



# Women Lawyers of Franklin County

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### *President's Message*

Dear Women Lawyers,

We are now well into our membership year, and I hope you have enjoyed our programming to date. The Holiday Party was a success, as shown in the pictures later in the newsletter, and our members generously contributed to the Children's Hunger Alliance. Our January meeting was a fascinating panel on leadership, featuring Elizabeth (Liza) P. Kessler, Partner-in-Charge, Jones Day - Columbus; Philomena (Mimi) M. Dane, Partner, Squire Sanders & Dempsey; Lisa Pierce Reisz, Partner, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP; Elizabeth J. Watters, Partner, Chester, Willcox & Saxbe; and Maria Soto, Director, Legal Aid Society of Columbus. We have even more events planned for 2011, including community service events, networking events, and our Annual Meeting and Silent Auction.

I recently attended a meeting of the Women's Council of Central Ohio and was reminded of how many wonderful resources there are in Central Ohio for women (WLFC included!). When you have a moment, check out their website at [www.womenscouncilohio.com](http://www.womenscouncilohio.com) — I am sure you will be as impressed as I was at how many organizations in Ohio are focused on providing services to and/or advancing the position of women and girls in Central Ohio.

Finally, be sure to friend WLFC on Facebook and join our group on LinkedIn. We are using these forums to share information beyond what is distributed at our meetings and over e-mail, including interesting articles and information about networking opportunities and other events that may be of interest to our members. As always,

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Sincerely,

Julie B. Smith



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### **CALLING ALL WLFC VOLUNTEERS!**

*WLFC knows that volunteering helps make our community a better place.*

#### **YWCA Breakfast** *Seeking flapjack flippers!*

Saturday, March 26, 2011  
6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
YWCA Family Center  
900 Harvey Court  
Columbus, OH 43219

WLFC and its volunteers will sponsor a breakfast for families at the YWCA Family Center on March 26, 2011. Last year, this was one of our most popular community service events. Our WLFC volunteers enjoyed the camaraderie while serving up hot breakfasts!

The commitment requires you to be there from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Children may volunteer also, but must be at least 13 years old and with an adult member of our organization.

Please contact Caitlin Chamberlin if you are interested in donating your time.  
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#### **Furniture Bank of Central Ohio**

*Wanna learn to rehab that old chest?*  
Volunteer your time and leave with some valuable do-it-yourself skills!

Saturday, April 9, 2011  
9:00 a.m. – noon  
FurnitureBank of Central Ohio  
118 S. Yale Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43222

Four slots are already filled! Seeking four additional volunteers to help assemble and paint furniture for FurnitureBank of Central Ohio. Children may volunteer also, but must be at least 8 years old and with an adult member of our organization.

Old clothes, closed-toe shoes, and a smile are all that are required.

Please contact Caitlin Chamberlin if you are interested in donating your time.  
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*It's never too late in the season to join WLFC or a Dining Circle.*  
*For more information on membership, please contact Regina Richards.*  
*For more information on dining circles, please contact Heather Melick,*  
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## **Upcoming Events**

### **—Speed Networking—**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2011 @ CBA from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Join WLFC for a speed networking session led by Julie Smith, President.  
Please bring a fresh stack of business cards to participate.

The cost, which includes lunch, is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members. Proceeds from this luncheon will be applied to WLFC's Scholarship Fund.

Please RSVP to Kerry Green at [kgreen@hahnlaw.com](mailto:kgreen@hahnlaw.com) by March 10, 2011.

### **—Striving for a Work / Life Balance—**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2011 @ CBA from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

### **—WLFC Silent Auction & Annual Meeting—**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2011 @ CBA from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

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*Interested in serving in becoming more involved with WLFC or serving in a leadership position? Please contact President-Elect Kerry Green for more information. [kgreen@hahnlaw.com](mailto:kgreen@hahnlaw.com)*



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## ***WLFC ROCKSTARS ROCKED THE BAR***

**Jill Snitcher McQuain**, WLFC Bylaws Chair: the new Executive Director of the Columbus Bar Association.

**Monica Waller**, WLFC Treasurer: recently made partner at Lane Alton Horst.

**LeeAnn Massucci**: named 2010-2011 CBA Family Law Chair.

**Melissa Hailey**: became an associate at Kephart Fisher.

### **The following WLFC members were recognized in *Ohio Super Lawyers 2011 Magazine:***

**Belinda Barnes** 2011 Super Lawyer - Personal Injury Defense

**Sally W. Bloomfield** 2011 Super Lawyer - Utilities, Energy & Natural Resources

**Catherine T. Dunlay** 2011 Super Lawyer - Health Care

**Eve M. Ellinger** 2011 Rising Star - Employment & Labor

**Kerry Renker Green** 2011 Rising Star - Business Litigation

**Dawn Hays** 2011 Rising Star - Employment & Labor

**Laren E. Knoll** 2011 Super Lawyer - Employment Litigation

**LeeAnn Massucci** 2011 Rising Star - Family Law

**Sandra R. McIntosh** 2011 Rising Star - Civil Litigation Defense

**Janica A. Pierce Tucker** 2011 Rising Star - Employment & Labor

**Elizabeth Stanton** 2011 Ohio Super Lawyer - Employment & Labor

WLFC women deserve recognition and inspiration. Send notice of WLFC members' accomplishments at bar or in the community to [caitlin\\_chamberlin@ohsd.uscourts.gov](mailto:caitlin_chamberlin@ohsd.uscourts.gov). Don't forget to put "WLFC Rock the Bar" in the subject line.



### **WLFC**

**"Li ke" us on Facebook!**

**Join us on LinkedIn!**



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## **Member Spotlight**

### **LeeAnn M. Massucci**

***How long have you been a member of WLFC?***

I've been involved with WLFC since I became a member of the bar in 2003.

***Describe your involvement?***

After attending meetings for a few years, I served as a Board Member with efforts dedicated to community service and pro bono work.

I was active in leading a "Dining Circle" group for two years and continue to be involved with the same group for dinners.

I currently do not serve on the Board but remain involved with various activities and sponsored events.

***Favorite thing about WLFC?***

I really enjoy interacting with other women members of the bar and continue to be impressed with the leadership of WLFC.

***How long have you been a lawyer?***

I entered the bar in 2003.

***Area of practice?***

I focus my practice in the area of family and matrimonial law.

***Favorite thing about practicing law?***

I enjoy the day to day interaction with clients and the court system. In domestic / juvenile practice we are in court almost every day. Each day brings new challenges and an opportunity to learn!

***Recent Awards?***

2011 Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Star

2009 Capital University Law School G.O.L.D. (Graduate of the Last Decade) Award  
Recipient

2009 Columbus Bar Foundation Outstanding Pro Bono Service by an Individual Award  
Recipient

2008 Lambda Legal National Pro Bono Advocate Honoree

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## **New Member Spotlight**

### **Melissa A. Hailey**

***How long have you been a member of WLFC?***

I joined WLFC in September 2010.

***Describe your involvement?***

I am currently involved as an active member of WLFC. I regularly attend the monthly luncheons and as many of the networking and other events I can. I am also part of a WLFC Dining Circle, and have truly enjoyed getting to know the ladies in my circle both personally and professionally. I hope to get more involved with WLFC and possibly take on a leadership role in the future.

***Favorite thing about WLFC?***

Aside from the numerous speakers and events, my favorite thing about WLFC has been how welcoming and helpful these women have been to new members like myself. As a brand new attorney who recently relocated to Columbus, WLFC has introduced me to many fantastic attorneys, community leaders, and other contacts, which has been invaluable to becoming connected in a new legal community.

***How long have you been a lawyer?***

I was sworn in on November 8, 2010.

***Area of practice?***

I am an associate at Kephart Fisher LLC. I practice business law, primarily in the areas of real estate and corporate law.

***Favorite thing about practicing law?***

My favorite thing about practicing law is being a problem solver for your client by applying the law creatively to meet the clients' needs.

***Recent Awards?***

2010 National Order of Barristers' Award, which was awarded to the top seven advocates of my graduating class.

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# Odds & Ends

- **Past WLFC Secretaries:** WLFC is seeking meeting minutes from past years' WLFC Board meetings. Please contact current WLFC Secretary Karen Held Phipps if you are in possession of any such meeting minutes. (614) 583-9165 or [khipps@columbus.rr.com](mailto:khipps@columbus.rr.com)
- **WLFC Bids Farewell:** WLFC would like to thank Florence Murray for her stellar work as WLFC's Community Service Chair and her steadfast participation and leadership. We will greatly miss her as she heads up to Sandusky, but we wish her good luck and happy trails!

### ***Florence passes this message on to WLFC:***

Thank you to all of the women attorneys who have become my friends over the years that I have lived in the area. Although it is sad to leave so many friends, I am truly excited about advocating for injured parties. In March, I will be working at the Sandusky plaintiffs' law firm of Murray & Murray. My family's trial practice has been helping injured parties in Ohio for 80 years. My work will be primarily in the areas of personal injury and consumer protection. My office number will be 419-624-3000 and my cellular number is 740-972-7308. In addition, I can be reached by email using: [Florence@MurrayandMurray.com](mailto:Florence@MurrayandMurray.com). I welcome any referrals and also any visits, especially when Cedar Point is open. I love to ride the coasters!

Sincerely,

Florence Murray

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# **Holiday Party Pics**

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Children's Hunger Alliance!

