

9th Circuit Chief Judge Mary Schroeder Addresses “Women in Law” Symposium

On February 22, 2003, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Chief Judge Mary M. Schroeder presented the following closing remarks at the Arizona State University “Women in Law” Symposium, sponsored by the Women Law Students Association (WLSA):

I want to congratulate you on the sheer ambitiousness of this program. I am a veteran of conference planning, and I know that a program like this from its very foundation is a logistical nightmare, i.e., it is a feat to get speakers here on time, in the right rooms, and with adequate information about where to park. You did that beautifully. Substantively, this program went to the cutting edge of many different areas affecting our lives as women, as citizens and as communicators. Perhaps most important, you managed to include a major dose of thoughtful discussion not only about how things are, but how they ought to be for the future, given technological innovation that is hard for any of us to keep up with.

I fully realize I was asked to appear at the very foot of this program in the hopes that my not yet completely grey head might persuade a few people to stick around long enough to hear what everybody else had to say. I thought in closing I would be brief, and simply, and modestly sum up, in four short paragraphs, everything that I have learned in the course of my professional life. (This is *not* a David Letterman list.)

First, people who wield political power, whether in 21st century Washington, D.C., or 18th century Paris, France, are generally interested in wielding more political power. They are not interested in using that power to meet basic human needs.

Second, women, because they traditionally have never wielded political power, developed enormous skills in family and community development and are generally more attuned to basic human needs. (Bear with me—this format is subject to a bit of oversimplification.)

Third, women in the legal profession have taken the lead in advancing the status of women in our country, but the history is too short. Women got the vote less than a century ago, and Title VII was passed less than forty years ago. Our attention understandably has been focused on our own advancement, but we now have to look beyond our own profession and our own country to the plight of the millions of women elsewhere in the world who may seek our help in overturning traditions of repressive violence against women. If you are to change the world, then you must organize. Beginning with your law school, the WLSA, to state and professional legal organizations, national professional organizations, international professional organizations and finally internal political organizations.

Fourth, once in those organizations, how do we make them and ourselves effective? By achieving our goals with help from others and in helping others to achieve their goals. In the legal profession we have institutionalized this kind of mentoring by a pattern of mutual assistance. Professors mentor law students; partners mentor associates; judge mentor law clerks; senior judges mentor junior judges; and of course, we experience all of this by mentoring and receiving mentoring from our own family.

And so I close with a little personal story about my past and about the future of Arizona:

In 1969, I left a good Justice Department job in Washington and came to Arizona because of my husband's career; I pounded the pavement. A lawyer, John Frank, had, unbeknownst to me, two months before I arrived, become determined that his firm should be the one to break the big-firm barrier against hiring women lawyers in Phoenix. He chose me to shatter that glass ceiling. (Fortunately, there weren't a lot of applicants.)

Fourteen years later, in 1983, I hired a young woman to work for me as a law clerk. She was a graduate of the University of Virginia Law School and Santa Clara University. I found she had an extraordinary combination of legal and people talents. After serving her clerkship with me, I encouraged her to work for John Frank. At Lewis & Roca, John enlisted all of his formidable powers of mentoring. Her name is Janet Napolitano and within ten years after I hired her, she was the U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, within fourteen years she was the Attorney General of Arizona and last month she and I were on the steps of the Arizona State Capitol for the administration of the oath as Governor. The picture of that event—a woman chief judge swearing in a woman as governor—is the symbol to me of what I hope will be the real impact of women in the legal profession. If women are to have a lasting effect on our law and government, then scenes like this will be repeated over and over and over again until finally, on the United States Capitol steps the oath of office is administered by a woman chief justice to a woman president. That is the vision I want to leave with you.

Five Nominees For Division 2

The Commission on Appellate Court Appointments has recommended five candidates to Governor Janet Napolitano for a vacancy on Division Two of the Arizona Court of Appeals. The new judge will replace Judge William Druke, who retired in February.

The nominees are: Peter J. Eckerstrom, 42, Democrat, a sole practitioner; **AWLA Member Jean K. Gage**, 44, Democrat, a partner at Moeller, Gage and Treadwell-Rubin; Elliot A. Glicksman, 48, Democrat, a partner at Strompoly, Stroud, Glicksman & Erickson; Stephen H. Leshner, 49, Republican, a partner at Leshner & Leshner; and Lawrence McDonough, 61, Republican, a partner with Kimble, Nelson, Audilett & McDonough.

Good Luck Jean!!

Commission on Minorities Recruiting Members

The Arizona Supreme Court is currently involved in the selection and appointment process for all commissions and committees. As a result, Gerald Richard, Commission Chair, is soliciting individuals who might be interested in being considered for appointment to the Commission on Minorities.

There are currently 14 members on the Commission. In past years the number of members has ranged from the current 14 to as high as 20 members. Generally, appointments are for 3-year terms.

The appointment process includes submitting an application for appointment to the Commission that is forwarded to the Chief Justice for his consideration. Decisions of the Chief Justice are announced in late June for terms beginning on July 1.

For more information, visit www.supreme.state.az.us/courtserv/ComMinorities/minorities.htm. For application information, please contact Ted Wilson at the Administrative Offices of the Courts, (602) 542-9363.

MAY LUNCHEON

- DATE:** MONDAY, MAY 19, 2003
- TIME:** 12:00 o'clock, Noon
- PLACE:** The Arizona Inn, 2200 East Elm Street (The Tucson Room)
- COST:** \$15 Members
\$20 Non-Members
\$8 Students
- RSVP:** Call **Pat Lewis** at 514-8440 no later than 4:00 p.m., **Thursday, May 15**, or e-mail by the same deadline to azawla@yahoo.com. Please indicate your menu choice:
- Grilled Atlantic Salmon Fillet, drizzled with Honey Mustard Sauce
- OR-**
- Grilled Portobello Mushroom, with Sun-dried Tomato and Basil Risotto, Grilled Sweet Onion and Summer Squash served on Red and Yellow Pepper Coulis
- SPEAKER:** KATE HILLER, FRIENDS OF THE DESERT

Kate Hiller is the Campaign Manager for Friends of the Sonoran Desert, a citizen group advocating for a Pima County Open Space Bond on the November 2003 ballot. Kate, a Prescott College graduate, has worked for the Primavera Foundation advocating for the homeless and for Access Tucson, a non-profit agency advocating free speech. The Friends are asking the Pima County Board of Supervisors to authorize a \$250 million bond measure for open space protection. Come learn about this initiative to conserve Tucson's vital resources.

Also on the agenda for the May luncheon is a brief presentation by the Women's Studies Advisory Council (WOSAC) regarding the Women's Plaza of Honor, which is scheduled to begin construction this Fall just West of Centennial Hall, between the Hall and the Arizona State Museum. The Plaza will be an ongoing celebration of historical and contemporary women who have touched our lives and whose leadership and spirit have helped shape Tucson and Arizona. The WOSAC is a member-based community organization that promotes and supports the students and faculty of the University of Arizona Women's Studies Department and its activities.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Luncheon costs have risen significantly since AWLA began meeting regularly at the Arizona Inn. Overall, our members have responded favorably to the higher quality of service and food the Arizona Inn provides. However, because of the increased luncheon costs, we must once again enforce our cancellation policy. All reservations must be made or cancelled no later than the Thursday prior to the luncheon. If you make a reservation and are unable to attend, AWLA is still billed for your meal and therefore expects payment for the cost of the luncheon if the reservation is not timely cancelled. If you must cancel at the last moment, please try to make arrangements for someone to take your seat to avoid being billed for the cost of the lunch. Thank you for your cooperation with this policy.

FREE Ethics Seminar

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May 16 2-4 p.m.

Downtown Library, Basement

Happy Hour to follow at El Charro

This CLE will present some fun and thorny ethical issues that practitioners in the public arena might encounter. Local practitioners will act out scenarios that illustrate the issues. A distinguished panel will start a discussion and hopefully we will end with some answers!

**RSVP (seminar and happy hour) to
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Letters to the Editor

To the Members of AWLA and LWA,

Thank you for the flowers you sent on the occasion of the wine and cheese garden party last month. It was our pleasure to have you in our home, and we would be happy to have you visit again. We had a wonderful time, and Barker raved about the intelligence and beauty of our members.

We have talked at length about the extraordinary contributions that women lawyers have made to the profession and to society as a whole. I am ever proud to be one of the mothers of both AWLA and LWA, and Barker is equally proud to have been one of the spouses (LWA, formerly Barrister's Biddies), who support us.

Sincerely,

Peggy & Barker Houghton

Thank You Peggy & Barker! Enjoy these scenes from this year's Wine & Cheese Reception.....



Ernest Calderón, Arizona State Bar President: The New Ethics



April's luncheon featured State Bar President and Asian Noodle Salad—both were delightful! Ernest Calderón is days away (53 to be exact) from handing over the helm to AWLA sustaining member Pamela Treadwell-Rubin. In his last days he took the time to travel from Phoenix and present vital information concerning proposed changes to the Ethics Rules. Much to his chagrin, it's still OK to use animal logos in lawyer advertising (one of Calderón's biggest pet peeves). The Beagle barks on! Members who attended the lunch received valuable ethics CLE credit. Changes to the Ethics rules can be viewed at the Arizona State Bar website: www.azbar.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

AWLA Member Diane Dear is also a member of the Arizona Friends of the U.S. Committee to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The group is new (about 3 months) but has been very active. The U.S. Committee of UNFPA was so impressed with their activities that they have agreed to allow the Arizona Friends group to host the "Family of Woman" exhibit in Arizona sometime in mid-August or September. It will travel to Tucson, Phoenix and Flagstaff. The exhibit is quite compelling and can be previewed at www.familyofwoman.org (note the address is woman, not women).

K-Lee Starland, a member of the Steering Committee coordinating the event, is looking for volunteers who would like to be involved with the "Family of Woman" exhibit in Tucson. There are wide range of opportunities for involvement, including helping coordinate the on-campus presentation of the exhibit to assisting with scheduling appearances by the Arizona Friends of the Committee to promote the exhibit.

If you are interested in learning more about the U.S. Committee for the UNFPA or the "Family of Woman" exhibit tour in Tucson, please contact K-Lee Starland at K-Lee@empoweringwomenintl.com.

GOING TO THE STATE BAR CONVENTION?

Don't miss these special events....

You are cordially invited to attend a special reception honoring AWLA past Presidents and members of the State Board of Directors and chapter Steering Committees. The reception will take place at the home of Leah Pallin Hill from 6:00-8:00 on **Thursday, June 12**, the evening before the Mary Anne Richey Scholarship Breakfast. To RSVP and get directions, please send a note to azawla@yahoo.com or call AWLA Executive Director Pat Lewis at 514-8440.



And don't forget to register for the annual Mary Anne Richey Scholarship Breakfast sponsored by AWLA. The Breakfast will be held **Friday, June 13**, at the Phoenician Resort, site of this year's Arizona State Bar Convention, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Charlene Thornton, attorney and head of the FBI for the Phoenix Division, will be the keynote speaker. Additionally, AWLA will present the Sarah Herring Sorin Award to a member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the advancement of women in the law.

Breakfast at the Phoenician will include: Sliced seasonal fruits and berries, honey poppyseed sour cream, country scrambled eggs, cheese blitz with fresh blackberry sauce, Phoenician bakeries, sweet butter & preserves, freshly brewed coffee and selected teas.

Registration and cost information is included in the State Bar Convention brochure or on the Arizona State Bar website at www.azbar.org. The cost is \$35, with proceeds benefitting the Mary Anne Richey Scholarship Fund. Credit cards and checks are accepted. Non-members are welcome.

You are encouraged to register **before May 30**. Limited registrations at the door will be accepted (checks or cash only) but are not encouraged. The final counts must be submitted to the Phoenician 72 hours prior to the event.

WOMEN ON THE MOVE . . .

If you didn't see it, jump on the internet or go to the library and read the *Arizona Daily Star's* article about AWLA member **Sandra Froman**. In the May 3 edition, the *Star* reports on Sandy's rise through the ranks of the National Rifle Association, for which she is slated to become National President in 2005. Sandy first got involved in the NRA following an attempted break-in at her L.A. home 20 years ago and was elected to the organization's board in 1991, after then-Arizona Attorney General and soon-to-be NRA President Bob Corbin saw her speak at a rally.

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May 15	Steering Committee Meeting at Gabroy, Rollman & Bossé, 3507 N. Campbell Ave., Suite 111 (Noon)
May 19	Luncheon at the Arizona Inn
June 12	Special Reception at the Home of Leah Pallin Hill, during the Arizona State Bar Convention (6:00 p.m.)
June 13	Mary Anne Richey Scholarship Breakfast, during the Arizona State Bar Convention at the Phoenician (7:30 a.m.)

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