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## Fresno County Women Lawyers

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## FCWL Ninth Judicial Reception

The Ninth Annual Judicial Reception will be held on June 30, 2011, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Baker, Manock & Jensen. FCWL will honor Honorable Ann Q. Ameral, Jennifer R.S. Detjen, Valli Israels, Rosemary McGuire, and Kathleen A. Meehan for their recent appointments to the Judiciary.

Baker, Manock & Jensen is located at 5260 North Palm Avenue, Fourth Floor, Fresno, CA 93704. For planning purposes, please RSVP by June 27, 2011 if you are able to attend by calling or e-mailing Jennifer Lawton at (559) 230-2600 or [jlawton@fresnofamilylaw.com](mailto:jlawton@fresnofamilylaw.com).

## Justice Pauline Hanson Dinner

On October 17, 2011, Tani Cantile-Sakauye, the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, will provide the keynote speech at the annual Dinner. The Dinner will be held at the Fort Washington County Club. FCWL and the Fresno County Bar Association will honor our Hanson Scholarship recipient and our Hanson Award recipient. To commemorate this event, FCWL and the Fresno County Bar Association invite all to attend. Stay tuned for more information!

**August 31, 2011**  
**12:00-1:15 p.m.**  
**at the Downtown Club**

**FCWL Member Luncheon**  
**"Discrimination and Retaliation in the Workplace."**

**Please RSVP to**  
**[jlawton@fresnofamilylaw.com](mailto:jlawton@fresnofamilylaw.com)**  
**by August 29, 2011.**

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## Pro Bono Challenge

On October 6, 2010, Chief Justice Ronald M. George launched the Central Valley Pro Bono Challenge. The Challenge encourages participating attorneys and firms to provide anywhere from 10-50 pro bono service hours to Central California Legal Services on an annual basis. The Challenge is designed to increase the level of pro bono service provided to legal aid clients by attorneys, law students and other community volunteers in the Central Valley.

Attorneys, paralegals, and law students who certify that they have completed at least 50 pro bono service hours on an annual basis are eligible to receive the State Bar of California's Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Service Certificate. You may help in a number of ways: court representation, advice and counsel, participation in clinics, consulting, mentoring and training of CCLS staff and volunteer attorneys.

To sign up for the Challenge, go to [www.centralvalleyprobono.org](http://www.centralvalleyprobono.org). For more information, please contact Voluntary Legal Services Program Supervising Attorney, Ugochi Anaebere, at [ugochi@centralcallegal.org](mailto:ugochi@centralcallegal.org) or call (559) 570-1238.

## FCWL May Luncheon

By: Jennifer L. Lawton

On May 25, 2011, FCWL was pleased to present Barbara Radcliffe, a local Valley residential appraiser, as the featured speaker at our monthly luncheon. Ms. Radcliffe informed members of the current trends in our local and state housing market and provided members with invaluable tips on navigating through it as homeowners and investors.

## Bias, Mediation and Negotiations Luncheon

By Olivia M. Wright

On April 27, 2011, FCWL was pleased to present the Honorable James A. Ardaiz, former Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District, as the featured speaker at our monthly luncheon. Since his retirement from the bench, Justice Ardaiz has brought his extensive experience in resolving disputes to JAMS, where he assists parties in resolving their disputes through mediation, arbitration and other alternative dispute resolution techniques.

During his presentation, Justice Ardaiz shared his observations and experience relating to gender bias in the alternative dispute resolution process with a full house of local attorneys and members of the local judiciary. Justice Ardaiz explained the different ways women and men typically address settlement negotiations, and the way both women and men are often viewed by opposing attorneys in those negotiations. The overall message of his presentation was that a lawyer, whether male or female, can be a more successful negotiator when he or she recognizes the strengths and weaknesses of his or her own negotiating style. This includes an evaluation of how opposing counsel are likely to react to that style because the lawyer can then tailor his or her approach for the specific negotiation at hand.

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*Pictured above are FCWL President Zeppy Attashian, FCWL Treasurer Lenore Schreiber, Justice Ardaiz, FCWL Vice-President Jennifer Lawton, and California Women Lawyers District 5 Governor Prudence Hutton.  
Photo courtesy of Howard C. Watkins.*

## From the Newsroom Selected Articles and Events:

### 20 Influential Female Lawyers Every Law Student Should Know

<http://www.onlinecolleges.net/2011/06/01/20-influential-female-lawyers-every-law-student-should-know/>

### Diversity of State's Bench Just Average

<http://www.callawyer.com/story.cfm?eid=915550&evid=1>

### Ms. JD Blog

<http://ms-jd.org>

## Become a Member of California Women Lawyers

California Women Lawyers maintains a primary focus of advancing women in the legal profession and provides unique resources and support to its members. If you're not already a member, please consider signing up today. The membership fee for FCWL members is \$100; the non-FCWL member fee is \$150. Visit the website at <https://www.cwl.org> to apply or complete the attached application.

## FCWL

Please e-mail any updated contact information to [fcwlinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fcwlinfo@gmail.com) to ensure you receive FCWL news and information. Our revised 2011 application is attached for those of you who need to pay your annual dues and renew your membership or wish to update your information by mail.

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- **September 15, 2011:** CWL Annual Dinner  
@ State Bar Convention (Long Beach, CA)  
Keynote Speaker: Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of the California  
Judith Soley, past CWL Governor and lifetime CWL member, will be honored.
- **September 29, 2011:** Hall of Fame  
@ The Bluffs from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Wine tasting, silent auction, art exhibit and sale to raise money for biographical and art displays honoring Judith Leslie Soley, Rosellen Kershaw and Edna Garabedian  
RSVP by September 20, 2011 to FCBA
- **October 2, 2011:** Join FCWL at the American Cancer Society "Making Strides for Breast Cancer" Run/Walk  
@ Woodward Park from 7:00 a.m.
- **October 17, 2011:** Justice Pauline Hanson Dinner  
Speaker: Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court  
@ Fort Washington Country Club  
More Details to come.

**We welcome your comments and suggestions for the FCWL newsletter and that you all for your continued support.**