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## President's Message

Dear Members:

Happy New Year! I sincerely hope you enjoyed this holiday season and took some well-deserved time to relax, spend time with family and friends, and reflect on the 2016 year.

2016 was certainly a great year for WLFC. In this past year, we've reached record membership numbers (that continue to increase daily!), sold out several programming events, added and reworked additional programming and events, and hit an all-time record for our charitable donation to the Children's Hunger Alliance at our annual holiday party. Needless to say, this past year has been a great one for our organization! And, importantly, we couldn't have exceeded so many goals without the help and support of our wonderful members--you!

Thank you for making this past year such a success for WLFC. We are certainly looking forward to what 2017 has in store for our organization and already have several exciting events planned, which you can find on page 8 of this newsletter. And perhaps most exciting for the new year is that 2017 will mark our organization's 75th anniversary! We plan to celebrate this very special occasion with a 75th Soiree event to commemorate just how far we've come not only as an organization, but also in the profession. More details on our 75th Soiree can also be found on page 7.

With so many wonderful events on the horizon, including our Soiree, monthly luncheons, members' only events, and community service events such as our annual YWCA service meal and Rock 'N Bowl, if you have not already done so, now would be a great time to renew your membership dues for this year to take advantage of our membership benefits and programming.

In closing, thank you again for being such an enthusiastic and engaged membership, and for helping WLFC become the organization it is today. We look forward to seeing you at our events in the New Year, and wish you a year full of both professional and personal fulfillment!

Sincerely,

Ashley L. Oliker  
WLFC President





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## Fall Events Recap: Beauty Bias Event & Speed Networking



### Speed Networking

This year's monthly luncheon series kicked-off with a speed networking event. Speed networking is a WLFC favorite and a fun, exciting and effective way to expand your network and broaden your contacts! Members discussed their profession, career goals, interests and many other topics in rapid succession!

### Beauty Bias Event

WLFC and the Ohio State Women's Legal Society co-hosted an event engaging OSU law students in a discussion with WLFC practicing attorneys about their experiences with appearance standards in the workplace





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## Fall Events Recap: Candidate Meet + Greet

On October 12, 2016, WLFC co-hosted a judicial candidate meet + greet event with the John Mercer Langston Bar Association, the Women Lawyers of Franklin County, the Hispanic National Bar Association –Region X, and the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Central Ohio.



During this event, attendees met, mingled, and networked with the Franklin County judicial candidates in a casual setting. This is an event WLFC hosts each year, so please join us next fall for this great opportunity to meet judicial candidates in Franklin County.







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## Fall Events Recap: Luncheons + Wine & Articles Club

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### **WLFC October Luncheon: Dining Circle Kick-Off**

WLFC again offered the "Dining Circle" Initiative for 2016-2017. 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. The program kicked-off at the October luncheon.

In this dynamic workshop, Laura Benton of The Leadership Benefit shared her secrets on energy management. Participants took part in an "energy audit" to identify where their particular energy challenges are and engaged in small group discussions and coach each other on sustainable strategies to help manage their energy going forward.

### **WLFC November Luncheon: Manage Your Energy - Not Your Time**

WLFC hosted an evening of lively conversation, food and cocktails for its members. Participants discussed 2 popular articles relating to time-management.

### **Wine & Articles Club**



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## Fall Events Recap: Holiday Party



On Thursday, December 8, WLFC hosted its annual Holiday Party with all proceeds from the event benefitting Children's Hunger Alliance. This year we had a cork-pull raffle for wine, beer, and liquor which were generously donated by members of the WLFC Board. The event was a great success, raising over \$1,400 for Children's Hunger Alliance.





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## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Soiree

WLFC is pleased to announce that it is hosting an event to celebrate the organization's 75th anniversary, and to commemorate WLFC being one of the first female legal organizations in the area.

At the event, WLFC will honor the organization's history and the advancements it has made, and will continue to make, for women in the profession.

Additionally, to celebrate this momentous occasion, WLFC will be featuring a live music performance from members of the Jazz Arts Group, and will also provide plenty of opportunity for attendees to mingle and celebrate the strides that have been made with others in the legal and business communities.

Tickets to the Soiree may be purchased online at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-lawyers-of-franklin-county-75th-soiree-tickets-29329450175>.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact WLFC Soiree Chair, Gina M. Piacentino at [gpiacentino@wp-lawgroup.com](mailto:gpiacentino@wp-lawgroup.com).



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## February Upcoming Events

**Saturday, February 4** – **Rock 'n Bowl** at Columbus Square Bowling Palace. WLFC will be sponsoring 2 teams of 5 bowlers each. The event raises money for the Nationwide Children's Center for Family Safety and Healing.

**Thursday, February 16** - **WLFC Members-Only Event: Movie Screening of GirlRising** at Dawson, 1114 Dublin Road, Columbus, OH 43215.

WLFC has partnered with 1Girl to present a screening of the movie *GirlRising*, a film by Academy-award nominated director, Richard E. Robbins. The film takes a journey around the globe, capturing the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world.

**Cost:** \$15 per person (includes screening of movie, popcorn, refreshments and networking).

Please contact Rachel Sabo:  
([rachel@thefriedmannfirm.com](mailto:rachel@thefriedmannfirm.com)) for more information.

**Thursday, February 23** – **Monthly Luncheon**, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Columbus Bar Association.





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