

Women Lawyers of Utah

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Welcome Women Lawyers of Utah!

It is an exciting time for women in Utah's legal community. Women have risen to many of the most prestigious and influential positions in the legal community. A woman lawyer serves as President of the Utah State Bar. Many of the women sit on Utah's bench, including two Utah Supreme Court Justices. Women lawyers serve in the State legislature. More and more women are heading law firms and corporations throughout the state. For more than two decades, Women Lawyers of Utah ("WLU") has taken an active role in advancing women lawyers and to assist in making these landmark events happen. This year, WLU will continue with its most important mission: providing networking opportunities for women lawyers. Additionally, WLU will focus on providing resources that will help its members to advance to leadership positions in the legal community, and to advance in their own careers. WLU is planning a number of events that will promote these goals.

can network with each other and with members of Utah's bench. WLU plans to continue the Fireside tradition with Justice Durham offering remarks, and the presentation of the Woman Lawyer of the Year award.

Laurel Bellows, past Chair of the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession and recipient of the prestigious Margaret Brent Award.

WLU's continued success depends on the enthusiasm and involvement of its members. WLU's mission of providing a forum for networking, education and support can only be accomplished through the contributions so many of you have made, and continue to make. With your participation, this year can be an enormous success. I offer a heart felt welcome to all of the new members of the Bar and invite all of you to join us to make this year extraordinary.

In the **Spring of 2004**, WLU will hold its annual **Banter with the Bench**. This event provides women lawyers with the opportunity to lunch and interact with the distinguished women of Utah's bench.

In **April of 2004**, WLU will hold its **Annual Fireside with Justice Durham** where, again, women lawyers

Sincerely,
Jennifer Hyde,
2003-2004 President, WLU

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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 275 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): _____
Law Students: \$20.00

DUES SCHEDULE:

In practice < 3 years: \$35.00

In practice 3+ years: \$45.00

Law Students: \$20.00

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UTAH STATE BAR NO.: _____
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Details on the Retreat: Save the Date

The WLU retreat will be held on October 24-25, 2003 at the Chateaux at Silver Lake. The evening of the 24th will feature a dinner and the presentation of the Reva Beck Bosone scholarship to an outstanding woman law student. Laurel Bellows, former Chair of the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession and 2001 recipient of the Margaret Brent Award, will address issues facing women in the legal profession. The dinner will be followed by a networking reception. On the morning of the 25th, WLU will hold a breakfast meeting where a panel of women lawyers will discuss the importance and methods of balancing personal and professional lives. Debra Moore, President of the Utah State Bar will also speak about the importance of our involvement in the Bar, and ways of becoming more involved. The retreat has been enormously successful in the past and promises to be an exciting opportunity to learn about women in the profession, and to network with women lawyers in Utah. We hope to see you there.

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Upcoming Events

October 24-25, 2003 Annual Retreat
Reva Beck Bosone Award Dinner

December 2003 Holiday Party
Mentoring Social

Spring, 2004 Banter with the Bench
Take Your Daughter to Work Day

April, 2004 Annual WLU Fireside
Woman Lawyer of the Year Award Presentation

May, 2004 Annual Meeting
Election of Board Members

July, 2004 Utah State Bar Convention



2003 WLU Retreat Registration Form

Contact Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ E-mail: _____
Roommate: _____

Registration Fees*

WLU member, dbl occ _____ \$170.00
Non member, dbl occ _____ \$220.00
Single Room (add'l charge) _____ \$85.00

OR (These options are available without lodging)
October 24 Dinner Session _____ \$50.00
October 25 Breakfast Sesssion _____ \$25.00

Contribution to Scholarship (Optional) _____

WLU Membership Dues

- in practice less than 3 years _____ \$35.00
- in practice 3 or more years _____ \$45.00

Total Enclosed

Please return this registration form **no later than October 10, 2003** with a check payable to:

Women Lawyers of Utah

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Utah Woman Lawyer of the Year:

Women Lawyers of Utah has named **Louise T. Knauer** as the 2003 Christine M. Durham Woman Lawyer of the Year.

Ms. Knauer, who opened her own practice after leaving a large firm in 1987, has been a role model for many women in the practice as well as a pioneer in the area of family law.

Ms. Knauer was born in Pennsylvania, graduated from Smith College in 1964 (where she was the College's ping-pong Champion) and received her Masters degree from Boston University in 1967. Knauer graduated Order of the Coif from the University of Utah College of Law in 1983. She began her legal career at Watkiss and Campbell

and left to create her own solo practice, focusing on family law.

Prior to her career in law, she help found the Women's Studies Program at the University of Utah and was its first Director, from 1977-1980. According to Kathy Brooks, the retiring head of the Women's Resource Center at the University of Utah, Avomen's issues on this campus would not have gone forward without Louise's quiet, strong insistence.@

Ms. Knauer has taught at many universities including Boston University, Northeastern University, Suffolk University, and the University of Utah. She has served as a member of various Utah Bar Association committees, to others.@

As one of the people that nominated Knauer said, she is a "delightful, caring person who represents the things that Women Lawyers of Utah stands for: professionalism, collegiality and service to others.@

Grapevine

Kristen Brewer, Director of the Utah Office of the Guardian ad Litem was awarded the Child Advocate of the Year by The Voices for Utah Children for her work on behalf of children who have been neglected or abused.

Karie Minaga-Miya has become the new Director of Risk Management for IHC-Urban So. Region.

Denise A. Dragoo was elected to be an at-large member of the executive committee of the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation.

Please send your news and lifestyle changes, both professional and personal, to Julie Wray and/or Abbie Magrane, P. O. Box 45433, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0433.

YWCA Presents Award for Outstanding Women

On September 5, 2003, the YWCA of Salt Lake City presented the Outstanding Achievement Award to a prestigious group of women who have made significant contributions and have served as leaders and role models for women in our community. Prior recipients have included Utah female lawyers such as Chief Justice Christine M. Durham, Former Attorney General Jan Graham, and the Honorable Leslie Lewis. This years recipients were:

Health/Human Service - Rev. Gwyneth Mackenzie Murphy, an Episcopal priest and a graduate of Barnard College, Fordham Law School and Harvard Divinity School. She was the first person to teach feminist theology in Utah and currently is serving the All Saints Episcopal Church.

Government/Public Service - Gail Russell. For 14 years, Ms. Russell served as the executive director of the Indian Walk-In Center, which provides health services, emergency assistance and self-sufficiency case management for low-income Native American individuals and families in crises.

Business/Industry - Marilyn Tang, the founder and President of Certified Handling Systems. Referred to as the Agrand Dame of Women Business

Owners,@Ms. Tang is a well-respected member of the local Salt Lake business community, receiving numerous honors and accolades including Outstanding Utah Women of the 20th Century.

Community Activism/Leadership B Graciela Italliano-Thomas is currently serving as the chief executive officer of Centro de la Familia de Utah. She has developed programs that empower Latinas to improve their health, financial position, parenting skills, marriage relationships and life satisfaction.

Education B Jan Tyler is currently working for the Utah State Office of Education as an Evaluation and Assessment Specialist. Ms. Tyler has been active in the community and has served on numerous boards and committees with organizations dedicated to serving women and families.