

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.

## **October 2013 Newsletter**

### October Luncheon

**Topic:** Practice, Not Malpractice: Five Areas of

Risk in Every Lawyer's Practice

Speaker: Attorney Brian C. Anderson

Date: October 9, 2013

#### PROGRAM INFORMATION:

This CLE program will look at common mistakes made by lawyers that expose them to the risk of a legal malpractice claim. By recognizing areas of claim vulnerability, this program will focus on areas where lawyers can improve client relations and the way they practice to lessen the risk of a claim.

#### SPEAKER INFORMATION:

Brian C. Anderson is Claims Counsel for Wisconsin Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company, a professional liability insurance carrier in Madison, Wisconsin. He works with lawyers in resolving malpractice claims made against policyholders. Before joining Wisconsin Lawyers Mutual in 2003, Anderson practiced personal injury law and served as legal counsel for an insurance company in Madison. He began his career in general practice in Janesville. Mr. Anderson has written and lectured on legal topics relating to law firm risk management and legal practice.

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#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Time: Registration begins at 11:45 a.m.; lunch begins at 12:00
- Location: <u>Hilton Madison Monona Terrace</u>, 14th floor, 9 East Wilson Street, Madison, WI
- RSVP: By noon Friday, October 4, 2013 to Krista Pleviak
   (please indicate whether you prefer a meat or vegetarian entree
   - see description below)
- Price: \$15 LAW members and \$20 non-members
- Cancellation Policy: LAW is charged for every meal ordered. If you must cancel your reservation, please send a check with payment for your meal to the address listed below.

#### THIS MONTH'S MEAL CHOICES:

(Both meals include garden salad, rolls, cookies, coffee and iced tea) Gluten-free option also available upon request

Meat: Beef StroganoffVegetarian: Chef's Choice

## 12th Annual Meet & Mingle Event

The Legal Association for Women will host its 12th annual Meet & Mingle on Thursday, November 21st from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the University Club on Library Mall. This networking reception is a wonderful opportunity for LAW's members to meet and converse informally over complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Entrance is free to members. Non-members are also encouraged to attend the event for a \$15 fee that will not only pay for their entrance to the event, but also for their membership through December 31, 2013. For students, the entrance/membership fee is \$10.

Contact Katie Young for more information.

## **Upcoming Luncheon Topics**

Our November speaker will be LAW's own President - Elect, Marilyn Townsend.

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## **CLE Approval**

LAW's August luncheon, "Cost Effective Legal Research" and LAW's September luncheon, "Choosing Judges: Power of People and the Power of Money" have each been approved for one CLE credit.

## State Bar of Wisconsin Diversity Taskforce Special Listening Session

The Legal Association for Women has been invited to participate in a special listening session with the State Bar of Wisconsin's Diversity Taskforce on October 15 at approximately 5:00 p.m. (specific time to be announced on our Facebook page) . The meeting will take place at Axley Brynelson, LLP located at 2 E Mifflin St #200, Madison, WI 53703. No RSVP is required. All interested members and guests are encouraged to attend.

The Wisconsin State Bar has created a Diversity Taskforce to re-examine its role in promoting and furthering diversity in Wisconsin's legal profession. We invite all LAW members and guests to attend the listening session with Diversity Taskforce committee members for a discussion on diversity - what is it? How can the State Bar of Wisconsin become involved with issues of diversity? What approach should the State Bar take in promoting and furthering diversity in our profession? The Diversity Taskforce plans to develop an action plan with specific recommendations to enhance diversity.

If you have any questions, please contact President Ashley Richter at (608) 257-2243 or <a href="mailto:arichter@relleslaw.com">arichter@relleslaw.com</a>

# Upcoming Event of Interest A Fund for Women Annual Event & Fundraiser

Join A Fund for Women as they gather together to celebrate their 20th Anniversary on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. Attendees will receive a Passport to Possibilities and enjoy sharing stories with other dedicated and generous women and men who believe in providing opportunities for all women to become self-sufficient and successful.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:00 p.m. - Social hour & Passport to Possibilities

6:15 p.m. - Dinner

6:45 p.m. - Program

7:00 p.m. - Evening Ends

Register online at www.affw.org.

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

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