

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Women Lawyers Association of San Luis Obispo County successfully completed its twenty-ninth year of operation, continuing to promote the advancement of women in the legal profession and in the community. The following summarizes this year's highlights.

Membership. WLA members numbered 64 for 2009. Membership is open to both men and women. This year our membership included six male lawyers, or nearly ten percent of our membership.

Appointment of WLA Member Linda Hurst as a Superior Court Judge. The Honorable Linda Hurst was sworn in as a Superior Court Judge, joining fourteen new colleagues on the bench. Judge Hurst has provided many years of service to WLA as the Team Captain for the group's participation in the American Heart Association's Heart Walk. Her leadership will be missed and is gratefully acknowledged.

Meetings. WLA offered an array of interesting and informative MCLE opportunities at its meetings this year. Speakers included: Executive Director Marianne Kennedy and Attorney Helen Silva of the Women's Shelter Program; Judge Dodie Harman discussing her assignment to the civil calendar; City Councilmember Jan Howell Marx, discussing her early career Supreme Court advocacy; Wellness Trainer Jean Steel on achieving life balance in the practice of law; Joyce Aldrich discussing the client resources of the Workforce Investment Board; Judge Rogelio Flores sharing his experiences in the development of drug courts in California and internationally; Janet Jeffry of Hospice Partners presenting end of life legal and compliance issues.

WLA monthly meetings are held from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Attendance is open to both members and non-members, with a reduced fee for members. Fees collected for MCLE credit are allocated to scholarship awards for law school students.

Scholarship Awards. Each year WLA awards scholarships to law school students who

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demonstrate a connection to San Luis Obispo County and to women's issues. This year the WLA Board selected three recipients, who each received a \$700 scholarship award.

Lauren Alburn graduated from Cal Poly in 2006 and has been employed locally by the law offices of Maria and Allen Hutkin. She entered Santa Barbara College of Law in 2009. Julie Picquet is a 2007 graduate of UC Berkeley, and started her first year as a law student at the University of Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of the Honorable Roget Picquet. Sunny Stevenson is a 2004 Cal Poly graduate and native of SLO County. She is in her second year at McGeorge School of Law.

San Luis Obispo County Mock Trial Competition. WLA has been a strong supporter of the Mock Trial program since its inception. In 2009, WLA contributed \$1,000 to the Mock Trial Committee to assist with local and travel expenses for the competition.

Judicial Reception. Each year WLA hosts a reception to honor and acknowledge the judges who serve our community. The 2009 reception was held in October at Café Roma, and was attended by nine judicial officers and thirty-four attorneys. The reception provides a relaxed atmosphere to facilitate collegiality between the bench and bar. The event is open to all attorneys, with a reduced fee for WLA members.

Heart Walk. This year the Women Lawyers Association Heart Walk team raised almost \$1000 for this great cause.

WLA Website. Please visit www.wlaslo.org to learn more about WLA and upcoming events.

Treasurer's Report. WLA contributes all of the income generated from MCLE programs to scholarships for law school students. In addition, WLA allocates a portion of its annual membership dues to scholarship awards and to the SLO County Mock Trial Competition. The Treasurer's Report for 2009 follows.

Women Lawyer's Association of San Luis Obispo 2009 Treasurer's Report - Summary

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Balance as of 1/1/09	\$ 2,243.78
Total 2009 Income	\$ 4,894.25
Total 2009 Expenses	<u>\$ 4,579.79</u>

Account Balance as of 12/31/09	\$ 2,558.24
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Income Summary

Annual Dues	\$ 2,560.00
MCLE Fees	\$ 1,630.00
Programs (monthly)	\$ 154.25
Scholarship donations	<u>\$ 550.00</u>

Total Income	\$ 4,894.25
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Expense Summary

CWL dues and expenses	\$ 485.00	(California Women Lawyers)
MCLE provider renewal fee	\$ 300.00	
Mock Trial Competition	\$ 1,000.00	
Operating Expenses	\$ 694.79	
Scholarship Awards	<u>\$ 2,100.00</u>	

Total Expenses	\$ 4,579.79
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