

# Annual Report

## 2019-2020

### WLA hosted or participated in the following events:

**September 7, 2019** - Installation Dinner at the Sheldon with Keynote speaker, Judge Ann Covington, and President's Award recipient, Jessica Kennedy

**September 21, 2019** - WLA Board Retreat & Annual Planning Meeting

**October 4, 2019** - WLA sponsors LSEM Justice Speaks event

**October 21, 2019** - WLA Member-at-Large Alexis Williams speaks at Marian Middle School Leadership presentation

**November 7, 2019** - WLA sponsors and attends BAMSL's WILP's New Admittee Reception at MAC downtown

**December 7, 2019** - WLA Holiday Brunch at the Boathouse benefiting the Healing Action Network and St. Louis Crisis Nursery raises \$11,497.78

**December 14, 2019** - WLA sponsors 10 children in connection with BAMSL's Motion for Kids initiative

**February 25, 2020** - WLA hosts CLE with Judge Kris Kerr addressing the St. Louis County appointment of private counsel to public defender clients

**February 28, 2020** - Mentorship Luncheon

**March 30, 2020** - WLA attends Washington University's Women's Law Caucus event

**May 8, 2020** - Mentorship Luncheon

**June 24, 2020** - WLA virtual happy hour sponsored by WLA President-Elect Jen Matthew and Debbie Champion

**July 9, 2020** - WLA virtual yoga class sponsored by WLA President Lisa Reynolds with instructor Amy Friedrich

**July 11 + 18, 2020** - WLA sponsors and volunteers at the Promote the Vote absentee ballot application and notarization initiative in partnership with BAMSL's YLD

**July 2020** - WLA's Annual Board of Directors election





## Endorsements

### WLA proudly endorsed:

Micah Hall for Associate Circuit Judge, 22nd Judicial Circuit Court  
Amanda McNelley for Associate Circuit Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit Court  
Nicole Zellweger for Associate Circuit Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit Court  
Heather Cunningham for Associate Circuit Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit Court  
Jeff McPherson for Appellate Judge, Court of Appeals, Eastern District of Missouri  
Nicole Zellweger for Circuit Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit Court

## Gavels

### WLA congratulates the following newly-appointed members:

Heather Cunningham, Associate Circuit Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit Court  
Amanda McNelley, Associate Circuit Judge, 21st Judicial Circuit Court  
Catherine Ward Keefe, St. Louis County Family Court Commissioner

## Scholarship Recipients

Sydney Wilson, \$3,500  
Taylor Williams, \$3,500

## Mentorship Luncheons sponsored by Dowd Bennett

**July 2019** - Professor Carol Needham of Saint Louis University School of Law and Professor Kimberly Norwood of Washington University School of Law

**February 2020** - "The Path to Law Firm Partnership" with Jerina Phillips (Lewis Rice, LLC) and Nicci Warr (Stinson, LLP)

**May 2020** - "The Path to Law Firm Partnership" with Kaitlin Bridges (Gray, Ritter & Graham) and Amanda Murphy (Goldblatt Singer)

## Save the Date

Due to the pandemic, many of WLA's annual events and initiatives were postponed. Please save the date for the following events:

**August 13, 2020** - WLA Annual Meeting and President's Party, South Pavilion at Shaw Park

**August 27, 2020** - Mentorship Luncheon focused on "The Virtual Practice of Law"

**September 10, 2020** - "Mixology" Happy Hour, to be held via Zoom

**September 11, 2020** - Legislative Luncheon, to be held via Zoom

**September 24, 2020** - Installation Event, Enterprise Pavilion at Shaw Park

**Fall 2021** - Golf Tournament

WLA hopes to reschedule the following events:

Diversity, Inclusion, and Implicit Bias CLE Event with Alaris

Opera Theater Event

Headshot Event

Women's Month Event with MCBA

Portrait Project installations

### The WLA Board wishes to thank its departing Board Members for their service and dedication:

Hon. Ellen Dunne, Portia Britt, Valerie Craig, and Olenka George