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2008 Fall Retreat

Thanks to all who made this year's WLU fall retreat a success! Fifty- six women attended the retreat festivities and presentations at Deer Valley. At the Friday afternoon session, Beth Noymer-Levine of SmartMouth Communications gave a workshop on effective communication and presentation skills. That presentation was followed by a reception on the outside deck at The Lodges where we had the opportunity to mingle and perhaps get to know a few women lawyers we had not met before (thanks to the mixer, we all know some very interesting factoids about each other). The weather and view were amazing, and the music of Professor Threedy's band "Vapor Trails" was enjoyed by all. No complaints about the food or company at dinner, but there was some murmuring among the rest of us about the women from the U Law School walking away with all of the prize baskets from V Chocolates. On Saturday morning, Cindy Marteney of the Marteney Group conducted an interactive workshop on professional branding. Many women commented that the two workshops complemented each other and that we were lucky to be able to have both Beth and Cindy present at the retreat. Special thanks to the retreat planning committee for all of the time and energy they put in behind the scenes to make this event happen. See you at next year's fall retreat!

WLU Annual Mentoring Event

Women Lawyers of Utah partnered with the University of Utah Mentoring Project this year for our annual mentoring event on Tuesday, October 7, 2008, at Green Street. The event was a great mix of judges and attorneys, as well as students from the University of Utah and Brigham Young University Law Schools. Mentor/mentee matches were made prior to the event so people could use the event to get to know one another. Nate Alder, the president of the Utah State Bar, was there and thanked the organizers for hosting such a well-attended event.

Additional mentoring events will be held throughout the year by the University of Utah Mentoring Project and groups such as the Young Lawyers Division, Minority Bar, etc., to give mentors and mentees additional opportunities to meet and develop better relationships.

WLU thanks all those involved in making sure the event was a success, including the judges and attorneys who are devoting their time as mentors. Additionally, we would like to thank members of the Community Outreach Committee and the Career Advancement Committee, the University of Utah Mentoring Project, and the staff at Green Street.

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Mission Statement:

The mission of Women Lawyers of Utah is to provide opportunities for women lawyers to develop and advance their careers and to further the cause of women in Utah generally. The objectives of its mission are to educate and inform, to offer support, to encourage community affiliation for professional success, to seek greater responsiveness to women's needs from Utah's justice system and better living and working conditions for all Utah women.

DISCLAIMER:

This newsletter is meant to inform, educate, and support the women lawyers in Utah. Articles reflect the opinion of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinions or positions of WLU or its Board. We gladly accept submissions for publication about issues or events of interest to you. We will publish position pieces by candidates for bar positions who are fully paid members of WLU, but do not endorse any candidates for Bar positions or other public office. WLU reserves the right to refuse to publish any item for any reason.



GRAPEVINE

Peggy Hunt has been named to the Local Rules Committee for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of Utah.

Tammy Georgelas has left Snell and is now at Snow Christensen.

Dianna Gibson has left Parsons, Behle & Latimer to take a position as district counsel with ATK Aerospace Structures, a Parsons' client.

Kimberly Przybyla has left Stoel, Rives to take a position as General Counsel & VP of Strategic Business Affairs with OrangeSoda.

Catherine Blakespear and husband Jeremy are the proud parents of a baby boy. Katherine has left Ray Quinney & Nebeker to move to Southern California with her family.

If you have any news to share with WLU, and would like to have it included in the next edition of the newsletter, please forward it to Jennifer Brown at jbrown@chapman.com.

WLU & Salt Lake County Bar Association AG Debate

On Thursday October 30th, the Women Lawyers of Utah and the Salt Lake County Bar Association sponsored a debate between the candidates for Attorney General Mark Shurtleff and Jean Hill. Rod Decker served as the moderator for the debate, posing his own questions to the candidates as well as questions from the audience. The discussion was heated on many key issues including ethical concerns, liquor laws, and candidate experience. The event was very well attended by approximately one-hundred local attorneys. We appreciate all those involved, including the Salt Lake County Bar Association and the employees of the Marriott Hotel, who helped make the event a success.

WHY JOIN WLU?

As stated succinctly by the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations:

"To be successful, every attorney must build a network. Joining a women's bar can jumpstart this process. The opportunities for business referrals and access to resources for substantive legal and practical advice and possibilities for leadership and visibility in the profession are all present in women's bar associations."

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