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In the News

Women in the Judiciary, a numbers report

A new report from the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy at the University at Albany, State University of New York, *Women in Federal and State-level Judgeships*, Spring 2010, reveals a number of interesting statistics. Among them: no state has yet achieved equal representation of women on either the federal or state bench. While women represent 48% of law school graduates and 45% of law firm associates, on average, women account for only 22% and 26%, respectively, for federal and state judgeships. The study found this gender gap cannot be attributed to a lack of qualified applicants; rather, the study concluded it is caused by a lack of opportunity and access afforded to women. Statistically, California ranked 6th for number of women in federal positions & 20th for its state counterpart.

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February 17 Luncheon: Project First Step

As you may have learned from the article in the Fresno County Bar Bulletin, Central California Legal Services, Inc. (CCLS) will hold training for attorneys interested in helping victims of domestic violence. This Project First Step training will occur on February 17, 2010, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the offices of McCormick, Barstow, Sheppard, Wayte and Carruth, LLP, located at 5 River Park Place East in Fresno. Space is limited, but remains available. Please RSVP no later than Friday, February 12, by contacting Ugochi L. Anaebere, Volunteer Legal Services Program Director and Supervising Attorney, at 559.570.1238 or via email ugochi@centralcallegal.org, including your bar number and return email address.

FCWL Holiday Party Photos



The FCWL Holiday Party was held December 3, 2009, at the beautiful home of member Nancy Stegall ☺ Photos courtesy of Howard Wakins.

The Hacienda Campus for Women and Children

The FCWL Board adopted a resolution at the January 30, 2010 Retreat to adopt a room at the Hacienda Campus for Women and Children. The purpose of the Adopt A Room Project is to create a warm, supportive environment for women transitioning from a residential rehabilitation program to living in an apartment on their own, with their children. The FCWL adopted a one bedroom apartment (currently, studios and one bedrooms are available). Our March meeting (scheduled for March 17th) will be conducted at the Hacienda Campus and we will be treated to a tour of the facility. At that time we can select which one bedroom apartment we wish to adopt.

A number of items already have been donated for this room, including 2 twin beds (head boards, footboards, side boards & supports), 2 dressers, a console cabinet, a desk, desk chair, and 2 tall book cases. All of the furniture is natural maple (from Ethan Allen) or natural alder. The items still needed are coordinating living room furniture, dinette table & chairs, mattresses, box springs, bed linens, comforters & pillows, bathroom linens, decorative items (art, mirrors, lamps), dishes & flatware, small kitchen appliances (toasters, blenders, etc.), digital television, VCR/DVD, and possibly a crib or toddler bed. Optional items include paint, carpet, and window treatments. Once we select a room, we can form a committee to coordinate the gathering of gently used further and shop for new items (including furniture, linens, and decorative items). Upon completion of the room, we can select a name and a placard will be placed on the door. Mental Health Systems (MHS) administers the programs at and owns the Hacienda property. Jenny Bates, MHS VP, Central Valley Region, estimates the average cost for adopting a one bedroom apartment is \$3,500. But with the items already available, the cost should be much less, particularly if we can count on donations of gently used coordinating furniture.

Members interested in participating in the Hacienda Adopt A Room Project with the FCWL, please contact Magi Fainer-Towne at 499-5659 (office) or 273-4575 (cell). For more information about adopting your own room, please call Jenny Bates at 264-7521 x 2001 (office) or 977-5515 (cell).

Race Judicata & Short Stacks for a Tall Cause

Saturday, February 20 will mark the annual Race Judicata Fun Run at San Joaquin College of Law. Back again this year is the accompanying *Short Stacks for a Tall Cause*, a breakfast that benefits the Elizabeth O'Neill Scholarship Fund.

Participants can enter a 2 mile run, 5 k run, or 2 mile walk, in a variety of age groups. There is even a ¼ mile run for kids ages three through nine. Registration is required and more information can be found at the school's website at www.sjcl.edu. Register today!

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with the whole family while benefiting the local community. Funded in part by yummy pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice and coffee served on race day, the Elizabeth O'Neill Scholarship is intended to benefit the female heads of household attending San Joaquin College of Law.

FCWL Announcements

One of the *many* benefits of FCWL membership is inclusion in, and receipt of, our Membership Directory. Members are listed alphabetically and by practice area.

If you are not yet a member, and would like to be included in the 2010 Membership Directory to be published later this year, apply now.

For more information contact Maribel at maribel@wam-llp.com. You may download our membership form at www.fcwl.org/fcwl_membership.pdf

Save The Date

- ❖ March 17, 2010 @ 12:00 p.m. -Hacienda House facility tour
- ❖ April 2010 - Judicial Appreciation Night - More Particulars TBA