

WOMEN LAWYERS OF UTAH NEWSLETTER

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October 2001 is WLU's 20th Anniversary

We're commemorating this event several ways:

New Web Site. We've launched our new web site at www.utahwomenlawyers.org. Please visit us there. Our new site contains many features that we hope will be of interest to our members, including:

- An ongoing calendar of WLU activities and events;
- News about WLU, women lawyers and other items of interest to our members;
- Career information, including a downloadable version of The Massachusetts Women's Bar Association's recent survey regarding part-time work;
- Job postings in Utah and throughout the United States. Would you like to teach legal writing in Seattle? Prosecute hackers in Washington D.C.? Check out our job postings to find out how;
- Membership information and a downloadable membership form; and
- Directions for how to join **WLUtalk**, an email discussion group for our members.

20 Questions for 20 Years. WLU is conducting an historic survey of women lawyers in Utah. We want to know who you are, what's important to you, and what you see in the future for yourself and the legal profession. The survey is short, fun and easy to take. You can participate in our survey by visiting our web site. If you don't have web access or just want to take a paper version of the survey, contact Mary Gordon at mgordon@mc2b.com or (801) 363-5678.

Anniversary Retreat. We're celebrating! On **October 12-13, 2001**, we will hold an anniversary celebration in conjunction with our annual fall retreat. The retreat will be held this year at Deer Valley. Save the date, and look for more details to come.

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Utah Women's Alliance for Building Community (Utah WABC)

Call for Nominations -DUE: June 1, 2001

In October 2001 the Utah Women's Alliance for Building Community (Utah WABC) will recognize individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to building community in Utah. The Utah WABC requests your help in finding several success stories it can share with others. Obtain nomination forms from:

Elizabeth Guss, VP of Recognition - UWABC, 1220 2nd Avenue,
Salt Lake City, UT 84103 Tele: (801) 521-0913.

WLU 2000-2001 Board

President: Mary C. Gordon
Treasurer: Julie K. Morriss
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Lauren R. Barros
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Nanci Snow Bockelie
Board Member:
Kathleen H. Switzer

WLU Board of Directors Election

Board members Julie K. Morriss and Kathleen H. Switzer have completed their 2-year terms on the Board, and Nanci Snow Bockelie has completed her term as ex-officio President. We thank them for their time, counsel and support of WLU. Wendy J. Lems and Lauren R. Barros will continue on the Board serving the second year of their term. Mary C. Gordon will serve as ex-officio President. The following candidates are seeking positions on WLU Board, to serve two-year terms beginning May 2001. Please vote for your candidate(s) of choice on the ballot included with this newsletter. Ballots are due May 1, 2001.

Cameron Denning

I hereby apply for a seat on the governing board of Women Lawyers of Utah. My reasons are numerous. First, I think WLU serves a number of incredibly important functions, including providing a vehicle for meeting other women who are lawyers, increasing the visibility of women lawyers, and addressing issues that are important to all, but are perceived as "women's issues" and therefore are not addressed by any other group.

Second, my professional experiences with lawyers who are women have been, in general, more positive than my experiences with lawyers who are men. Women lawyers tend to see cases as comprising problems to be solved, rather than territory to be "won." I really appreciate that. Of course, one of my most positive and rejuvenating professional experiences is WLU's fall retreat. It helps me remember why I do this crazy job!

Finally, I believe I have something to contribute, as a partner in a (very) small law firm, to the "voice" of WLU. I would like the opportunity to make that contribution.

Polly Samuels

I would like to provide some information about myself and how I could help the Women Lawyers of Utah as a member of the Board of Directors. Currently, I am a law clerk for Judge James Z. Davis on the Utah Court of Appeals. I began working for Judge Davis in June of 2000.

I am originally from New York City. I attended University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. After graduating from Penn, I worked in Japan teaching English to high school students and traveled throughout Asia. Upon my return, I went to Cornell Law School where I graduated in 1996. While at Cornell, I was lead articles editor of the Cornell International Law Journal and was involved with the Moot Court Board.

After graduating from law school, I worked for the Manhattan District Attorney's Office as an Assistant District Attorney. I was in the Trial Division where I prosecuted a range of crimes including domestic violence. In addition, I was a member of the Welfare Fraud Unit. I worked for the D. A.'s office until I moved to Utah last June. Currently, I am a mentor for the Utah Minority Law Bar Association. In my free time, I enjoy hiking, mountain biking and skiing.

I would like to see the WLU become an even greater tool for women lawyers to interact and support each other. I believe a mentoring program would be invaluable. I am very excited to belong to the Utah legal community and hope to contribute to make this community stronger for women lawyers.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application.

Christine T. Greenwood

I am an associate at Holme Roberts & Owen LLP, where I practice in the areas of commercial and securities litigation. I have been with Holme Roberts for about a year and a half. I graduated from the University of Utah College of Law in 1998, where I served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Law & Family Studies (previously the Journal of Contemporary Law). Following law school, I worked as a law clerk for Judge Monroe G. McKay of the Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

I currently serve as a volunteer guardian ad litem, and I am a member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater Salt Lake. To complement my work in these areas, I would like to serve on the Board of Women Lawyers of Utah. I am also interested in getting to know other women lawyers and learning about their experiences in different work settings.

WLU is Endorsing Denise Dragoo as President-Elect of the Utah State Bar.

Denise has provided the following statement to WLU members:

Denise Dragoo

Candidate for President-Elect

I am honored to receive the endorsement of Women Lawyers of Utah, Inc. ("WLU") for President-Elect of the Utah Bar. The choice of Bar leadership is particularly crucial to WLU in light of recent recommendations to remove WLU and other *ex officio* members from the Bar Commission. My opponent, John Adams, was a member of the Task Force on Bar Governance which made this recommendation to the Utah Supreme Court in February, 2000. The Court did not accept this recommendation, leaving the issue of *ex officio* participation to the discretion of the Commission and future Bar leadership. As President-Elect, I will work to assist WLU as follows:

1. WLU Participation on the Bar Commission.

Having initially advocated for WLU's *ex officio* status on the Bar Commission in 1992, I will continue to work to keep WLU "at the table." The Bar Commission must remain inclusive, welcoming the contributions of elected members, public members and *ex officio* members alike. WLU's participation has strengthened the Bar Commission by adding a diversity of viewpoints. WLU has also added depth to the Bar's leadership ranks — most recently, through Nanci Bocklie, now an elected Commissioner B and Kathleen Switzer, WLU's *ex officio* representative.

2. WLU Integration into Leadership Decisions.

Further, I will continue to implement a communications plan which integrates WLU and other Bar section and committee representatives into the process for setting the Commission's agenda for the next two years. This plan includes WLU and other Bar leaders in a retreat in the fall of the year to convey the Commission's objectives, annual calendar and long-range plan for Bar governance. These objectives will include a legislative agenda, supported by the Bar and Bar lobbyists during both interim and legislative sessions of the Utah State Legislature. This legislative initiative will include efforts to seek state funding for pro bono legal services.

3. Diversity in the Profession.

The Bar has been challenged by the Task Force on Racial and Ethnic Fairness to include Utah women of color in Bar activities and coordinate the efforts of Young Lawyers of Utah, Women Lawyers of Utah and the Utah Minority Bar Association to increase the number of minority lawyers participating in Bar activities. In this regard, I applaud the efforts of Lisa Michelle-Church and Mary Gordon to incorporate diversity issues into the CLE curriculum and the Bar's annual meeting in Sun Valley.

4. Pro Bono Legal Services.

WLU and the Bar must also collaborate to support pro bono legal services. Currently, the Disability Law Center, the Legal Aid Society and Utah Legal Services are developing a program to pair volunteer attorneys with pro bono needs. Pro bono providers need the cooperation of WLU and the Bar to implement this program.

In sum, I look forward to working with WLU on an active slate of legislative and program matters to incorporate WLU more fully into Bar governance. With this objective in mind, I would appreciate your vote for President-Elect. Please call or send me an e-mail if you would like to discuss these matters.

WLU Event Calendar

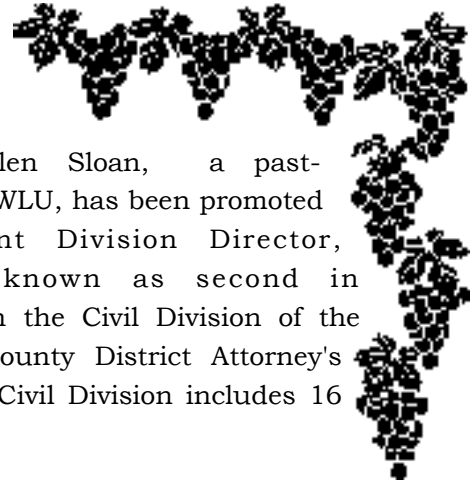


April 27, 2001 - WLU is co-sponsoring the Governor's Commission on Women and the Family Pay Equity Conference. Mary Woodhead, a WLU member and former board member, will present a session at this conference. Contact Nanci Snow Bockelie (536-5200) nsb@bockelie-law.com if you are interested in attending this conference.

May 3, 2001 - 6:00p.m. The ACLU is hosting a Bill of Rights dinner with Molly Ivins (the columnist/author from Texas) as the featured speaker. The Dinner is at the Hilton Hotel 255 So. W. Temple, on. Cost is \$75.00 per place, for more info., contact Cori Sutherland at 801-521-9862, x101 or csaclu@shire.net.

May 24, 2001 - noon - Annual WLU Members Meeting, Law and Justice Center

The Grapevine



Mary Ellen Sloan, a past-president of WLU, has been promoted to Assistant Division Director, otherwise known as second in command, in the Civil Division of the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office. The Civil Division includes 16 attorneys.



BALLOT

Please vote for up to two candidates of your choice. Candidates' statements can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. Ballots must be returned no later than





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Membership Application

Any person who is a graduate of or a student at an accredited law school or a member of the Utah State Bar is eligible for membership in WLU. At present, we have approximately 250 members. The benefits of membership include a quarterly newsletter, social gatherings and a vote on important issues. Mail this form and your check to:

WLU, PO Box 932, Salt Lake City, UT 84110

NAME: _____
TELEPHONE: (home or office): _____
MAILING ADDRESS (home or office): _____
Email Address: _____
LAW SCHOOL & YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____
UTAH STATE BAR NO.: _____
AREA(S) OF PRACTICE: _____

DUES SCHEDULE:
In practice < 3 years: \$30.00
In practice 3+ years: \$40.00
Law Students: \$15.00

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