

California Women Lawyers' 3rd Annual Conference



When & Where

April 29, 2011

**Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens
120 South Los Angeles Street
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"BUILDING A FULFILLING CAREER: LESSONS FOR SUCCESS"

Keynote Luncheon Speaker, Presiding Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, Second District Court of Appeal, Division 3, one of CWL's founding mothers.

Learn from California's leading women lawyers how you can achieve both professional success and personal fulfillment in your career.

Experienced practitioners will provide essential tools for overcoming obstacles to advancement for women. Judges, law firm partners, prosecutors, government lawyers and corporate counsel will share their strategies for success.

Hear from prominent and powerful women: Andrea Ordin, Los Angeles County Counsel; Nancy O'Malley, Alameda County District Attorney; Louise Renne, former San Francisco City Attorney and CWL Founding Mother; Pat Gillette, Orrick Herrington, one of the Best Lawyers in America; Super Lawyers Gail Lees, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher; Nanci Nishimura, Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy; Christine Spagnoli, Greene Broillet & Wheeler, LLP; and Kelly Robbins, Robbins Family Law; Rachel Kimbrough, Summit Entertainment LLC; Holly Fujie, Former State Bar President and Partner at Buchalter Nemer. and many other talented and capable women.

8:30 – 9:30 am The State of Gender in the Legal Profession: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Professor Lisa Pruitt, feminist jurisprudence scholar at UC Davis King Hall

9:30 – 5:00 pm Panel Discussions and Workshops:

- Doing Justice and Finding Fulfillment in the Law
- Achieving Success In Your Career/Making Partner
- Great Female Trial Lawyers: The Path to Achievement
- Attaining Success and Satisfaction in Government Work
- Speed Mentoring: Quick Tips from Experienced Attorneys
- Rewarding Careers In Criminal Law
- *If You Build It They Will Come*: Keys to Opening and Maintaining Your Own
- Successful Law Practice
- Accessing Your Inner Rainmaker
- Mediation and Other Forms of ADR: Does Gender Play a Part, and If So, How
- Going In-House: Practice and Career Lessons from In-House Counsel
- Networking through Service: Round Table on Bar Activities and Best Practices

5:30 – 7:00 pm General Session: Cocktail Reception Honoring Judge Lee Edmon, the First Woman Elected to be Presiding Judge of the Superior Court, Los Angeles County

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CWL 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9:30 AM BREAKFAST WITH SPEAKER PROFESSOR LISA PRUITT

9:30 – 10:30 am

SUPERWOMAN – DO YOU WEAR THE CAPE?

Moderator: Hon. Michele Flurer, Los Angeles County Superior Court

- Pat Gillette, Partner, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP
- Linda Marks, UC Hastings College of the Law Center for Work Life Law
- Tiffany Hedgpath, Partner, Bingham, McCutchen LLP

DOING JUSTICE AND FINDING FULFILLMENT IN THE LAW

Moderator: Nanci Nishimura, Partner, Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy, LLP

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- Louise Renne, Partner, Renne Sloan Holtzman & Sakai LLP, former San Francisco City Attorney

10:45 – 11:45 am

ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN YOUR CAREER - MAKING PARTNER

Moderator: Kim Arnal, Partner, Black, Compean, Hall & Eli LLP

- Gretchen Ramos, Partner, Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP
- Jessica Valenzuela, Partner, Cooley LLP
- Jennifer Lantz, Partner, Haynes and Boone, LLP
- Holly Fujie, Partner, Buchalter Nemer; Former State Bar President

IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME: KEYS TO OPENING AND MAINTAINING YOUR OWN SUCCESSFUL LAW PRACTICE

Moderator: Tara M. Flanagan, Flanagan Law Offices

- Tanya Forsheit, Partner, InfoLawGroup LLP; President-Elect WLALA
- Cassie Springer-Sullivan, Partner, Springer-Sullivan & Roberts LLP
- Diane Goldman, Law Office of Diane Goldman

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM: LUNCH WITH SPEAKER HON. JOAN DEMPSEY KLEIN

1:00 – 2:00 pm

ACCESSING YOUR INNER RAINMAKER

Moderator: Kelly J. Robbins, Robbins Family Law

- Gail Lees, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
- Margaret Stevens, Stevens Law
- Eliza Rodrigues, Special Ethics and Conflicts Counsel, Sedgwick LLP

REWARDING CAREERS IN CRIMINAL LAW

Moderator: Nancy O'Malley, Alameda County District Attorney

- Jacquelyn Lacey, Los Angeles County Assistant District Attorney
- Rebecca Walker, Partner, Kaplan & Walker LLP
- Mary Carter Andruess, Partner, Arent Fox LLP

2:00 – 3:00 pm

MEDIATION AND OTHER FORMS OF ADR: DOES GENDER PLAY A PART, AND IF SO, HOW?

Moderator: Neda Mansoorian, Partner, McManis Faulkner

- Hon. Catherine Gallagher (Ret.), JAMS
- Valerie Rojas, Special Counsel, Sedgwick LLP
- Kristen Law Sagafi, Partner, Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP

ATTAINING SUCCESS AND SATISFACTION IN GOVERNMENT WORK

Moderator: Patricia Sturdevant, Deputy Insurance Commissioner; CWL President

- Andrea Ordin, Los Angeles County Counsel
- Therese Stewart, Chief Deputy San Francisco City Attorney
- Wilma J. Pinder, Deputy Los Angeles City Attorney, Ret.

3:10 – 4:10 pm

GREAT FEMALE TRIAL LAWYERS: THE PATH TO ACHIEVEMENT

Moderator: Jacqueline Vitti Frederick, Law Office of Jacqueline Vitti Frederick

- Amy Solomon, Partner, Girardi Keese
- Christine Spagnoli, Partner, Green Broillett & Wheeler, LLP
- Lisa Maki, Law Offices of Lisa L. Maki
- Ruth Kahn, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson LLP

GOING IN-HOUSE: PRACTICAL CAREER LESSONS FROM IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

Moderator: Jodi Swick, Carroll, Burdick & McDonough LLP

- Sophie-Nicole Froelich, Senior Counsel, Roll Law GroupPC
- Rachel Kimbrough, Counsel, Summit Entertainment, LLC
- Karen Rigberg, Managing Counsel, Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc.

4:15 – 4:30 pm: Speed Mentoring: Quick Tips from Experienced Attorneys

4:30 – 5:30 pm: Networking through Service: Roundtable on Bar Activities and Best Practices Moderated by CWL President Patricia Sturdevant

5:30 – 7:00 pm RECEPTION HONORING LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT PRESIDING JUDGE LEE EDMOND



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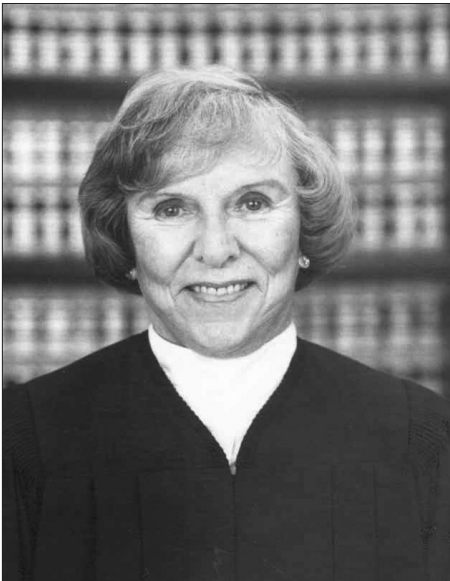
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Building a Fulfilling Career: Lessons for Success

CWL Brings Annual Conference to Los Angeles



California Women Lawyers' 2011 Annual Conference will be held this year at the Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens in downtown Los Angeles. Consistent with the theme of *Building a Fulfilling Career: Lessons for Success*, this one-day event promises to be an educational, inspiring and enjoyable day. Experienced and talented women litigators, in both public and private practice, prosecutors, corporate counsel and judges will share their strategies for success and satisfaction, while other panels will offer advice on topics such as work life balance, litigation tactics, and creative use of ADR.

The conference keynote speaker is Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, Presiding Justice of the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Three. Justice Klein was a co-founder and first president of CWL and a co-founder and first president of the National Association of Women Judges. She is a champion of women's rights and a pioneer in the struggle to achieve equal opportunity for women in the law. She has spent considerable time giving support and positive reinforcement to women in the legal profession. Justice Klein achieved her many accomplishments while raising five children.

Joining Justice Klein and speaking at programs throughout the day will be a group of some of the State's top women in the law, including Therese M. Stewart, Chief Deputy San Francisco City Attorney, and lead counsel in the Marriage Cases and Proposition 8 litigation. She will be joined by, among others:

- Andrea Ordin, FIRST WOMAN TO BE Los Angeles County Counsel
- Pat Gillette, partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe and founder of the Opt-In Project, a nationwide initiative focused on changing the structure of law firms to increase the retention and advancement of women in the workplace.
- Holly Fujie, former State Bar President and shareholder at Buchalter Nemer
- Nancy O'Malley, FIRST WOMAN TO BE Alameda County District Attorney
- Louise Renne, former San Francisco City Attorney and CWL Founding Mother
- Gail Lees, partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher and chair of the firm's Class Actions Practice Group
- Nanci Nishimura, partner at Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy
- Christine Spagnoli, partner at Greene Broillet & Wheeler, LLP and Past President of the Consumer Attorneys of California and the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles

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- Rachel Kimbrough, counsel for Summit Entertainment
- Karen Rickberg, counsel for Toyota Motor Sales USA
- Linda Marks of the Hastings Center for Work Life Law
- Professor Lisa Pruitt, feminist legal scholar at University of California, Davis, School of Law

The Conference is organized into panel presentations themed around the issues facing women lawyers today, ranging from gender equality in the legal profession to rainmaking. In addition, the conference will offer sessions geared towards building a fulfilling career in different types of practice —law firm practice, solo practice and government practice. The day will also include a “speed mentoring” session in which participants will be able to rotate through brief mentoring sessions with experienced lawyers and judges and a round table on bar activities and best practices.

The conference will culminate in a cocktail reception honoring the Honorable Lee Edmon, Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court. Judge Edmon is the first woman to hold the presiding judge position in the 121-year-history of the Los Angeles Superior Court. Judge Edmon is a former president of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association Barristers, and the American Bar Association’s nonprofit affiliate, the American Bar Endowment. In 2006, Judge Edmon was named the Alfred J. McCourtney Trial Judge of the Year by the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles.

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Chief Judge Irma Gonzalez Receives CWL’s Joan Dempsey Klein Award

By Rebecca Roberts



Each year, CWL awards one jurist in Southern California, who is a champion of women’s rights and an inspiration to women attorneys, with the Joan Dempsey Klein “Distinguished Jurist” award. CWL proudly announces that Chief Judge Irma E. Gonzalez of the United States District Court of California for the Southern District is the 2011 recipient

of this award. Many firsts highlight Judge Gonzalez’s legal career. She is the first woman U.S. Magistrate Judge in the Southern District of California. She is the first Hispanic woman appointed to the San Diego Superior Court and first Latino judge appointed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. And, she is the first Mexican-American woman ever appointed to a federal district court in the United States.

Judge Gonzalez’s inspiration, however, goes well beyond what she has achieved on the bench. Judge Gonzalez is a leader in San Diego’s legal community and commits countless hours to public service. She personally mentors young minority and women lawyers and law students through the Lawyers Club of San Diego, “Latinas in the Law” and La Raza Lawyers Association and is actively involved in numerous other organizations. She serves with distinction on both circuit and national committees and effectively administrators one of the busiest district courts in the country. Known for her impartiality, thoughtfulness, and coolheaded decision making, Judge Gonzalez is one of the most respected jurists in San Diego.

The reception for Judge Gonzalez will be in San Diego, California, in August, 2011. Additional information regarding the date, price and location of the event will be forthcoming.