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CWL Selects Judge Deborah B. Andrews as Joan Dempsey Klein Most Distinguished Jurist Award Honoree

by Commissioner Michele Flurer



Judge Deborah B. Andrews

Judge Deborah B. Andrews has been selected to receive CWL's 2010 Joan Dempsey Klein award. Elected to the Superior Court in June 1994, Judge Andrews directed the specialized criminal Domestic Violence Court in the Long Beach Superior Courthouse for over a decade. During her time with the Domestic Violence Court, Judge Andrews initiated an innovative Protective Order Committee which brought together stakeholders from law enforcement, prosecutors, defense counsel, Legal Aid, victim advocates, judicial officers and records personnel charged with entering data into CLETS. The committee, which promotes better communication among various entities concerned with protective orders, was hailed as a "Promising Practice" by the Attorney General's 2005 Task Force Report and has been modeled by other courts.

Judge Andrews is also credited with instituting a program to provide in-courtroom assistance to the victims of domestic violence. Using volunteers from California State University Long Beach, students were trained and supervised by WomenShelter of Long Beach to provide these services and ensuring that victims always had support.

Judge Andrews is also credited with establishing the first Drug Court Program in the South District of Los Angeles County, working in a collaborative effort to provide intensive treatment and supervision for long-term hardcore addicts.

She has served on numerous local and statewide committees regarding issues of violence, including the Domestic Violence Practice and Procedure Task Force convened by California Chief Justice Ron George. Judge Andrews has been recognized for her efforts by a long list of organizations, including: the Long Beach Area Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Council (End Abuse), the Long Beach Bar Association, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe and the Los Angeles County Commission for Women, Rainbow Services, and Soroptimist International of Long Beach.

Known for taking on the most challenging assignments, Judge Andrews was reassigned last year, at her request, to the Edmund D. Edelman Children's

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President's Message



Nancy E. O'Malley

Summer is upon us. Isn't that when things traditionally slow down? Of course, I am regressing back to childhood when school was out for the summer and it was fun-fun-fun in the sun-sun-sun. For CWL, the lazy days of summer are long past. We are busy serving as the voice for California women lawyers on both the Sacramento scene and the Washington D.C. scene.

There are four United States Attorneys in California nominated by the President and confirmed by Congress. Two of the four are men, Laura Duffy is the U.S. Attorney of the Southern District of California

and Melinda Haag has been nominated by President Obama for the position of U.S. Attorney of the Northern District of California. CWL has weighed in on the nomination, which continues to be pending in the Senate Judiciary, urging action to confirm Ms. Haag. CWL submitted a letter of support for the President's nomination of federal Magistrate Judge Kimberly J. Mueller to serve as a district judge on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. The big news is President Obama's nomination of Elena Kagen to the United States Supreme Court. Senate Judiciary is conducting confirmation hearings. Ms. Kagen is the first woman to serve as the United States Solicitor General – the government's top lawyer for the Supreme Court. Ms. Kagen has the endorsement of the eight men who preceded her as solicitor general of the United States. We continue to thank Senator's Feinstein and Boxer for their advocacy in creating more judicial positions and their commitment to diversifying the courts.

On a local level, the State Bar of California has proposed a rule change that makes the ethics' language quite clear: a lawyer *shall not* have sexual relations with a client unless the sexual relationship commenced before the attorney~client relationship. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the proposed change. The Board, by majority of vote, wrote a letter in support of the proposed change. CWL has submitted several judicial evaluation letters to Judicial Appointment Secretary Sharon Majors-Lewis. We are encouraged by the number of applicants who have sought an evaluation and recommendation for judicial appointment from CWL. Big thanks to Patricia Sturdevant for her leadership in administering our judicial evaluation program.

On May 21, CWL hosted the Northern California Judicial Reception in Fairfield at which Judge Ramona Garrett was honored as this year's Rose Bird Memorial Award recipient. It was a fabulous event and thanks to CWL Board member Eliza Rodriguez, Event Chair, and her team for putting on a great event. On July 16, CWL will present Judge Deborah Andrews of Long Beach with the Joan Dempsey Klein Award at the Southern California Judicial Reception. Thank you to Long Beach Women Lawyers and CWL Secretary and Board member Wendy Ray for her leadership in putting together what is shaping up to be a wonderful event.

CWL is excited about our upcoming Annual Dinner in September at the State Bar Conference. Our featured speaker is Mireille Guiliano who wrote the best selling book: *Women, Work and the Art of Savoir Faire: Business Sense and Sensibility*. Ms Guiliano was previously the head of *Veuve Clicquot*, which she took to the top

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CALIFORNIA WOMEN LAWYERS

36th

September 23, 2010

Annual Dinner

6:00 pm No-Host Reception • 7:00 pm Dinner • De Anza Ballroom, Portola Hotel & Spa • Monterey

Keynote Speaker

Mireille Guiliano

Mireille Guiliano, former President & CEO of Clicquot, Inc. and LVMH executive has been hailed as "a true marketing innovator" and "a barrier breaking pioneer." In 1984 Guiliano was tapped to re-launch the 225-year-old flagship brand Veuve Clicquot in the U.S. In two decades under her leadership, it grew from less than one percent to about 25% of the U.S. champagne market. Ms. Guiliano, through lively stories drawn from her experience in the highest ranks of the business world, gives practical advice on topics including: passions and talents, coping with stress and turning yourself into a winning brand.



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July 16, 2010 - Judicial Reception, Long Beach, California

July 17, 2010 - CWL Board of Governors Meeting, Southern California

August 6, 2010 - NCWBA Women's Bar Leadership Summit, San Francisco

August 7, 2010 - CWL Board of Governors Meeting, San Francisco

August 8, 2010 - ABA Margaret Brent Awards Lunch, San Francisco

September 23, 2010 - CWL 36th Annual Dinner, Monterey

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RE: Support of the Confirmation of Melinda Haag as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California

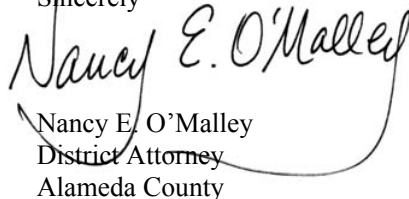
Dear Senator Leahy:

The California Women Lawyers strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Melinda Haag as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of California. Melinda Haag is known to many members of the California Women Lawyers, including me. Her reputation is sterling. When serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA), Ms. Haag represented the government with the highest level of integrity and honesty. Her superior intellect and her ability to quickly assess even the most complex of issues is a true asset. Among the many attributes essential to one selected to proudly serve as the U.S. Attorney, is being above reproach and respected. Reflecting on Ms. Haag's distinguished career, both as an A.U.S.A. and as a partner in the prestigious law firm, Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe, she is a woman of many dimensions. She is highly intelligent, thoughtful and analytical. At the same time, Ms. Haag has demonstrated an understanding of the enormous responsibility and power of the United States Attorney and how her crucial decisions affect the safety, well-being and protection of our citizens.

For more than 35 years, the California Women Lawyers has served as the voice for more than 3,000 women attorneys and judges in the State of California. It is with that voice we express our support for the confirmation of Melinda Haag as the United States Attorney of the Northern District of California. We urge you and the Congressional leadership to confirm Ms. Haag now.

We request that our Letter of Support be entered into the Confirmation Hearing Record. If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely


 Nancy E. O'Malley
 District Attorney
 Alameda County

President
 California Women Lawyers

Cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
 Senator Barbara Boxer

Human Rights Watch Report Highlights Challenges Faced by Youth Emancipating from California's Foster Care System

by *Sonia R. Fernandes - Women Lawyers of Sacramento Board Member*

Over 4,000 youth emancipate from California's foster care system every year, and an estimated 20% will end up homeless. In May, Human Rights Watch (HRW) issued a 70-page report which focuses on the plight of children who were raised by the foster care system and who, in large numbers, are ending up homeless after emancipating from the system. The report, suitably titled, "My So-Called Emancipation: From Foster Care to Homelessness for California Youth," raises significant concerns about our state's failure to protect and prepare this vulnerable population for adulthood. Hence, a significant number of youth are legally kicked out of the foster care system without the knowledge and tools to survive.

Children are generally placed in foster care due to parental abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment. Studies have shown that trauma due to abuse and neglect can impact neurological and physiological development, hence children who experience such trauma are not at the same level as their peers. The outcomes for these children are staggering and unfortunate. HRW's report highlights that in addition to becoming homeless, emancipating from foster care are more likely to have educational deficits and experience mental health problems, economic instability, criminal victimization, and early child bearing, compared to the general population.

Under California law, the state (through dependency courts) may retain jurisdiction over children in foster care up to age 21, but this rarely occurs. Automatic emancipation based solely on age is prohibited, but most youth who reach age 18 in the system will find their cases terminated. In theory, the law permits young people to remain in care for other reasons, but the only articulated exception is for those who at age 18 have not graduated from high school or passed the GED exam but who are on track to complete an education or vocational program by their 19th birthdays. These youth may be able to stay in their foster care placements until they turn 19.

While California state law requires child welfare agencies to develop, in conjunction with foster youth, a plan for what they will do when leaving foster care, HRW found that most foster youth they interviewed had no plan when they left the system, or if one existed, they did not know about it. In some cases, these plans were not developed at all, and in others, the plans were unrealistic and unlikely to prevent a youth from becoming homeless. One young lady, Roberta, described the county-sponsored independent living class she attended as a "last-minute cram session," one week before her emancipation.

HRW Report Excerpts:

"While exact estimates vary, research suggests that somewhere around 20 percent of the approximately 20,000 youth leaving foster care nationally each year will become homeless."

"Youth interviewed for this report said they slept in cars, on the streets, in parks, under bridges, in abandoned buildings, temporarily in motels, in homeless shelters, in the homes of friends ("couch surfing"), living temporarily with people they did not trust, with people paying them for sex, and in tents."

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Although the study conducted by HRW was limited in size, the resulting statistics are deplorable. Of the 63 young adults interviewed by HRW, all of whom were homeless after leaving state care:

- 90% had no source of income at the time they left foster care
- 65% had not graduated from high school
- 62% did not have medical coverage
- 90% had no adult to turn to, or were not sure if they had an adult to turn to, even for minor help such as a ride to the doctor

The HRW report candidly documents the harsh challenges our emancipating youth face. In addition to excerpts from various interviews with emancipated youth, the report includes success stories of two young adults, Warren and Anya, who through their perseverance, hard work, and luck, were able to escape homelessness. The report also included a picture of both young adults, which allows the reader to realize how young and vulnerable this population is, and connect with former foster youth facing homelessness.

For children in foster care, the role of the state is equivalent to the role of a parent. Would you put your child out on the streets at age 18 without any guidance? Let your 18-year old go off to college without housing in place? How would you feel if at 18, you did not know a single adult who you could turn to for assistance? Why is it acceptable that the state fail these children?

As women lawyers, we can utilize our advocacy skills to help increase positive outcomes for youth emancipating from California's foster care system. We have the ability to closely examine and set in motion the key recommendations made by HRW, which includes:

1. Extending support for youth in foster care beyond age 18.

HRW advocates that transition to adulthood should be more gradual than it currently is for youth in foster care. Financial support, adult connection, shelter, and other safety nets should be provided in a graduated way into the early 20s for youth who need it. Youth who choose to leave state care at age 18 should have opportunities to return on the basis of need. We can, as the report recommends, reach out to the Governor and Members of the State Legislature to:

1. Support state legislation that creates multiple options of support past age 18 for youth, including:
 - placement for a period of time past age 18, regardless of their high school graduation or other status;
 - creating a diverse spectrum of other options for housing, support, and guidance; and
 - developing transitional housing and other programs that meet the needs of a wider spectrum of young adults, including those with mental health needs, learning disabilities, and pregnant and parenting youth.
2. Increase the availability across the state of transitional living programs so that every youth leaving state care who needs housing will have it.

Additional Excerpts:

"On the day of my so-called emancipation, I didn't have a high school diploma, a place to live, a job, nothing... The day I emancipated—it was a happy day for me. But I didn't know what was in store. Now that I'm on the streets, I honestly feel I would have been better off in an abusive home with a father who beat me; at least he would have taught me how to get a job and pay the bills."

—Roberta E., Los Angeles

The day I graduated from high school my foster mom told me, "You've been emancipated. You can't live here anymore." My social worker showed up—I was still in my little graduation dress and heels, my flowers, my cap on. My social worker had never talked with me. [She just] told me, "I've called around and found a shelter for you. You have a bed for four months."

—Karen D., San Francisco

"If you're going to put kids in group homes, in foster care - at least give them what they need to survive and take care of themselves. [When I aged out of care] I was expected to know how to get a job, buy a car, all that stuff, but ... I didn't have any idea how to go about doing things. So, I ended up on the street."

—Tony D., age 20, Berkeley

3. Provide the right to return to state care for youth who chose to leave at age 18 but who later find that they need support and help in early adulthood.

2. Guaranteeing that youth have useful emancipation plans.

HRW recommends that legally-mandated “transitional independent living plans,” which child welfare agencies are required to develop for each youth’s emancipation, should incorporate concrete arrangements for housing, income, connection to others, and medical coverage. Women lawyers can encourage and ensure that existing laws requiring transitional living plans are being implemented and are effective.

3. Creating real opportunities for youth to develop skills for independence.

HRW proposes that everyday life skills should be taught in foster care at an earlier age and not just in a classroom setting. Youth should be provided opportunities throughout adolescence to practice tasks and skills for adulthood. HRW suggests that this be accomplished by reviewing state laws and regulations, and supporting regulatory changes, or if necessary, legislation so that youth in foster care are not living in overly restrictive and institutionalized settings that limit opportunities for experiential learning. Moreover, the report states that the Governor and legislators should support regulatory or legislative changes so that foster parents, group home workers, and others caring for adolescents must create opportunities to learn adult living skills in the home.

4. Helping youth establish relationships that extend beyond emancipation.

This last recommendation by HRW is equally as important as the rest, if not more. HRW suggests that to prepare youth in foster care for adulthood, the state should help them establish relationships with people who can offer guidance and support through early adulthood. This can be accomplished by encouraging our lawmakers to ensure that existing laws supporting long-term relationships for children and youth in foster care, such as family-finding, long-term mentoring, and adoption of older youth, are being implemented.

Nancy Nishimura

District 3 Governor

Recognized as One of The

TOP 100 WOMEN LITIGATORS OF 2010

Current and Former CWL Members Also Honored

CWL Board Member Nanci Nishimura has been named one of the Top 100 WOMEN Litigators of 2010. The 100 women selected include 31 current and former CWL members. The selection was recently announced by the LA Daily Journal. District 3 Governor Nanci Nishimura, a partner at the civil litigation firm of Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, is among the nine current CWL members recognized this year. Other current CWL members in the Top 100 are Elizabeth Cabrazer, Kelly Dermody, Katherine Forster, Margaret Grignon, Ruth Kahn, Malissa McKeith, Mary Sungaila, and Kelly Woodruff.

The Top 100 list included 22 former CWL: Callie Bjurstrom, Barbara Caulfield, Cynthia Cwik, Tracy Genesen, Gina Satriano, Melinda Haag, Susan Harriman, Lynne Hermle, Susan Hollander, Cynthia Jackson, Jennifer Keller, Tracey Kennedy, Helen Kim, Janet Levine, Edith Matthai, Donna Melby, Adrian Pruetz, Belynda Reck, Kelli Sager, Wendy Thurm, Gail Title, and Shirli Weiss. Congratulations to all!

The Honorable Ramona Garrett Honored

by Christine Carringer

Nearly 100 guests including members of the Solano County bench and legal community, and friends and family including her parents, brother, daughter and grandson honored Judge Ramona Garrett of the Solano Superior Court at CWL's Northern California Judicial Reception on May 21, 2010, at which Garrett was presented with the 2010 Rose Bird Memorial Award. The reception was held at the Solano County Administration Center, where guests mingled and enjoyed wine and hors d'oeuvres before being welcomed by CWL President and Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley.

Other welcoming comments were made by CWL Governor-at-large Eliza Rodrigues and former Solano County Bar President Christine Carringer. Judge Garrett was feted with remarks by Solano Superior Court Presiding Judge Scott Daniels, long-time colleague Judge David Edwin Power of Solano Superior Court, William C. Vickrey of the Administrative Office of the Courts, Judge Charlene Kiesselbach of San Francisco Superior Court speaking on behalf of the National Association of Women Judges, Judge Brenda Harbin-Forte of Alameda Superior Court, Mayrene Bates of the Solano County Board of Education, and by Nichelle



Presentation of the Rose Bird Award to Hon. Ramona J. Garrett, CWL President Nancy O'Malley, Reception Committee Co-Chair Eliza M. Rodrigues.



Hon. Ramona J. Garrett and Reception Committee Co-Chair Christine Carringer.



Hon. Charlene P. Kiesselbach, San Francisco Superior Court, presenting flowers to the National Association of Women Judges.



Hon. Ramona J. Garrett and past Rose Bird Award recipient Hon. Brenda Harbin-Forte, Alameda County Superior Court.



Kelly Robbins, Eliza M. Rodrigues, President Nancy O'Malley, Ramona J. Garrett, Christine Carringer, Sashia...

as CWL's 2010 Rose Bird Award Recipient

Garrett, the judge's daughter. Judge Garrett's reputation as a dignified and serious judge was put to the test by Judge Harbin-Forte, who shared a delightful account of a proposed letter to Oprah, conceived during dinner among friends, in which the subject of a proposed program was teen mothers who then went on to college, law school and ultimately became judges. Nichelle Garrett's beautiful and loving tribute to her mother included a reference to "being on the front lines" of watching her mother's ascent to the bench despite working as a young African-American woman in a world dominated by white males. Although former California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso and

Dean Kevin Johnson of U.C. Davis's King Hall School of Law were unable to attend, each sent remarks which were read to the assembled crowd by Nancy O'Malley, before she presented the award to Judge Garrett. Justice Reynoso's remarks, made from the perspective of knowing both Justice Bird and Judge Garrett, charmingly concluded with the observation that in addition to all of her accomplishments, Judge Garrett is "a nice person."

Among Judge Garrett's particular and noteworthy accomplishments include the establishment of the Solano County Drug Court in 1997, a 2-year term as Presiding Judge in 2008-2009, and participation more recently in international judicial conferences.

CWL extends its most sincere congratulations and thanks to Judge Ramona Garrett for her lifetime of public service and her tremendous accomplishments. She joins a stellar group of women who are fellow recipients of the Rose Bird Memorial Award.

Photos courtesy of Melvin Yarbor



Nancy O'Malley, San Francisco Superior Court Judge, presents the award to Hon. Ramona J. Garrett.



Nancy O'Malley, Hon. Ramona J. Garrett, and Hon. Ramona J. Cummings.



Nichelle Garrett, Jordan Garrett-Williams, Sammie Garrett, Jr., Hon. Ramona J. Garrett, Margie Garrett, Sammie Garrett, III and Connilynn Garrett-Holloway.

FCWL Welcomes New Judges at its Eighth Judicial Reception

On May 27, 2010, Fresno County Women Lawyers, the legal community, family and friends honored the newest female members to the San Joaquin Valley's distinguished judiciary. For the eighth year, the law firm of Baker, Manock & Jensen in Fresno have graciously hosted this annual event. Honorees attending the event include United States Magistrate Judge Shelia Oberto, US District Court CA Eastern District Fresno; United States Magistrate Judge Jennifer Thurston, US District Court CA Eastern District Bakersfield; and Superior Court Judge Susan M. Gill, Kings County.

Magistrate Judge Oberto was appointed to the United States District Court bench in Fresno on April 12, 2010, after a twenty-year career with the United States Attorney's Office. She earned both her undergraduate and law degree from the University of Southern California in 1977 and 1985, respectively.

Magistrate Judge Jennifer Thurston, a Bakersfield native, was appointed to the United States District Court bench in Bakersfield on December 31, 2009. She earned her JD from the McGeorge School of Law and was admitted to the State Bar in December 1997 and enjoyed a successful career with the Kern County Counsel's Office.

Judge Susan M. Gill was appointed to the Kern County Superior Court bench in December 2009, by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. After earning her JD from the Loyola Law School in 1983, Judge Gill practiced alongside her father S. B. Gill before joining the Kern County Counsel's Office in 1989.



Christine Levin, President Fresno County Women Lawyers; Honorable Jennifer Thurston, Honorable Sheila Oberto, and Honorable Susan Gill at FCWL 8th Annual Judicial Reception. Photo provided by Howard K. Watkins. www.watkinsphotoarchive.com

Two recent appointees were unable to attend the reception, Lorna H. Brumfield, appointed to the Kern County Superior Court bench in March 2009, and Donna L. Tarter, appointed to the Kings County Superior Court bench in December 2009.

The event was sponsored by: Baker, Manock & Jensen, PC; Coleman & Horowitz, LLP; Davis & Van Wagenen; Dowling, Aron & Keeler, Inc.; Fresno County Bar Association; Gregory W. Fox, Esq.; Jones Helsley, PC; Lang, Richert & Patch; Karen L. Lynch, Inc.; Lerandean & Lerandean, LLP; McCormick, Barstow, Shepard, Wayte & Carruth, LLP; Miles, Sears & Eanni; Lenore Schreiber, Esq.; Weakley, Arendt & McGuire, LLP; and Wright & Johnson.

FCWL congratulates Judges Oberto, Thurston, Gill, Brumfield and Tarter, and wishes each a fulfilling and successful judicial career.

Lawyer's Club of San Diego - Calendar of Upcoming Events

Friday, July 9 - Lawyers Club "Summer Swing Fling" Golf Tournament. 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Rancho Bernardo Inn, 17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive, San Diego.

Thursday, July 15 - Lawyers Club Monthly Luncheon at the Bristol. Immigration Reform. Speaker is Lilia Velasquez. Co-sponsored by La Raza Attorneys. Luncheon and program, 12-1:15 p.m. Doors open 11:45 a.m. Bristol Hotel, 1055 First Ave. Members, \$25. Students, \$20. Non-members, \$30. At the door if space available, \$30. 1.0 hour MCLE credit.

Thursday, August 19 - Carmel Valley Luncheon. "How Public Service Shapes Corporate Counsel Position". Speaker is Carol Lam, former US Attorney. Noon to 12:15 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, 3939 Ocean Bluff, San Diego. Members \$25, Students, \$20, Non-Members, \$30. At the door if space available, \$30. 1.0 hour MCLE credit.

The Women Lawyers of Long Beach Install 2010 Board

Martha Iturrioz was installed as the new President of the Women Lawyers of Long Beach at the Hotel Maya on April 26, 2010. Commissioner Lori Behar did the honors, swearing in the Board which included Secretary Carolyn R. Reichardt and Treasurer Margot Bergkvist. New President Martha Iturrioz spoke eloquently about attorney Clara Shortridge Foltz, the first woman attorney in California. Past President Sindee Smolowitz thanked the WLLB Board for their support this year and promised to continue her work with the organization through membership development directed to new lawyers.



CWL Board member Commissioner Michele E. Flurer Presenting the WLLB Judge of the Year Award to Judge Deborah Andrews

ing and clapping. The evening was completed with the presentation of the Attorney of the Year Award which was given to Margo Bergkvist, long time treasurer of the WLLB. WLLB's Judge of the Year recipient, the Honorable Deborah Andrews, was introduced by Commissioner Michele E. Flurer. Judge Andrews was selected for her tireless service to the court and in recognition for her work in the area of Domestic Violence Protective Orders.

The audience was treated to an amazing musical presentation by Emmy Award winning director Linda Roth. Ms. Roth, a singer, song writer, composer and director of the Muse Project, showed the audience how she uses the power of music to help teach students history and literature. The presentation had the audience sing-



Incoming President Martha Iturrioz, retired Vice President and program Chair Judy Chiang and Attorney of the Year Margo Bergkvist.

KCWLA Congratulates Sheris Connelly Vining

Sheri Connelly Vining was awarded the Sharon Wallis Mettler Award at the 30th annual installation of officers for the Kern County Women Lawyers Association in Bakersfield on June 17th. Ms. Vining has practiced law in Bakersfield for 23 years, developing a solo practice as an excellent real estate/contract attorney. Her career has been distinguished by her high ethical standards, generous pro bono work and incomparable wit. Named for founding member and retired Judge Sharon Mettler, the award is given annually to a woman attorney of high integrity and character who has demonstrated a genuine concern for issues relating particularly to women. Abigale M. Auffant is the incoming president of KCWLA, replacing Lynne Johnson Carrithers.



WLALApalooza

On June 17th, the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles hosted its annual fundraiser – WLALApalooza – at the lovely Japanese gardens at the Kyoto Grand Hotel. More than 200 attorneys and judges attended the event. WLALApalooza is WLALA's primary fundraiser for the year. At the event, WLALA hosted a silent auction which offered a variety of items, ranging from spa packages to sport memorabilia.



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ieLAW's

First Anniversary Celebration

ieLAW (Inland Empire Legal Association of Women) was happy to celebrate its first anniversary with a well-attended dinner on May 20, 2010 in San Bernardino. Judge Virginia Phillips of the US District Court, Central District, provided an insightful and witty keynote address. Comprised of attorneys, judges, and legal professionals from San Bernardino and Riverside counties, ieLAW is proud of its many



Back row: Judge Barbara Buchholz, Judge Janet Frangie, Laura Crane, Karen Feld, Betty Fracisco
Front row: Marcie Gardner, keynote speaker Judge Virginia Phillips, Goldy Berger

accomplishments in its short year-long existence. A 501c3 organization, its members are dedicated to community service. ieLAW has donated goods to a local shelter, performed a Mock Trial at a disadvantaged school, organized a holiday food drive, and held a holiday dinner (complete with presents) for a Riverside-based teen shelter.

Nomination Period open for CWL Fay Stender Award

In 1982, CWL established the Fay Stender Award to honor Fay Stender, a Bay Area attorney who spent much of her professional life fighting for under-represented groups and individuals. She was a member of CWL's first elected board. She chaired the San Francisco Bar Association's employment of Women committee, and served on the charter board of Equal Rights Advocates; Lesbian Rights Project.

Throughout her life, Fay worked with her tenacity, creativity, and compelling sense of justice were legendary, and her commitment, energy and integrity enriched all who were privileged to work with her.

The annual award is given to a feminist attorney who, like Fay Stender, is committed to the representation of women, disadvantaged groups and unpopular causes, and whose courage, zest for life and demonstrated ability to effect change as a single individual make her a role model for women attorneys.

Candidates for the award are judged on the basis of the following attributes:

- Zest, humanity, personal courage, forceful presence and non-conformity;
- Demonstrated commitment to under-represented or disadvantaged groups or unpopular causes.
- Demonstrated feminist perspective;
- Vigorous advocacy on behalf of women litigants which serves as a role model for women attorneys;
- Demonstrated ability to affect change as a single individual;
- Lack of public recognition that the candidate possesses these attributes.

How to Submit a Nomination:

The Fay Stender award is presented annually at CWL's dinner at the California State Bar Annual Meeting.

Please submit written nominations describing the nominee and the ways in which she meets the above criteria. The nomination shall not exceed five (5) pages. In addition, please submit the nominee's resume and up to five (5) letters of support.

Nominations must be received at the CWL office **NO LATER THAN 5:00 p.m. on FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2010.**

Nominations can be submitted via email to info@cwll.org, by fax to (916) 646-6469, or by mail to CWL, 650 Howe Avenue, Suite 1050, Sacramento, CA 95825. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy E. O'Malley, Award's Chair, at (510) 272-6222 or nancy.omalley@acgov.org.

Judge Deborah B. Andrews - continued

Court, where she now hears Juvenile Dependency cases, which includes a caseload of more than 1000 children under her supervision.

Judge Deborah Andrews has taken on some of the most challenging issues facing our courts: domestic violence, drugs and now juvenile dependency and has continuously worked to improve the services the courts provide. She exemplifies the qualities recognized by the Joan Dempsey Klein award -- a long history of dedicated service on the bench, working tirelessly on issues of importance while raising a family of her own.

President's Message - continued

of the U.S. Champagne market using her French woman's philosophy and sense of style. Drawing on her experiences at the front lines and highest echelons of the business world, and through lively stories, her book gives women (and a few men, peut être) practical advice on topics including: passions and talents, improving communication skills, balancing work and life, coping with stress and turning yourself into a winning brand. We look forward to a fun, exciting and informative evening with Ms. Guiliano.

Welcome to our newest Board members: Kristin Law-Sagafi, Governor-at-Large; Jennifer Lee, representing District 4; Sara Kim, representing District 5; Naomi Dewey, representing District 6; and Meehan Rasch & Sara Terheggen, representing District 7.

Nancy E. O'Malley

2010-2012 District Governor Elections Results

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Governor Schwarzenegger Releases 2009 Judicial Applicant Data

Further Commitment to a Strong, Diverse California Bench

Continuing his commitment to ensuring that bright and talented individuals from diverse backgrounds serve Californians on the judicial bench, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the 2009 applicant pool data for judicial appointments.

"I am very proud of the dedication and hard work my Administration puts into filling California's bench with the most qualified judicial appointees from a wide variety of backgrounds across our state," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "I commend Secretary Sharon Majors-Lewis for her efforts that have resulted in an increase in applicants over the last year and ensuring that our judicial branch represents the many faces of California. I am confident that we will continue to see that reflected in our judicial appointments, as my Administration keeps working to attract strong and qualified applicants."

In 2006, Governor Schwarzenegger signed legislation requiring that a governor shall disclose aggregate statewide demographic data provided by all judicial applicants relative to ethnicity and gender by March 1 annually. Additionally, the Governor also released updated judicial appointment data for his Administration.

"My highest priority is to attract the brightest and most talented individuals from diverse backgrounds to build a strong and competent bench," said Judicial Appointments Secretary Sharon Majors-Lewis. "I share the Governor's commitment to create a bench that reflects the rich diversity of California and I am proud of the progress and caliber of judicial appointments made by the Administration. As applicant numbers continue to increase, I look forward to working with the Governor to appoint qualified individuals from across California."

judicial applicant data							
calendar year <u>2009</u>			cumulative for this administration through 2009			STATE BAR MEMBERSHIP (January 2006)	
	#	%		#	%		%
Total Applicants	301	100%	Total Applicants	2302	100%		
Female	103	34.22%	Female	714	31.0%	Female	34%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	1.0%	American Indian or Alaska Native	11	.48%	American Indian or Alaska Native	.4%
Asian	27	8.97%	Asian	146	6.3%	Asian	5.3%
Black or African-American	22	7.3%	Black or African-American	153	6.65%	Black or African-American	1.7%
Hispanic	28	9.3%	Hispanic	217	9.43%	Hispanic	3.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	.7%	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4	.17%	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Included under Asian
White or Caucasian	201	66.78%	White or Caucasian	1483	64.4%	White or Caucasian	84.4%
Other/Unknown	18	5.98%	Other/Unknown	288	12.51%	Other/Unknown	4.4%

Judicial appointments data					
calendar year <u>2009</u>		cumulative for this administration through 2009		STATE BAR MEMBERSHIP (January 2006)	
	%		%		%
Female	27.8%	Female	32.6%	Female	34%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	American Indian or Alaska Native	0%	American Indian or Alaska Native	.4%
Asian	9.3%	Asian	7.02%	Asian	5.3%
Black or African-American	9.3%	Black or African-American	7.23%	Black or African-American	1.7%
Hispanic	11.3%	Hispanic	10.33%	Hispanic	3.8%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0%	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	.21%	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Included under Asian
White or Caucasian	57.7%	White or Caucasian	64.88%	White or Caucasian	84.4%
Other/Unknown	12.4%	Other/Unknown	10.33%	Other/Unknown	4.4%

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