Hello Members! In honor of Women’s History Month, I would like to recognize all of the amazing women who have contributed to the history of our country and are currently making history, including the women who entered the 2020 presidential race, the thousands of women who marched for women’s rights and the women who bravely shared their #MeToo stories. If you have some extra time, I urge you to check out the website of the National Women’s History Museum where you can spend hours reading about the histories and accomplishments of history-making women.

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

Photo Gallery
WLALA's Speed Networking Mentor Jet program on February 5, 2020. To view more photos, please CLICK HERE.

WLALA presented LA County Presiding Judge Kevin Brazile with a Diversity and Inclusion Award, along side several other bar associations on Wednesday, February 19, 2020.

Of Interest


Upcoming WLALA Events
2020 Vision: L.A.’s Top Women Judges Preview the Litigation Landscape and Discuss the Characteristics of Power Litigators for the New Decade

Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Reception 5:30 p.m.
Program 6:30 p.m.

United States Courthouse
350 West 1st Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

They say hindsight is 20/20. WLALA’s Litigation Section invites you to an evening of lessons and reflections of the past as a dynamic and powerful panel of some of the most distinguished judges in Southern California assemble to discuss and define the characteristics of the most effective and successful litigators for the new decade. The discussion will cover numerous topics from how litigation has changed and where it is going to emerging technology and the impact of the #MeToo movement. Moderated by the distinguished Nina Marino, the panel will offer a unique insight from the bench that no litigator will want to miss.

Panelists

Hon. Jacqueline Nguyen
Circuit Judge of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

Hon. Virginia A. Phillips
Chief District Judge of the Central District of California

Hon. Alicia G. Rosenberg
Magistrate Judge of the Central District of California

Hon. Anne H. Egerton
Associate Justice of the Second Appellate District of California

Hon. Rupa Goswami
Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court

Moderator

Nina Marino
Kaplan Marino

Cost
$80 WLALA member
$100 Non-Member
$60 WLALA Members: Public Interest, Government and Solo/Small Law Firm Attorneys (10 attorneys or fewer)
$40 WLALA Members: Law Student
Judges free

Light Buffet
No-host bar

Public parking is available within walking distance

Please plan to arrive early as each person must clear security before entering
Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles Business Development Committee presents

International Women's Day Mixer

Come celebrate International Women’s Day with WLALA by mingling with old friends and meeting new ones during a free mixer at Hinoki & the Bird in Century City. Non-WLALA members and other professionals are encouraged to attend.

This event will also be a clothing drive to support the Downtown Women’s Center. Please bring your new or gently used women’s clothing to help women overcoming poverty and homelessness in Los Angeles. We look forward to a fun night and a great opportunity to help the women of the Downtown Women’s Center!

**When**
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The happy hour menu will be available from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

**Location**
Hinoki and the Bird
10 W Century Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90067

**Cost**
Free

**Parking**
Self-parking: $8
Valet: $10
Westfield Century City Mall:
1-1.5 hours: $3.00, $1.00 for each additional 30 minutes

New or gently used women’s clothing of all sizes will be accepted but the greatest need is for plus-size career clothing. Socks and undergarments must be new. Tax receipts will be provided upon request.

No women’s clothing to donate? Consider a monetary contribution. All donations are 100% tax-deductible. Checks can be made out to Downtown Women’s Center.

This event is free to attend but please register online for headcount purposes.

**RSVP Here**

**Thank you to our generous sponsors**
A Night at the Magic Castle

Tuesday
April 14, 2020

Hors d’oeuvres Reception
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Magic Castle Hours
7:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

The Magic Castle
7001 Franklin Avenue
Hollywood, CA 90028
(323) 851-3313

WLALA is proud to present a night at the Magic Castle, a unique “magical” experience in an elegant Victorian setting.

You must be over 21 years of age to attend.

Hors d’oeuvres will be served between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the Inner Circle where you may mingle and network with other guests. A cash bar will be available. The price of the event includes hors d’oeuvres, access to the castle, and magic shows throughout the evening. Also, all attendees will be given one Magic Castle guest pass to be used on a future evening of their choice.

There is a strictly enforced dress code: Business attire with jacket and tie for men; evening wear for ladies (cocktail dress, elegant skirt and blouse, or evening pant suit ensemble with matching jacket).

Please bring a photo ID for admittance. Please be advised there is no photography allowed within the castle.

Reservations are limited, so early registration is recommended! Your reservation with full payment must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2020. No registrations will be accepted after April 10, 2020. You must cancel before April 10, 2020 if you would like a refund.

Cost
$120 WLALA member
$165 Non-member

Each registered guest is may bring one guest at the same price that he or she paid.

Parking: $15 Valet

Price includes hors d’oeuvres and access to the castle and magic shows until midnight.

RSVP Now!

For questions please call (213) 692-5902 or email info@wlala.org

How Allies Can Support All Women in the Law: An All-Perspectives Discussion on Upping the Ante on Diversity - January 29, 2020
On January 29, 2020, WLALA's Diversity & Outreach Committee presented a panel discussion event entitled, “How Allies Can Support All Women in the Law: An All-Perspectives Discussion on Upping the Ante on Diversity,” in Century City. Though attorneys commonly hear about “impostor syndrome” and “implicit bias” in the diversity space, this program upped the ante by offering a fresh perspective on how to tackle these issues: allyship from white males in the legal industry—and just in time for the February MCLE compliance deadline! The program featured panelists from a range of backgrounds and legal fields, all of whom have made it a priority to promote women and diversity in the workplace: Hailyn Chen, Co-Managing Partner at Muller Tolles; Nicole Diaz, Senior Counsel at Snap, Inc.; Jenine Hinkle, Counsel at Honda North America; and Roman Silberfeld, National Trial Counsel at Robins Kaplan.

To read the rest of this article, please [CLICK HERE](https://www.wlala.org).

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**Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles and WLALA Foundation Survey**

We want to hear from you. Please take a few minutes to complete a survey to share what you care about and hope to see from your involvement in WLALA and the WLALA Foundation. All feedback is welcomed & is anonymous.

It can be completed on your phone or desktop via [https://survey.sogosurvey.com/r/BUybSK](https://survey.sogosurvey.com/r/BUybSK).

Thank you.

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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
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 with 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.

Continuing to Celebrate WLALA's 100th Year

We continue the celebration of WLALA’s 100-year history with the next clip from the WLALA History Project.

This month we are highlighting Arlene Coleman-Schwimmer, who speaks in great and fascinating detail in her interview about WLALA’s evolution from an organization focused on socializing and support in the earlier days to an organization more focused on advocacy and activism. This month’s clip features just one story on this topic from her interview: the time WLALA “infiltrated the state bar.”

WLALA’s History Project records, archives, and preserves significant events in women’s legal history in Los Angeles. As part of this effort, the History Project captures oral histories through interviews of former WLALA presidents, key figures in WLALA and notable women in the legal history of Los Angeles.

These interviews started as only audio recordings, and are now video recordings. The History Project has over 70 such videos in its collection. These include interviews with the first woman to be a US Attorney for the Central District of California, to be president of the California State Bar, to be the Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit, to be the Secretary of Education, among many other notable firsts and many other exceptional women.

The History Project’s 100th Year Celebration Video, which WLALA presented at the 2019 Installation Dinner, is available online: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibhbSWX84Hw&feature=youtu.be. This video features clips from just a small, small fraction of the
stories from the History Project archives. To continue the celebration of WLALA’s 100th year, the History Project will be presenting additional clips in this and upcoming newsletters.

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**2020 WLALA Fran Kandel Public Interest Fellowships**

The Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA) Fran Kandel Public Interest Fellowship enables law students to work with an organization or individually to develop and implement a project in the field of public interest law, in the spirit of Fran Kandel.

The WLALA Kandel Fellowship is designed to fund particular projects with a tangible outcome. While not intended for purely academic research, the fellowship can support an internship with a project component.

To read more about this fellowship, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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**WLALA’s 2020 Law School Tuition Scholarships**

The Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles (WLALA) Foundation is pleased once again to offer tuition scholarships to law students who have demonstrated a commitment to issues affecting women and/or children. WLALA is an active bar association that seeks to promote the interests of women, and to promote equality and equal opportunity of all people. The WLALA Foundation’s special projects include the Harriet Buhai Center for Family Law, which assists low income individuals in preparing and handling pro per family law matters; the Downtown Women’s Center, which is the only organization in Los Angeles exclusively dedicated to addressing the needs of women overcoming poverty and homelessness in Skid Row; and the Fran Kandel Public Interest Grant, which provides financial assistance for special projects undertaken by law students working in the public interest. WLALA’s numerous committees include a group that provides pro bono legal advice to victims of domestic violence.

The WLALA Foundation will award one-time tuition scholarships for the 2020 academic year to law students whose prior and current activities, and future plans demonstrate a commitment to issues affecting women and/or children.

To read more about this fellowship, please [CLICK HERE](#).
Become a WLALA Officer

WLALA is accepting 2020-2021 WLALA Officer applications. If you have served on the WLALA Board for at least one year, you may seek election as an Officer. The deadline for submitting an application is March 31, 2020. You can fill out the application [HERE](#).

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Request for Attorney Mentors for WLALA Law Student Mentor Program

Over 100 mentorship opportunities now available! Has a mentor impacted your career?

Now is the time to pay it forward! WLALA has over 100 women law students seeking a mentor like you.

[CLICK HERE](#) to show your interest and share how much time you’d be willing to commit, no amount is too small and the rewards are unlimited!

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Turn Your Practice into a Successful Business

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In this [free](#) The Business of Law webinar series, CEB brings you legal experts to speak to the how-tos and what-to-dos of building a successful law practice and business. Learn how to capitalize on your connections, grow your network through social media, command a negotiation, find new clients, work with automation tools, go out on your own, and much more.

**Upcoming webinar:**

- March 11: What Law Firms Need to Know About Complying with the California Consumer Privacy Act ([Register](#))

[Learn More](#)
Mount Saint Mary's University's Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California is on Thursday, March 26, 2020. For more information and to register, please CLICK HERE.

iDepo will make a donation to WLALA if you schedule a court reporting or videotaped deposition with them as follows:

- $20 donation to WLALA for each court reporting services of at least 100 pages per day.
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When scheduling, please email or call and mention Code WLALA. Email to Calendar@iDepoReporters.com or call at 323-393-3768.

IDepo will send donations to WLALA within 90 days after receipt of payment of invoices.

Member News

WLALA Board Member Patricia Donahue will be appointed as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in April, 2020. Congrats Patricia!
WLALA member Judge Karla Kerlin was interviewed in NPR's "America's Mental Health Crisis Hidden Behind Bars" published on February 25, 2020. To read this article, please CLICK HERE.

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

WLALA Networking Facebook Page

We are excited to announce that WLALA has created a Facebook page for members called WLALA Networking where you can connect with other members of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles. You can join HERE. Please note that you must be a member to join. Before posting, please be sure to read the Rules and Guidelines here:

Visit our WLALA Networking Facebook Page

WLALA Auto Renewal Memberships

WLALA is now offering an automatic annual dues renewal program to provide members with an easy and convenient way to pay their membership dues. When it’s time to renew your membership you can select the autopay membership as an option. Instead of receiving a renewal notice, WLALA will send you a reminder notice 21 days before your credit card is charged. Your membership will then automatically renew on the day it is set for expire.

View our Auto Renewal Guidelines

Upcoming Local Bar Events and News

The ABA Section of International Law has issued a call for program proposals for the fall conference in Los Angeles (taking place September 9-11), and they would love to have WLALA members submit proposals. Proposals can be submitted on any topic. The last date to submit proposals is March 9th. One interesting topic the program chair floated is the following, but this is just an idea and by no means limiting

- This year we celebrate 100 years of the 19th Amendment, and yet, 49 years on, we can’t get the ERA passed (technically, it was introduced to Congress back in the 1920’s, but I’m operating off the ‘modern’ submission). What does this say about truly gaining equality for women? Can and should we legislate further to ensure equality? Some countries have begun legislating mandatory composition of boards to include women, whilst others like the UK have attempted to legislate equal pay. Nonetheless, the results of the first audit of pay in the UK has been dismal, and equal representation on boards has barely budged. What does it take to get 52% of the population to a truly equal status? How do we encourage female legal talent in the face of these facts?

To view the proposal guidelines, please CLICK HERE. To view and submit the proposal form, please CLICK HERE.
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Do you have a passion for gender justice? Do you seek an opportunity to use your skills to build a global network to defend the human rights and dignity of women and girls?

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The International Action Network for Gender Equity and Law (IANGEL) engages the power of law to promote gender equity locally, nationally, and globally, and is recruiting new members for our board of directors. We offer a unique and inspiring experience, working with women bar leaders and activists in a cutting-edge nonprofit women’s rights organization. While our office is in Oakland, California, IANGEL has no borders; our mission is international. We are a working board, actively engaged in setting organizational strategy, developing projects and partnerships to advance our mission, as well as fundraising, communications, and events.

We seek diverse candidates with energy and a commitment to using the power of law to promote gender equality around the world. Desired qualifications include experience in the legal field, bar leadership, non-profit experience or other work for women’s rights. A flair for development and fundraising is also helpful. Learn more about us at www.iangel.org and review our board member expectations here. To apply, send your resume and a cover letter to mary@iangel.org. We look forward to meeting you.

Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School is extending an invitation to Law & Public Service professionals from the Los Angeles County Superior Court and L.A. County Probation Department to participate in their Law & Public Service Pathway Mock Interview Day on Friday, March 6, 2020.

Every year they ask their Juniors to prepare for summer internships and/or jobs by asking them to participate in a series of workshops to prepare them for the "world of work". These workshops culminate in mock interviews that they like to conduct on campus for their 85 juniors. To sign up, please CLICK HERE.

The Feminist Majority Foundation’s election event "Don't Mess With Her, On Account of Sex and Democracy: How We Win in 2020, is on March 18, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Constitutional Rights Foundation (CRF) is looking for volunteer attorneys to participate in their upcoming Mock Trial Competition scheduled on Friday, March 20, 2020 and Saturday, March 21, 2020. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Mount Saint Mary's University’s "Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California" is on March 26, 2020. Use the discount promotion code: PARTNER20 for their early-bird pricing through February 3, 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.

Womxn of Color Collective is having their 10th Anniversary Gala 'Bridge to the Stars' on Friday, April 10, 2020. To register, please CLICK HERE. To view their sponsorship packet, please CLICK HERE.

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

Rachel Albert, Maxwell Benjamin-Herrera, Brooke Brooks (Wright), Nicole Bryant, Maria Callahan, Maria Fernanda H. Cantu, Nathalie E. Corral, Caitlyn R. Dillon (Carbone), Victoria M. Fennessy, Nicole Fukuoka, Rebekah Guyon (Strawn), Patricia A. Herrera, Sydnee Hertle, Angela M. Hwang, Lucy C. Jackson, Phoebe King, Angela D. Koerber (Robinson), Rachael C. Kogen, Sheri Lalehzarian, Erin LaMere, Angela Machala, Sophie Mangan, Savannah McGinnis, Mia Munro, Yvette Ochoa, Ani Oganesian, Kathy Pham, Rebecca G. Powell, Ashely Price, Maria V. Primushko, Julie Rattray, Diane Reyes, Margo Rocconi, Alexandra Roje, Lindsay Ryan (Lindsay O'Hair), Paul Schmeltzer, Danielle Shehadeh, Muge Spooner, Emily T. Stewart, Christine Tran, Egle Urbonaite, Charron Varona, Tiffany M. Wagner, Amanda J. Waters-Luttrell, Allison Westfahl Kong, Sandy Yu.

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.

Ameren is hiring for a Director & Assistant General Counsel (Litigation & Claims). For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP is seeking a highly qualified associate with four to six years of consumer financial services regulatory experience to join our consumer financial services practice. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Fox Rothschild LLP has an opening in the Los Angeles office for a litigation associate. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, is seeking a highly qualified associate with federal judicial clerkship experience to join their Los Angeles office. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Control Risks is hiring for a full-time bilingual Corporate Counsel to join their team in their Downtown LA Office. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Public Counsel is hiring for Directing Attorney for Homelessness Prevention Law Project. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

Public Counsel is hiring for Staff Attorney for Homelessness Prevention Law Project. For more information, please CLICK HERE.

The 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.

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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