



Legal Association for Women

Advancing the interests of women in the legal profession and system, promoting equality and justice for all, and improving relations between the public and the legal system.

March 2013 Newsletter

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March Luncheons

LAW has decided to partner with the Dane County Bar Association to offer two judicial candidates' forums in lieu of our regularly scheduled March luncheon. See below for more details.

Date: TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013

Topic: Dane County Court Branch 16 Candidates' Forum

Speakers: Judge Rebecca St. John and Attorney Rhonda Lanford

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- **Time:** 12:00 noon
- **Location:** Madison Club, 5 East Wilson Street
- **RSVP:** By noon Thursday, March 7, 2013, at <http://www.dcba.net/programs/Lunchschedule.html>.
- **Price:** \$20

Date: TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013

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Topic: Wisconsin Supreme Court Candidates' Forum

Speakers: Justice Patience Roggensack and Marquette University Law Professor Ed Fallone

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- **Time:** 12:00 noon
- **Location:** Madison Club, 5 East Wilson Street
- **RSVP:** By noon Thursday, March 21, 2013, at <http://www.dcba.net/programs/Lunchschedule.html>
- **Price:** \$20

2013 Marygold Melli Achievement Award

Nominations are Due April 1, 2013

The Marygold Melli Achievement Award was established in 1994 by LAW. Each year it recognizes and celebrates an outstanding individual in Wisconsin who has made substantial contributions to the interests of women in the law, has achieved professional excellence and has contributed significantly to the eradication of gender bias in the legal system. The award honors Marygold Shire Melli, Professor Emerita at the University of Wisconsin Law School, a distinguished teacher, prolific scholar, parent of four children and contributor to her profession and her community.

The award recognizes a person of professional excellence who has made significant contributions to women in the law by:

- advancing the interests of women members of the legal profession;
- promoting improvements in the administration of justice;
- promoting equality and social justice for all people;
- promoting the right of women in society; and
- improving relations between the legal profession and the public.

Past recipients of the award include Judy Schwaemle, Gretchen Viney, Hon. Ann Walsh Bradley, Marsha Mansfield, Betsy Abrahamson, Prof. Carin Clauss, Hon. Angela Bartell, Hon. Burnie Bridge, Eunice Gibson, Pamela Barker & Susan Steingass, Prof. Louise Trubek, Prof. June Weisberger, Diane Greenley, Hon. Barbara Crabb, Hon. Shirley Abrahamson, Mary Lou Munts, and Ruth Doyle.

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LAW is now accepting nominations for this prestigious award. The official nomination form can be found [here](#). **Nomination materials are due by April 1, 2013.**

Please contact [Megan Phillips](#) if you have any questions about the award or the nomination process.

LAW Board Positions and Committees:

LAW is still looking for someone to fill the following positions for 2013:

- Program Co-Chairs (2)
- Special Event Co-Chair - Marygold Melli Award
- Special Event Co-Chair - Meet & Mingle

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact [Ashley Richter](#).

If you aren't interested in a Board position but want to get more involved, join a committee! Current committees include the Program Committee, the Publicity Committee, the Marygold Melli Award Committee, and the Meet & Mingle Committee. Please contact [Ashley Richter](#) (Program), [Ena Seiler](#) (Publicity), [Megan Phillips](#) (Marygold Melli Award), or [Katie Young](#) (Meet & Mingle) if you are interested in joining a committee.

CLE Approval

LAW's January luncheon, "Criminal Case Discussion: 2012 Wisconsin Supreme Court Opinions to Date" presented by Wisconsin Court of Appeals Judge Brian Blanchard has been approved for one CLE credit.

Event of Interest

On Friday, March 8 from 6-8 p.m. at the Janesville Performing Arts Center, the Offices of the Chief Justice and the Director of State Courts will host a first-ever reading of a new play about the life of Lavinia Goodell, Wisconsin's first woman attorney, who was admitted to the Rock County Bar in 1874 and to the Wisconsin Supreme Court Bar in 1877. A Wisconsin playwright is developing the play and had access to her papers, diaries and letters from Berea College in Kentucky. It's a

work-in-progress, and part of the process is to hold public readings. This will be free, open to the public and treats will be served. Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson, Judge Barbara McCroy and others will host.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Christine Moore, Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin at christine@cfsw.org.

Nominations are Now Being Accepted for "2013 Women in the Law"

In June, the Wisconsin Law Journal will honor outstanding achievement by the top women in the practice of law. They are looking for those who, by achieving success, have also paved the way for success for other women in the law.

An event honoring Wisconsin's women in the law will be held June 25, 2013 at the Pfister in Milwaukee. Those chosen for this honor will also be featured in a special Wisconsin Law Journal publication.

Consideration will be based on the following criteria:

- Women attorneys who have achieved excellence in their respective fields and have influenced other women to pursue legal careers;
- Candidates who have opened doors for women lawyers in a variety of job settings that historically were closed to women;
- Those that have advanced opportunities for women within a practice area or segment of the profession; and
- Those who have otherwise served their profession or community in a manner that has benefited the legal profession.

Nomination information can be found [here](#).

The deadline for nominations is March 22, 2013.

*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
~Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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