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Inaugural FCWL Newsletter

By Mia Giacomazzi, FCWL President

Welcome to the Fresno County Women Lawyers' inaugural issue of its newsletter. The idea of this newsletter is to provide our members with news about upcoming FCWL events, past FCWL events, upcoming events organized by community groups that share the same values and interests as FCWL. In addition, we hope to share relevant information, such as news articles, related to women in the law.

Part of my focus as the 2009 FCWL president is to improve communication to our members. It is my hope that this newsletter will foster better communication between our organization and our members and community.

This newsletter is a work in progress. To that end, feel free to contact me with any suggested changes or additions at mia@fcwl.org. You can also find my contact information on the Contact Us page on our website, www.fcwl.org.

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May 2009 Events

FCWL presents two events this month

Juvenile Court & CPS: Working to Make a Difference

Guest Speakers:

Hon. Jane Cardoza, Presiding Judge – Juvenile Dependency
Andrea Sobrado, Deputy Director of Fresno County, DFDS
Howard K. Watkins, Former CPS Attorney

Wednesday, May 20, 2009, 12:00 o'clock, The Downtown Club

Lunch Only - \$15 per person, Lunch & MCLE - \$20 per person

RSVP by *Friday, May 15, 2009* to Rose Flores at (559) 442-2496.

*May 20, 2009: FCWL
and Bench, Bar, Media
Present:*

*Child Protective Services
Downtown Club*

Noon

*RSVP: rflores@fcwl.org
By May 15, 2009*

Meet Your FCWL Board Members



From left: Lenore Schreiber, Treasurer; Christine Levin, Secretary; Michelle West, Vice-President; Mia Giacomazzi, President; Kathy McKenna, Past President; Prudence Hutton, CWL Liason. Not Pictured: Zeppy Attashian and Ana De Alba, Members at Large.

U.S. District Judge & U.S. Attorney Announcement

U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein's Judicial Advisory Committees are accepting applications on an ongoing basis for U.S. District Judge positions in all four of California's federal districts. Additionally, the President has asked for recommendations for, and Senator Feinstein's committee is now accepting applications for, the position of U.S. Attorney in the Central District. Attorneys who are interested in applying will find application forms and complete instructions available here:

<http://feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=ServicesForCalifornians.ApplicationsJud.>

Please note that applications for the U.S. Attorney position should be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than May 22, 2009.

California Women Lawyers News

Affiliate Conference on June 5th, Half Moon Bay

Time is short to register for the Affiliate and Members Conference on Friday, June 5th. Get MCLE credits while you enjoy spring and the ocean air at Oceano Hotel and Spa in Half Moon Bay.

The Conference committee has put together a great program, which includes numerous opportunities to network and plenary session on The Law Market, Now and Future.

There are two individualized break-out sessions with topics including, How to Evaluate a Case and Client Needs, Marketing Yourself Inside & Outside Your Workplace, Getting to Successful Arbitration and Mediation, and Career Options in 2009 and Beyond.

This is the CWL “don’t miss” event of the year! Oceano Hotel is offering a reduced rate for attendees. Simply inform them that you are attending the CWL Conference when making your reservations.

To sign up, or for more information, visit CWL’s website, www.cwl.org.

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May 27th Joint Mixer and Courthouse Tour

~~Donation Collection: Please bring canned goods, toiletries, postage stamps and bus tokens to be donated to The Food Bank and/or the Marjorie Mason Center.~~
Fresno County Women Lawyers (FCWL) invites all Fresno County Bar members to a tour of the federal courthouse, and our Spring Mixer, to take place on May 27, 2009. FCWL, teamed up with the Kern County Women Lawyers Association, offers a late afternoon/early evening at the Federal Courthouse on 2500 Tulare Street in downtown Fresno.

The federal courthouse event is organized in three parts: (1) At 3:15 p.m., Judge Lawrence J. O’Neill will host a meet and greet in his courtroom and allow attendees to tour his courtroom and chambers; (2) At 4:00 p.m., a courthouse tour will begin in the federal courthouse lobby; and (3) At 4:30 p.m., attendees will be guided to the 9th Floor of the federal courthouse to enjoy appetizers, drinks, and a time to socialize with each other and members of the Kern County Women Lawyers.

Members may come to any or all of the three events listed above. Groups will meet in the lobby at each designated time to begin each segment of the tour. For security and logistical reasons, please plan to come a few minutes before the designated time. Space is limited so please RSVP early. To RSVP, or for any questions, please contact Mia Giacomazzi at mia@fcwl.org or 499-5990.

Did you know that FCWL offers a membership discount for CWL members?

Pro Bono Idea of the Month

California Rural Legal Assistance has a Private Attorney Involvement Plan to allow private attorneys to be involved, including: co-counseling on impact litigation, pro bono panels, clinic programs, lawyer referral program, reduced fee or contingency panels, volunteer attorney intake, community legal education, temporary legal counsel, and emeritus attorney. For more information, check the website at www.crla.org

*May 27, 2009:
FCWL/KCWLA*

Joint Mixer

*3:15: Meet and Greet,
Chambers Tour*

4:00: Courthouse Tour

*4:30-6:00: Mixer on the
9th Floor*

*RSVP to Mia at
mia@fcwl.org*

Thanks to All Who Attended the FCWL Judicial Reception



From the Newsroom

Selected Articles

- “Could Structural Changes to Law Firms Crack the ‘Glass Ceiling for Women?’” from law.com

<http://www.law.com/jsp/law/careercenter/lawArticleCareerCenter.jsp?id=1202430359631>

- “Ginsburg: Court needs another woman” from USA Today

http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/judicial/2009-05-05-ruthginsburg_N.htm?loc=interstitialskip

- “What Gender Gap? Many Women Lawyers w/ Kids Do as Well as Men, Researcher Says” from ABA Journal

http://www.abajournal.com/news/many_women_lawyers_with_kids_do_as_well_as_the_men_researcher_says/

- “The End of Sisterhood” from AmLaw Daily

<http://amlawdaily.typepad.com/amlawdaily/2009/04/the-end-of-sisterhood.html>

NWPC-CA recognizes Women of Achievement, including Fresno's own Patsy Montgomery!

The NWPC-CA is recognizing six "Woman of Achievement" at their fundraising event on Sunday, June 7th from 1-4 p.m, including Fresno's own Patsy Montgomery.

The event is being held in Calabasas at a luxurious private home in a gated community...details are below and included on the attached invitation. I hope you can join us as we celebrate NWPC's Women of Achievement.

DETAILS:

Women of Achievement Lunch
Private home of Judge Dana Senit Henry (ret.)
5529 Wellesley Dr.
Sunday, June 7
1:00-4:00 p.m.

RSVP and Carpool Info:

Contact Debilyn Molineaux at molineaux@Qecoaching.com or 559-213-8463

Invitation to Nominate

Judicial Council of America Service Awards

Jurist of the Year—honoring members of the judiciary

Judicial Administration Award—honoring individuals in judicial administration

Bernard E. Witkin Amicus Curiae Award—honoring individuals other than members of the judiciary for outstanding contributions to the courts of California

Please send nominations to Mia at mia@fcwl.org