Tickets $150 | Register Today at www.bit.ly/2mc4zw2
2019 Women in Law Institute

Calling all attorneys (7+ years) and law students in the LA area!
WLALA has partnered with The Center for Women in Law, a national center devoted to the success of women lawyers based at the University of Texas School of Law, to bring this program, the CWIL Institute, to Los Angeles on October 18, 2019. The last time the program was held here three years ago, it was rated an outstanding success by students and faculty.

The Women in Law Institute is a one-day "boot-camp" style program designed to teach law students and judicial clerks skills that women lawyers traditionally learn too late in their careers to have an impact:

- Effective oral communication with senior attorneys
- Self-promotion of individual (not group) worth, and
- Building lasting professional relationships and networking

After listening to an expert presentation on each of these essential skills, each student participates in a small group workshop led by two experienced practitioners to perfect those skills through practice and supportive individualized critiques.

WLALA asks its members to serve as, and to find other practitioners to serve as, volunteer faculty for this event. Who can be a faculty member? An experienced practitioner (7+ years of practice, female or male) who co-leads one or more of the small-group workshops for the Institute. Faculty members will volunteer about 3-4 hours (1-hour training phone call at optional times about a week before the event, and 2-3 hours per session at the event on October 18). We hope you will participate in all three sessions, plus the lunch and 5:00 p.m. reception, but you may sign up for only one or two sessions if your schedule is limited.

For more information about the event, to register as a volunteer attorney, or to register as a law student or judicial clerk attendee, please visit https://law.utexas.edu/cwil/events/2019-women-in-law-institute-los-angeles/

Date: Friday, October 18, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Cost: FREE, includes lunch & reception
Location: Jones Day
555 South Flower Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071

For questions please call (213) 892-8902 or email info@wlala.org

Upcoming Local Bar Events and News

The Professional Women Speaker Series, co-hosted by KCS Wealth Advisory, LLC and the Feminist Majority Foundation, are having a 4-week exploration of activism, money, social change, and leaving a legacy beginning October 3, 2019. For more information, please CLICK HERE. To RSVP, please CLICK HERE.

The Jewish Center for Justice’s Lawyers Committee, in collaboration with the ACLU of Southern California, the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, and USC OUTLaw, invites you to join a Lawyers Briefing on the LGBTQ discrimination cases before the Supreme Court during its October
Term 2019 (Bockstock v. Clayton County, Georgia and Altitude Express Inc. v. Zarda). The call will take place on October 4 at 12:00 p.m. PDT. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

On the afternoon of October 24, 2019, a live broadcast from Washington D.C., with round table discussions among the federal bench, federal bar, and law students from 19 cities and 16 states hosted by various federal courts, will take place focusing on Roadways to the Federal Bench: Who, Me? A Bankruptcy Judge? For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Straus Institute presents: Women’s Negotiation Academy on December 5-6, 2019, in West Los Angeles. This interactive workshop is designed to present specific tools and techniques to increase your effectiveness as a negotiator. To register and for WLALA members additional $100 discount, please go to: Women’s Negotiation Academy. Select General Admission rate and at the end of registration, type wna-wlala in the Discount Code box and click Apply.

Mount Saint Mary's University's "Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California" is on March 26, 2020. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Law students may apply for the judicial extern positions with the Los Angeles Superior Court. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

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

**New Members**


**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 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.
Kutak Rock LLP, a national law firm, is looking for two litigation associates with 1-3 years’ and 3-7 years’ experience respectively for its Los Angeles office with substantial experience in environmental, toxic tort and/or product liability litigation. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, is seeking a highly qualified associate with 2–4 years of privacy and data security experience to join their Orange County or Los Angeles office. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino is hiring for a Self Help Managing Attorney. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The downtown Los Angeles office of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, a leading national law firm, is looking for a mid-level litigation associate attorney. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Break the Cycle is hiring for a staff attorney. Break the Cycle is a national non-profit that focuses on providing education, outreach and legal services to youth in the areas of relationship violence, sexual assault, and stalking. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Haight Brown & Bonesteel’s Los Angeles office is seeking a highly motivated associate with a minimum of two years of experience to their Professional Liability practice group. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Haight Brown & Bonesteel’s Los Angeles office is hiring for a Coverage Associate. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Clark Hill PLC currently has openings in their health care unit. If you are interested in applying and have litigation experience, please email Noelle at nnatoli@clarkhill.com and send a copy of your resume.

The Young Center for Immigrant Children’s Rights invites applications for the position of Staff Attorney in the Young Center’s Los Angeles regional office. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Kutak Rock LLP's Los Angeles office is seeking a Public Finance or Real Estate Finance Associate Attorney with 2-4 years of experience in public finance or real estate finance. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The Los Angeles City Attorney's Office Power Group Section in the Department of Water & Power Division has an immediate opening for a power group attorney. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The United States Attorney's Office of the Central District of California has openings for Assistant United States Attorneys and Uncompensated Special Assistant U.S. Attorney. 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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