

THE WOMEN'S LAW CENTER

OF MARYLAND, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2010

5:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour

6:30 p.m. Three-Course Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Honoring 2010 Award Recipients:

DELEGATE KATHLEEN DUMAIS

Maryland House of Delegates

JUDGE AUDREY J. S. CARRION

Circuit Court for Baltimore City

SHARON E. GOLDSMITH

Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland, Inc.

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THE WOMEN'S LAW CENTER OF MARYLAND, INC.

As the leading advocate for the protection and expansion of legal rights for women and children in Maryland, the Women's Law Center of Maryland improves lives by providing free legal representation, advice and information to individuals in need and by promoting collective change through advocacy, judicial selection interviews, research and policy analysis. Founded in 1971 as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit membership organization, the Women's Law Center has remained true to its original mission to promote justice and fairness for women while continually evolving its strategies to reflect the issues women face. The Women's Law Center is the only organization in Maryland that provides a wide range of direct services to champion the legal rights of individual women and their children.

ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS CEREMONY

At its Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony, the Women's Law Center celebrates distinguished Marylanders who have made dedicated and enterprising contributions to protect and promote justice and fairness for women. The Women's Law Center's Board selects candidates based on research and its extensive knowledge of the Maryland legal community. The Women's Law Center presents the following three awards at its Annual Meeting to honor outstanding leaders in the community:

DOROTHY BEATTY AWARD

The Dorothy Beatty Memorial Award honors an individual who has made significant contributions to the advancement of women's rights. The award was named in memory of Dorothy Beatty in 1986, one of the first members of the Women's Law Center and a Board member for many years.

ROSALYN B. BELL AWARD

The Rosalyn B. Bell Award recognizes outstanding achievement in family law. The Honorable Rosalyn B. Bell, Maryland Court of Special Appeals, Retired, was the first recipient of the award which was named in her honor in 1993.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD

The Access to Justice Award recognizes an individual who has made significant improvements in access to legal information and services for low-income Marylanders.

DELEGATE KATHLEEN DUMAIS

DOROTHY BEATTY AWARD

Serving her second term in the Maryland General Assembly as a delegate for District 15 in Montgomery County, Delegate Kathleen Dumais tenaciously champions issues impacting the rights of women and the underserved. Recent successes include the passage of revised child support guidelines, funding for civil legal services for Maryland's poor and many bills improving protection for victims of domestic violence. Well-versed in family law and domestic violence issues, she advocates with grace and civility in the often heavily divided Judiciary Committee on which she serves.

Delegate Dumais brings first-hand family law experience to the legislature. As Principal at Paley Rothman, she specializes in all aspects of family and domestic relations law. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and often serves as a court-appointed "best interest attorney" for children in custody disputes. She has been named one of *The Daily Record* Maryland's Top 100 Women (2005, 2007 and 2009) and is now a member of the *Daily Record's* "Circle of Excellence." Delegate Dumais received the 2005 Legislative Award from the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, the 2007 Public Policy Award from the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and the 2008 Legislative Policy Award from the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women. She was awarded the prestigious Beverly A. Groner Award for 2010 from the Maryland State Bar Association Family and Juvenile Law Section Council. A former high school teacher, she continues to work with young adults through the High School Mock Trial program.

Delegate Dumais' steady, focused approach and adept leadership have resulted in significant protections of women's legal rights. Her efforts have made and will continue to make a remarkable and lasting impact on women in Maryland.

JUDGE AUDREY J. S. CARRION

ROSALYN B. BELL AWARD

A highly-respected and active member of Maryland's legal community, Judge Audrey J. S. Carrion has made significant contributions to improve the court system for the benefit of families and minorities. She first served as an Associate Judge on the District Court of Maryland. In 1999 she became Associate Judge on the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, a position she still holds. She was Judge in Charge of the Family Division – Domestic for six years and recently stepped down from that position. During her tenure as Judge in Charge she was dedicated to facilitating the professional and effective administration of justice and insuring access to resources that would lead to positive outcomes for children and families. She created a special committee to focus on issues affecting female juveniles. Judge Carrion chairs the Committee on Court Interpretation and Translation Services and was a member of the Maryland Circuit Judges Association's Executive Committee (2002-06).

Judge Carrion's involvement with the Maryland State Bar Association includes participation on the Hispanic-Latino Special Committee, the Leadership Academy Committee (1995-2004), and the Anti-Discrimination Committee (2002-04). She has held several leadership positions with the Baltimore City Bar Association, the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association and the Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland. She volunteered with the East Baltimore Latino Organization and served on the Mayor's Committee on Hispanic Affairs. She sits on the Board of the Caroline Center and the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services. She has been honored with numerous awards including the University of Baltimore, Women's Bar Association 2008 Excellence in Leadership Award; *The Daily Record* Maryland's Top 100 Women (2000 & 2003), the University of Baltimore School of Law Alumna of the Year Award, the Bar Association for Baltimore City Presidential Award, and the Bar Association of Baltimore City, Young Lawyers Division's Award of Achievement.

SHARON GOLDSMITH

ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD

Founding Executive Director of the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland, Inc. (PBRC), Sharon E. Goldsmith has dedicated the majority of her career to promoting equal access to justice by developing and facilitating organized pro bono services. Her hands-on approach and knowledge of all aspects of pro bono service have helped her to gain extensive recognition as a leader in her field. Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, PBRC is one of a few statewide support centers for pro bono legal services in the United States. Under Ms. Goldsmith's skillful and energetic leadership, PBRC coordinates and supports volunteer civil legal services, provides resources and support for legal advocates for the poor, and promotes cooperation within the legal community.

Prior to joining the PBRC, Ms. Goldsmith was a litigation attorney for the law firm of Whiteford, Taylor & Preston. She was honored with the Weinberg Aim for Excellence Award, the Leadership In Law Award, and named as one of the Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record*. She serves as the ABA Co-Chair of the National Pro Bono Celebration Week Committee, and is a member of and is a member of the ABA's Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, the Maryland Access to Justice Commission, and the MSBA's Section Council on Delivery of Legal Services. Her public service activities include: co-founding the Jewish Legal Services Clinic, serving on the Board of Jewish Family Services, and serving as a founding Board Member of the Maryland Immigrants Rights Coalition.

ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS CEREMONY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Presenting Sponsor: \$5,000

Tax-deductible amount: \$3,450

Includes exclusive listing as presenting sponsor in all event related materials; one 10-person table with VIP seating at the event; display table during cocktail hour; name displayed on table; a full-page advertisement on the inside cover of the evening's program; the option to be profiled in the WLC newsletter (this benefit can be substituted for a business card-sized advertisement in the WLC newsletter); a link to company website on WLC website for one year; company name appears as a sponsor at all WLC fundraising events until June 2010; sponsor recognition in the evening's program; and recognition in the Annual Report, Facebook page, and e-newsletter.

Gold Sponsor: \$2,500

Tax-deductible amount: \$1,200

Includes one 10-person table with VIP seating at the event; name displayed on table; business card-sized advertisement in WLC newsletter; one half-page ad in the event program; sponsor recognition in all event related materials; sponsor recognition in the evening's program; and recognition in the Annual Report, Facebook page and e-newsletter.

Silver Sponsor: \$1,500

Tax-deductible amount: \$900

Includes one 10-person table with VIP seating at the event; name or logo displayed on table; sponsor recognition in all event related materials; sponsor recognition in the evening's program; and recognition in the Annual Report, Facebook page and e-newsletter.

Table Sponsor: \$800

Tax-deductible amount: \$200

Includes one 10-person table at the event; name displayed on table; special recognition as a table sponsor in the evening's program; and recognition in the Annual Report and e-newsletter.

Event Program Advertisements

Advertisements should be sent as a JPEG or GIF file in the dimensions listed below. Deadline for advertisements is October 13, 2010.

Advertisements are available at the following rates:

- Full-page (8" x 5") \$750
- Half-page (3 7/8" x 5") \$500
- Quarter-page (3 7/8" x 2 1/2") \$300

In addition to inclusion in the evening's program, your support will be recognized in our Annual Report, and e-newsletter.

Premiere Vendor: \$500

Includes display table during cocktail hour; quarter-page advertisement in the event program; recognition in Annual Report, Facebook page and e-newsletter; and one ticket to the event.

Cocktail Hour Vendor: \$200

Includes display table during cocktail hour, recognition in event program, Annual Report, Facebook page and e-newsletter; and one vendor meal.

For more information, please contact Valerie Rupp at 410-321-8761 or vrupp@wlcmd.org.

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RESPONSE FORM

Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Yes! I will support the Women's Law Center of Maryland's 2010 Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony as an event sponsor:

Presenting Sponsor (\$5,000) Gold Sponsor (\$2,500) Silver Sponsor (\$1,500)

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I would like to support the event as a:

Table Sponsor (\$800) Premiere Vendor (\$500) Vendor (\$200)

I would like to purchase an advertisement in the event program:

Full page (\$750) Half-page (\$500) Quarter-page (\$300)

I will purchase _____ ticket/s to the event as a member (\$80) non-member (\$90).

I can't attend but would like to contribute \$_____ to the WLC.

Payment Information:

Check enclosed (Please make all checks payable to The Women's Law Center of Maryland)

Send me an invoice

Charge my: VISA Mastercard

Card No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please return this form by mail to Women's Law Center of Maryland. 305 W. Chesapeake Ave, Suite 201, Towson, MD 21204 Attn: Annual Meeting; by fax at 410-321-0462; or send a PDF by email to vrupp@wlcmd.org

The Women's Law Center, Inc. is a charitable organization designated as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3). A copy of our financial statement is available upon request by contacting The Women's Law Center, Inc. Documents and information submitted under the State of Maryland Charitable Solicitations Act are available from the Office of the Secretary of State of Maryland, Annapolis, MD 21401 for the cost of copying and postage.

PAST ANNUAL MEETING AWARD RECIPIENTS

DOROTHY BEATTY MEMORIAL AWARD

1986	Constance Beims	1995	Honorable Barbara Kerr Howe
1987	Honorable Mary Ellen Rinehardt		Sayra Wells Meyerhoff
1988	Delegate Anne Perkins	1996	Jayne Miller
1989	Anne Gordon		Barbara Samuels
1990	Honorable Robert C. Murphy	1997	Senator Delores Kelley
	Roger Titus		Delegate Sharon Grosfeld
1991	Hon. Kathleen O'Ferrall Friedman		Delegate Sue Hecht
	Susan Hardwerger/Tannenbaum	1998	Honorable Ellen L. Hollander
	Ann Hoffman		Melanie C. Pereira
	Mardon Walker	1999	Kathleen F. Shemer
	Susan Leviton	2000	Honorable Sally Denison Adkins
	Ellen Luff	2001	Delegate Maggie L. McIntosh
	Bea Cowen	2002	Dean Karen H. Rothenberg
1992	Honorable Barbara Mikulski	2003	Lyn P. Meyerhoff Fund
1993	Judith Wolfer	2004	C. Christopher Brown
	Bebe Verdery	2005	Judith Vaughn Prather
1994	Honorable Deborah K. Chasanow	2006	Wendy L. Kahn, Esq.
1994	Honorable Diana G. Motz	2007	Susana SáCouto
	Honorable Irma S. Raker	2008	Honorable Charlotte Cooksey
	Honorable Lynne A. Battaglia	2009	Glendora Hughes

ROSALYN B. BELL AWARD

1993	Honorable Rosalyn B. Bell	2001	Honorable Martha F. Rasin
1994	Beverly Anne Groner	2002	Honorable Louise G. Scrivener
1995	Professor Jane C. Murphy	2003	Honorable Marcella A. Holland
	Professor Barbara Babb	2004	Debra Gardner
1996	Atty. General J. Joseph Curran, Jr.		Deborah Frase
	Delegate Kenneth Montague, Jr.	2005	Plaintiffs, Deane & Polyak v. Conaway
1997	Honorable Kathleen O'Ferrall Friedman	2006	Senator Sharon Grosfeld
1998	Honorable Mary Ellen Rinehardt	2007	Leslye E. Orloff
1999	Honorable Robert M. Bell	2008	Honorable Ann N. Sundt
2000	Honorable Albert Matricciani	2009	Lt. Governor Anthony Brown

ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARD

1997	Frank Broccolina	2006	Honorable J. Joseph Curran, Jr.
2000	Jane Wiley	2007	Patricia Chiriboga-Roby
2003	Maryann Z. Fiebach	2008	Susan Erlichman
2004	Honorable Dale R. Cathell	2009	Louise Carwell
2005	Rhonda Lipkin		