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Dear Members:

Welcome to yet another exciting year for the Women Lawyers of Franklin County. I am humbled to serve as your president and look forward to continuing the wonderful work done by last year's president, Monica Waller.

Our president elect, Caitlin Chamberlin will be organizing this year's monthly luncheons. Due to the construction at the CBA, our first luncheon will be held at Porter Wright on September 26, 2013, at 12:30 p.m. Our speakers Colleen Marshall and Sara Jodka will be addressing the topic Social Media and the Law. The remaining luncheons will be held at the newly remodeled offices of the CBA. If you would like to suggest a luncheon topic, please do not hesitate to contact Caitlin at cchamberlin@porterwright.com.

This year we are looking forward to continuing the very popular dining circle. Rachel Sabo, our networking committee chair is organizing a kick-off luncheon on October 24, 2013, at 12:30 p.m. at the CBA. I strongly encourage all members to attend and sign up for the dining circle. It is a great way to meet WLFC members and network.

On October 10, 2013, we will be co-hosting a judicial reception with JMLBA and APABACO at the CBA. Our judicial committee chair Kelli Stiles has been working with our co-hosts in putting together a very successful event. I encourage your attendance for the opportunity to mingle with judicial candidates and members of JMLBA and APABACO.

Membership continues to grow. We appreciate the hard work of our membership chair Katrina Thompson. Katrina is happy to accept new member applications. We hope that you will extend a membership invitation to your colleagues in Franklin County.

We proudly continue to grow our scholarship fund in an effort to promote the next generation of women lawyers in Franklin County. We hope that you will support us through your attendance at our fundraising events.

I hope that you will join or renew your membership to WLFC as we continue to be "our own best resource."

With kind regards I remain,

Very truly yours,

Eleana Drakatos



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Upcoming Events

– September Luncheon–

September 26, 2013 @ offices of Porter Wright, Huntington Center, 41 S High St., 29th Floor
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Join us as speakers Sara Jodka and Colleen Marshall provide a fresh look at issues related to Social Media and the Law. Topics include:

A Plan for a Social Media Crisis: Helping Your Client Create, Manage, and Weather A Social Media Storm

and

How Social Media Can Be Evidence in Your Case, and Why You—Yes, You!—Can't Delete Your Way Off Social Media

Please RSVP to Caitlin Chamberlin at cchamberlin@porterwright.com by September 20, 2013. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

– Meet the Candidates Night–

October 10, 2013, 5:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m. @ CBA. More details coming soon!

WLFC, together with the John Mercer Langston Bar Association and the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Central Ohio, will host its annual Candidates Night on October 10. Don't miss this opportunity to mingle and network with this year's judicial candidates.

Please RSVP to Kelli Stiles at kjstiles@jonesday.com by October 3, 2013.



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Save-the-Dates

WLFC November Luncheon

Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, CBA

WLFC Holiday Party

Thursday, December 12, 2013 5:30 pm, CBA

WLFC January Luncheon

Thursday, January 23, 2014, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, CBA

WLFC February Luncheon

Thursday, February 27, 2014, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, CBA

WLFC March Luncheon

Thursday, March 27, 2014, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, CBA

WLFC April Luncheon

Thursday, April 24, 2014, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm, CBA

Established in 1942, WLFC has grown from a few members to over 200 today. Throughout this time, WLFC has continued to strive to address the professional needs and concerns of women lawyers in the Greater Columbus area.



Member Spotlight: Ashley Oliker



How long have you been a member of WLFC? I have been a member of WLFC since Winter 2010.

Describe your involvement. I began my involvement with WLFC by becoming active in the Dining Circle Initiative and attending many of the luncheons. I expressed my interest in becoming more involved and was subsequently

appointed to the Board as the Law School Liaison and later headed up the Dining Circle Initiative as WLFC's Networking Chair. I try to stay as active as my schedule will permit by attending the luncheons, events, meetings, and helping in any way possible, including helping to organize last year's Ensuring Judicial Excellence CLE. I was recently elected as WLFC's Treasurer and am very excited to continue working the WLFC Board and membership to further our organization's goals.

Favorite thing about WLFC? The diversity of our membership. WLFC brings together such an interesting group of unique and talented female attorneys (and even some men!) who are all interested in one goal: furthering the interests of women in the profession. I have learned a great deal from many WLFC members and am fortunate to have found many role models from this dynamic group.

How long have you been a lawyer? Four years.

Area of practice? Civil litigation defense with an emphasis on employment, medical malpractice, and personal injury defense.

Favorite thing about practicing law? I love being an advocate for my clients and using my skill-set to help them through potentially difficult matters.



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***WLFC Welcomes New Officers
at Annual Meeting and Honors Scholarship
Recipients Christine Duraney and Janet Stewart***

In May, WLFC held its Annual Meeting and recognized the 2013-2014 slate of officers, who will serve from June 2013 to May 2014. Ashley Oliker, who previously served as WLFC board member and networking chair, was elected treasurer. The board president is Eleana Drakatos; president-elect is Caitlin Chamberlin, and secretary is Megan Goeser Gonzalez.

During the Meeting, WLFC awarded Christine Duraney, a 3L at Capital University Law School, and Janet Stewart, a 3L at OSU Moritz College of Law, each a \$1,500 scholarship to help further their legal educations. Scholarships are made possible each year by the generous contributions of our members and area law firms.

The Annual Meeting once again included a silent auction, featuring numerous popular bid items such as salon and restaurant gift cards. Proceeds benefitted the WLFC scholarship fund. Many thanks to all who contributed!



2013-2014 WLFC Officers, from left to right: Eleana Drakatos, President; Caitlin Chamberlin, President-Elect; Megan Goeser Gonzalez, Secretary; Ashley Oliker, Treasurer; with Sandra McIntosh and Kerry Renker Green, Trustees at Large

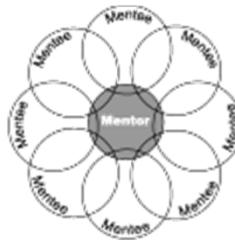


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Dining Circle Initiative



The Women Lawyers of Franklin County will again offer the "Dining Circle" Initiative for 2013-2014. The Dining Circle is a mentoring and networking program that provides members with an opportunity to meet other women attorneys in the community and to share experiences in a comfortable environment. Each Dining Circle Group will consist of 7 to 10 women with varying professional backgrounds who will meet once a month during the program year. All interested attorneys who are members of WLFC are welcome to participate -- from experienced attorneys to new associates, government lawyers to in-house counsel, firm-based attorneys to solo practitioners, and judges as well!

This year's program will run from late-October 2013 through June 2014. There will be a "Kick-Off" lunch for participants to meet one another on Thursday, October 24 from 12:30-1:30 at the CBA!

Go to <http://www.wlfc.ws/documents/Dining%20Circle%20Sign%20Up%20Sheet.pdf> to print an application form for the 2013-2014 Dining Circle season. Please send your completed form by email, fax, or regular mail to Rachel Sabo, WLFC Networking Chair, Rachel@thefriedmannfirm.com , fax (614) 737-9812

The Friedmann Firm LLC, 16 S. Main Street, Mechanicsburg, OH 43044.

*We look forward to dining
with you!!*



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Panelists Discuss "Women at the Table" And Provide Valuable Insights

In April, WLFC hosted a panel discussion among supporters of Women at the Table, an organization devoted to helping promote women to for-profit and non-profit boards. Executive Director of Women at the Table, Chasity Kuttrus moderated the discussion among panelists Yvette McGee Brown and Alycia Broz.

Thank you to Eleni Drakatos for organizing this informative event!

Judicial Excellence Explored

Together with the Columbus Bar Association and The Chester Group, WLFC sponsored an informative panel discussion on the topics of running for judicial office and ensuring judicial excellence. Notable speakers included Justice Judith L. French, the Honorable Daniel T. Hogan, the Honorable Elizabeth Gill, the Honorable Laurel A. Beatty, the Honorable Richard A. Frye, the Honorable Charles A. Schneider, former Supreme Court Justice Yvette McGee Brown, and many more. Keynote speaker Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor made for a memorable event. Special thanks to Caitlin Chamberlin and Ashley Oliker for helping to organize this event for our members.



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Connections Made During WLFC "Speed Networking" Event

WLFC members got a chance to get to know one another better during our speed networking event in March. Armed with business cards and elevator speeches, our ladies made new contacts as WLFC members rotated around the tables and spent three minutes talking with each partner. This quick-paced approach to business development was fun for all!

Family Fun at the Clippers

WLFC sponsored Family Night this year with the Columbus Clippers on Dime a Dog Night. The event was well attended. WLFC members and their families had seats in the bleachers. The warm night, hot food and good company made for a wonderful night out. WLFC is pleased to sponsor Family Night each year and looks forward to future events with the Columbus Clippers. Kuddos to Dianna Anelli for organizing this Family Night event!

WLFC MEMBERS VOLUNTEER AT YWCA FAMILY CENTER

As in past years, WLFC members volunteered their time at the YWCA Family Center this April, joining together to prepare breakfast to help feed families in need. The YWCA Family Center provides emergency shelter and critical services to stabilize homeless families in central Ohio.



Volunteers included WLFC members Allison Haedt, Nita Hansen, Susan Suriano, Alyson Terrell, Kerry Green, and Monica Waller.

Thanks to Allison Haedt for organizing this worthwhile event.



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More Photos From Recent WLFC Events



WLFC Families Enjoy Evening at the Clippers



YWCA Family Center



WLFC Annual Meeting





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WLFC Member Shares Experience At National Association of Women Lawyers Mid-Year Conference

By Christy Prince

I was fortunate to be selected for the WLFC scholarship to the National Association of Women Lawyers Mid-Year Conference in Orlando. The theme of the Conference was "Stretched & Balanced: A Holistic Approach to Law Practice." The atmosphere was very welcoming and supportive. Engaging in the conference gave me the opportunity to step out of my daily routines and patterns to assess goals, strategies, and career paths over a longer term perspective. The most rewarding aspect is that I have been able to incorporate some highlights of the conference programming into my every day routines.

For example, one session of the conference focused on putting concrete action steps into place in order to increase rainmaking. The presenter, Karen Kahn of Threshold Advisors, did a good job of breaking down an abstract and intimidating goal, like "develop business," into smaller, manageable, relationship-building tasks. The system proposed by Kahn creates simple action steps and an accountability goal. For example, it may be unrealistic to think that you will write one article a month. Kahn's proposed system creates a point system where you meet your goal by creating new contacts and "feeding" existing contacts. You can act more strategically by focusing on contacts who will move your network and practice in a particular direction.

Since the conference, I have implemented a similar system for myself and for interested colleagues in my workplace. For me, this system makes me more conscious of (1) adding to my network, and (2) looking for opportunities to help my contacts. I'm truly excited to share this information with others. If any women are interested in hearing more about the network expansion system discussed at the conference, please contact me at cprince@keglerbrown.com or 462-5444.



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HAVE YOU ROCKED THE BAR?

Received any Recognition Lately? WLFC wants to know!

Super Lawyers/Rising Stars?

Personal Honors/Achievements?

New Practices/Partnerships?

Bar Admissions/Certifications?

Appointments/Elections/Leadership Positions?

Acts of Service (or Opportunities)?

Don't be too modest. WLFC women deserve recognition and inspiration. Send notice of WLFC members' accomplishments at bar or in the community to Diane.Goderre@ThompsonHine.com. Don't forget to put "WLFC Rock the Bar" in the subject line.

Seeking Authors, Writers, Editorialists!

Are you an WLFC member who wants to voice your opinion on an issue relevant to women and the law? Email your article to Diane.Goderre@ThompsonHine.com. Please put "WLFC Voices" in the subject line.



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