



Announcements

Welcome to the March – April – May 2009 Editions of the Notitia!

The Notitia is one of the many tools the Women Lawyers Section of the Birmingham Bar Association uses to encourage the participation of women in the practice of law, to enhance the quality of life for women who have chosen law as a profession, to provide role models and mentors for women seeking to enter or grow in the profession, to provide an environment which fosters cooperation between and among women in the profession thereby enhancing the profession as a whole.

All members of the Birmingham Bar Association are invited to join our Section in 2009!

Membership runs from Dec. 1, 2008 - Nov. 30, 2009, but you can join at any time during the year. Here is a generic membership form: [BBA Membership Renewal.pdf](#) - You will need to put your name somewhere on the form and simply mark our section and return it to Beth Carmichael at the Birmingham Bar with your payment. You can also become a Sustaining Member of the Section by sending your additional \$30 contribution to Sidney Hoover c/o the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama, 500 Beacon Parkway West, Birmingham, AL 35209-3108. Sustaining Members are: Pam Blalock, Khristi Driver, Ashley Hattaway, Sidney Hoover, Carolyn Lam, Shirley McCarty and Teresa Minor.

Would you like to work with one of the committees or task forces in 2009 on a particular project or event? Reply to Pam Blalock if yes (pblalock@bcbsal.org).

Please submit your articles or photos or reminders for the June - July – August 2009 Editions of the Notitia to Rebecca Amthor (RAmthor@bcbsal.org) or Michelle Obradovic (michelle@wiseresolution.com).

Reminders for Section Activities and Events:

The **Leadership** of the Section meets monthly at the YWCA of Central Alabama, 309 North 23rd Street, Birmingham. Attendees who have ordered a lunch will be served at 11:30, with the meeting to begin thereafter. You may bring your own lunch if you like.

Food from the Bar 2009 **April 20 – May 15, 2009**

The Women Lawyers Section of the Birmingham Bar Association invites the legal community to join the effort of fighting hunger in the Greater Birmingham area. Many children in the Birmingham area face hunger when summer vacation begins. When schools close for the summer, thousands of children are not able to access school breakfast and lunch programs, a critical source of nutrition. With the economic recession, more local families are faced with the choice of paying the rent or buying food for their children. **Food from the Bar makes a difference.** 2009 marks the first year that the Women Lawyers Section of the Birmingham Bar Association and the legal community in concert with Magic City Harvest will participate in *Food from the Bar*, a program that has proven successful in other areas to replenish food bank supplies to meet families' increased need for food during the summer months. *Food from the Bar* is a three week effort among law firms and legal offices in which participants will contribute money, donate food and/or volunteer time at the Magic City Harvest Foodbank. We invite the legal community to mobilize as a whole to help alleviate hunger in Birmingham. Magic City Harvest Foodbank, along with the Women Lawyers Section of the Birmingham Bar Association, and numerous law firms invite you to join their attorneys and staff in supporting this novel and important community project. Food needed are non perishable items such as: Canned goods with protein (Peanut Butter, Canned Meat and Fish) Pasta and Rice Soups Canned Juice. It is very helpful to the foodbank to have several cans of one item. Be sure to check the expiration date of the donated food. **Monetary donations can be made to Magic City Harvest. The donations are tax deductible.** Collection Points: **Birmingham Bar Association; Bradley, Arant, Rose & White; Burr & Forman; Christian & Small; Johnson and Barton; Maynard, Cooper & Gale; Law Office of Gene Sellers.**

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Paving the Way Leadership Award

Presentation to Professor Pamela Bucy

April 23rd, 2009 at 5:30 PM

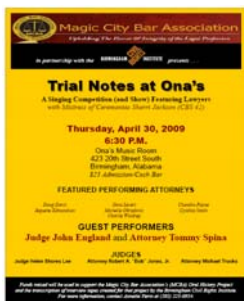
You are invited to attend the presentation of the **Nina Miglionico "Paving the Way" Leadership Award** honoring Pamela H. Bucy, the Bainbridge Professor of Law at the University of Alabama School of Law, and Of Counsel, Maynard, Cooper & Gayle PC, on Thursday, April 23, 2009, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at the Robert S. Vance Federal Building, Courtroom Two, 1800 Fifth Avenue North, Birmingham. The presentation will take place at 5:30 p.m. Rhonda has asked those who are attending to RSVP to her - rcaviedes@ba-boult.com or (205) 521-8683.

Reminders for Non - Section Activities and Events:

"Trial Notes at Ona's" 4/30/09

Brought to you by: The Magic City Bar Association in partnership with the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. This event is a fundraiser and proceeds will be used to support the Magic City Bar Association's (MCBA) Oral History Project.

Tickets are available and pre-purchase is suggested because the event takes place at a limited seating venue.



Thursday, **April 30** at 6:30 PM
A Singing Competition (and Show) Featuring Lawyers
Mistress of Ceremonies Sherri Jackson (CBS 42).
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Ona's Music Room, 423 20th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama. - \$25 Admission/Cash Bar.

FEATURED PERFORMERS:

Doug Davis, Jequette Edmundson, Chandra Payne, Cynthia Smith, Gina Levert, Michelle Obradovic, and Charlie Waldrep.

GUEST PERFORMERS: Judge John England and Attorney Tommy Spina

KEYBOARDS: Courtney French

JUDGES: Judge Helen Shores Lee, Attorney Robert A. "Bob" Jones, Jr., and Attorney Michael Trucks.

For more information, contact Hon. Annetta Verin at 205-223-0954 or Hon. Agnes Chapell at cachappell12852@aol.com.

LAW DAY

May 1

The Black Law Students Association of the Birmingham School of Law (BLSA), in conjunction with the Birmingham Bar Association Education Committee, will celebrate **Law Day**, May 1, 2009, by holding a Mock Trial event in the courtroom of Judge Jack Lowther with the students of two local schools – Holy Family Elementary and Center Street Middle School.

The particulars are listed below.

Event: ABA Annual Law Day – 2009

2009 Theme: A Legacy of Liberty – Celebrating Lincoln's Bicentennial

Trial: The Big Bad Wolf v. The Three Little Pigs

When: May 1, 2009

9:00am – Noon

Where: Jefferson County Courthouse – Downtown Birmingham - Judge Lowther's Court Room, 560

Confirmed: Shari Jackson - Guest Judge
Congressman Artur Davis – "Celebrity" Juror, Speaker
Judge Jack Lowther - "Celebrity" Juror
Mark White - "Celebrity" Juror, Speaker
Jack Neal - "Celebrity" Juror, Speaker

Schools: Holy Family Elementary and Center Street Middle School

For more information, please call Desiree Alexander, Law Day Sub-committee Chair, Community Education Committee of the Birmingham Bar Association and Faculty Advisor, Black Law Students Association, Birmingham School of Law, at (205) 835-3481 or at des@att.net.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Women's Build

The Women's Build Kick-off date is Sat., May 2.

This will be a house built entirely by women. Cynthia McGough is putting together a group to go for opening day - always the best because we build the frame! (Those working on opening day will also receive a t-shirt). Of course, if you cannot be there on that date, there will be other days. The build will continue for 8-10 weeks, Tues - Sat. I am sure I will go more than one time although probably not every Sat. And I may take a work day or two as well. Please let Cynthia know if you are interested. Of course, you may also recruit your girlfriends, sisters, daughters (age 14 and up) etc. The location of the build is in Wylam, easy to get to and parking is also plentiful. This is a new housing development being built consisting only of Habitat homes - Wylam Oakes. We started building there last fall. Please let me know if you can go or if you need more information. Of course, you may go on your own, but please feel free to contact me or Habitat for Humanity if you have any questions. No skills required - just a willing spirit! For more information, please call Cynthia at 716-2901. And my email is: cynthia_mcgough@alnp.uscourts.gov or go to www.birminghamhabitat.org.

First Light Women and Children's Shelter

2009 "Open Your Heart" Gala Update

The 11th Annual Open Your Heart Gala is scheduled for Saturday, **May 9th** at the Doubletree Hotel at 6:30PM. We will be honoring David Elliott as the honoree and Birmingham Southern Service Learning Students collectively as the Volunteers of the Year. Our auctioneer for the evening is Christie King with C. King Benefits. While there are a lot of changes this year, we will still have a lovely seated dinner with wine, a silent auction, and a live auction. The auctions will feature artwork by prominent local artists and also wonderful vacation packages and gift certificates including: 2 beach vacations, art by Frank Fleming, Stuart Frentz, Melissa Springer, First Light guests and former guests, Art Price, Mary Lynne Robbins, Susan Freeman, Amasa Smith, Steven Atha, Sally Wood Johnson, Darrell Ezekiel, Carol Misner, Paul Wilm, Ruth and Les Yarbrough, Meredith Keith, Maralyn Wilson, Debra Eubanks Riffe, Tres Taylor, Nall, Kim Graham, and many more, 2 footballs autographed by Nick Saban and TONS of gift certificates to local restaurants, salons and theatres. Pictures of some of the auction items may be found on our website- www.firstlightshelter.org. On the home page, scroll down to the "What's New" section and click on the first link. You won't want to miss it! Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased on the website at https://secure.digitalcommunity.com/english/firstlightshelter.org/give_hope/donate_now_secure.html. Table and event sponsorships are also available. Table sponsorship: \$2500 (10 tickets, reserved table) Event sponsorship: \$6000 (20 tickets, 2 reserved tables). Donations of auction items are still being accepted (and encouraged!), so if you have artwork or a good or service you are willing to donate for this auction, please let Shannon Horsley - 205-323-4277 know! We hope to see you there!

Regions Charity Classic **Birdies for Charity** I have a new piece of information about the 2009 Birdies for Charity- a direct link to a pledge form online specifically for First Light!

You can go to <https://events.r2it.com/birdies/r.aspx?site=RegionsCharityClassic&charity=FirstLight> and make your pledge to First Light.

The tournament is **May 13th-17th**, so we would love to have pledges in before May 13th! Remember, we will get EVERY CENT of what you pledge AND if we get the most pledges, we stand to receive bonus bucks up to \$10,000 from Regions Charity Classic! Tell everyone you know! Your donation can be as little as \$10, and First Light will get every bit of that donation!

Big Brothers Big Sisters will be holding their annual Night Run and Fun on **June 13th** at Veteran's Park in Hoover. This is a great event for a great cause. The brochure is included as a link below and please forward it to anyone you think might be interested. - Submitted by Tony Smith.

[Night Run 2009 Registration Card P2.pdf](#)

Volunteer Lawyer

The **Volunteer Lawyer Program (VLP)** through the Alabama State Bar and locally through the Birmingham Bar needs volunteer lawyers with many types of expertise, but especially for current needs in mortgage foreclosure, bankruptcy, and divorce cases. The VLP will try to provide CLE programs in areas of need when enough lawyers sign up to help with a particular need. You can sign up for the VLP by going to the Programs/Depts link at the State Bar website where you will find the VLP link. Here are two specific areas where help is desperately needed now: Uncontested Divorces - Birmingham Volunteers Lawyers/Young Lawyers Pro Bono Clinic. The Young Lawyers Section of the Birmingham Bar Association is conducting a pro bono legal clinic for low income clients who need assistance in uncontested divorces. Lawyers will be available from 3:00 - 5:00 pm on Thursday, **June 18**, 2009 to assist in drafting and filing divorce papers for individuals in Jefferson County. A free 2 hour CLE will be offered from 12:30 - 2:30 pm for any lawyer in need of training. The location of the training and clinic has not yet been finalized. The contact person for this event is Jessica Davis. You may reach Jessica via email Jessica.Davis@alacourt.gov. Mortgage Foreclosure. The Birmingham Volunteer Lawyers Project, Legal Services and the BBA have joined to form a Mortgage Foreclosure Panel, a group of attorneys who volunteer to assist in mortgage foreclosure/ejectment cases. The current economic climate has created a greater need than ever in this area. There are clients waiting for help! If you are interested, please call Kelli Mauro at 322-4551. Volunteer lawyer opportunities will be featured in upcoming issues of Notitia. If you know of such opportunities, please forward the information to michelle@wiseresolution.com or ramthor@bcbsal.org.

GREAT GREAT GREAT NEWS! Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb has been confirmed as our speaker for the **Voices Against Violence Reception**.....Save the Date: Thursday, **October 15th**, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. - More details to follow!

Articles

Public Service Award for Women Lawyers Section for Children's Library for Family Court Project

[WLS Kudos.pdf](#)

The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations (NCWBA) has recognized the Women Lawyer's Section for its project to provide a place to play and books to read for children waiting for parents, siblings and other family members at the Family Court of Jefferson County. Because the children often wait for quite some time for cases to be called, a group from the Women Lawyers Section saw the need to assist Family Court in providing a child friendly waiting area. In January 2008 representatives of the WLS met with Family Court administration and the Presiding Judge to propose the idea of a children's library area. The project was completed in January 2009. The WLS collected children's books from attorneys and law firms. Donations were encouraged through a book drive with drop off sites at many law firms in a variety of locations throughout the area. To determine the best place to provide the books to the children waiting, the WLS group working on the project discussed with Family Court considerations such building construction restrictions, child safety, and design. The books are now housed in a play area near the waiting room where children

have space to read and play but where adults accompanying them can hear cases being called on the docket. Crate-style storage cubes are used to shelve the books and can also be converted to seating. Children are allowed to take a book with them upon leaving Family Court. WLS members will monitor the Family Court reading area periodically and collect additional books every year and update the space as needed. In addition, the WLS is processing requests to provide similar library areas at other courthouses serving children and families, such as the Domestic Violence Court. Please let a member of the WLS Board know if you are interested in working on the extension of this project!

Women Lawyers Section on Facebook!

The Women Lawyers Section now has a group page on Facebook. To join, search for Women Lawyers Section of the Birmingham Bar Association and then click where it says "Join Group."

Section Members in the News:

The following current Section members were voted among the "**Top Lawyers**" in Birmingham and featured in the Birmingham Magazine in the March 2009 issue: Deborah Alley Smith, Augusta Dowd, Robin Burrell, Judith Crittenden, Candace Brannen Peoples, Patricia Clotfelter, Nancy Hughes, Anne W. Mitchell, E. Ashley Crawford, Anne Lamkin Durward, Dawn Stith Evans, Carol Ann Smith, Jackie H. Trimm. (If we omitted your name inadvertently, please let us know!)

WLS Board member Khristi Doss Driver was named one of Birmingham's "**Top 40 under 40**" by the Birmingham Business Journal.

Please congratulate WLS members Frances King Quick and Lois Woodward who were named among the 2009 "**Women of Distinction**" by the **Girl Scouts of North Alabama**. The Women of Distinction program pays tribute to women who have made special contributions to their community through civic, academic or professional involvement.

WLS Board Member Michelle Obradovic was featured recently in the **Birmingham News** ("Lawyer leads mediation project one relationship at a time", Feb. 10, 2009). As Director of the Jefferson County Mediation Project, Michelle spends more than 40 hours a week volunteering her services mediating and also training other attorneys in mediation. The Mediation Project provides attorney mediators at no charge to people who cannot afford to hire their own. It started out in district court with small claims cases, and several hundred attorneys have volunteered since then. Michelle is now piloting the program for criminal and civil cases in circuit court.

Voices Against Violence Giving Circle

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When women move forward, the entire community moves with them.

The **Voices Against Violence Giving Circle** is led by local female attorneys. In three years with the area attorneys' and their firms' generosity \$236,000 has been granted out to fund a systemic and coordinated effort among courts, law enforcement, and nonprofit organizations aimed at holding perpetrators accountable for abusing their intimate partners. In addition, the initiative is funding efforts to have workplaces institute domestic violence safety policies. At the conclusion of the 5-year campaign the Voices Against Violence Giving Circle (VAV) will have granted out least \$450,000 to build the system of coordinated efforts.

In three years, the Voices Against Violence initiative has built a system to address domestic violence in our community. With lead agency, Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence's technical assistance, Birmingham Municipal Court now has a dedicated docket for domestic violence cases. Services are now concentrated during the 2 ½ day docket: increased security to protect victims, a court advocate from the YWCA, funded by Voices Against Violence works with victims; Project SAFE is there to ensure perpetrators comply with court orders. Birmingham's police conduct raids ("Operation Hit back") in the middle of the night to serve outstanding warrants and they use digital cameras funded by VAV to collect forensic evidence. The City of Birmingham funded a special prosecutor position for the domestic violence docket—a huge endorsement of VAV's work. Alabama Civil Justice Foundation funded the YWCA to increase court advocacy services. The result: a substantial increase in prosecutions and convictions; VAV is the magnet that is attracting support, partnerships, and collaborations, including an additional \$105,000 in grant money.

The second major component funded primarily by VAV is the Jefferson County Family Violence Coordinated Community Response (CCR), an interagency collaboration developed to coordinate efforts in the community to address domestic violence. CCR's primary program objective is to establish effective, complementary policies dealing with victim safety and offender accountability in local courts and agencies. Through monthly meetings, CCR is also bringing together over 30 responders (entities mandated to address domestic violence as well as social service agencies that provide services to victims, perpetrators, or the community) to develop working relationships among previously "siloed" entities. The CCR is the centerpiece for VAV's system. VerizonWireless Foundation is now supplementing funding for the CCR. The result: Law enforcement, courts, and providers are working to coordinate efforts aimed at holding perpetrators accountable and protect victims. VAV's innovative solution to fragmented services is changing the way domestic violence is addressed in our community.

Third, the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence has made in-roads with 12 statewide corporations to implement domestic

violence safety policies, using VerizonWireless' publication Domestic Violence in the Workplace: A Guide for Employers as a prototype. A stronger emphasis on the workplace component made possible with the third year of funding will add to the number of corporations that have domestic violence safety policies and simultaneously involve men as part of the solution to reduce the rate of domestic violence incidences in our community. The Result: For the first time in Alabama, workplaces can directly contribute to the safety of domestic violence victims. A Human Resource Directors' Leadership group has self-organized to serve as a resource group to other Human Resource directors in implementing policies. VAV is giving people the tools to respond appropriately to domestic violence.

This initiative is ground breaking. It is linking unconnected efforts all trying to grapple with domestic violence. It is the first system-level initiative in our community that moves beyond sheltering victims as the means to combat intimate partner violence to working toward a coordinated effort that holds perpetrators accountable, involves men as part of the solution, and gives people the tools for an appropriate response to domestic violence.

Recipes

This edition is for parents with teens who enjoy (or might learn to enjoy) being a chef for a day! The cooking lessons are on youtube and are presented by Teen Chef Landon Bell by www.teensteachingteens.net.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrFv7Lrthx4>

Radical Bakers – potatoes – coconut oil – butter – green onion – sour cream - salt
Super Cool Salmon – fish - coconut oil – butter – fresh dill – fresh Italian parsley
Steamed Squash – yellows – zuchs - slivered almonds

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvVU7x_f1zE&feature=related

Bell's Trestles Carrot Cake – carrots – walnuts – eggs – flour – vanilla – molasses

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKXfXV_vGy4&feature=related

Maui Muffins – multi grain and seeds - blueberries

MAUI MUFFINS

2 C Organic Flour
1/2 C Rolled Oats
1/2 C Organic Corn Meal
1/3 C Millet
1/3 C Flax Seeds
1 1/2 tsp Baking Soda
1 tsp Baking Powder
1/2 tsp Sea Salt
1 C Organic Orange Juice
1/2 C Coconut Oil
2 Eggs, beaten
3/4 C Wholesome Sweeteners Blue Agave
1 1/2 C Blueberries



Preheat oven 350 degrees. Line muffin tin with cups or brush with oil to prevent sticking.

Whisk dry ingredients. In separate bowl mix wet ingredients. Make a well in dry and add the Agave mixture. Whisk until blended, stir in blueberries. Divide the batter among the 12 muffin tins,

Bake 30 minutes or until muffins spring back when pressed gently.



2 C Sugar
 1 1/4 C Coconut Oil
 4 Eggs
 2 tsp Vanilla

 2 1/4 C W Wheat Flour
 2 tsp Cinnamon
 1/4 tsp Nutmeg
 2 tsp Baking Soda
 2 tsp Baking Powder
 1/2 tsp salt

 3 C Grated Carrot
 1 C Chopped Walnuts
 8oz can crushed Pineapple
 (optional)

Blend dry ingredients, blend wet ingredients, then blend them together until smooth. Add carrots, walnuts and other fruit (optional). Pour into baking or muffin pan (oiled with coconut oil and flour). Bake at 350 for 40 minutes.

Continuing Legal Education

ABICLE - ALABAMA BAR INSTITUTE FOR CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

www.abicle.org

ALABAMA CENTER FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Contact Judy Keegan for more information at judy.keegan@alabar.org or www.alabamaadr.org

BASIC MEDIATION TRAINING (3-day, 20 hour CLE course with 3 hours of ethics) - TROY SMITH

(800) ADR-FIRM or www.mediationmedia.com or troysmith@mediationmedia.com

BIRMINGHAM BAR ASSOCIATION

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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL OF LAW CLEs:

Call 205-726-2391 to register by phone.

Online Courses available anytime:

<http://cumberland.fastclem.com/store/provider/provider.php?sessionid=983bb135734060c39caed71280f3ec19-3632852>

LORMAN CLEs:

www.lorman.com

Section Leadership

2009 Officers

Chair - Pam Blalock

Chair - Elect Rhonda Caviedes

Immediate Past Chair - Leatha Gilbert

Secretary - Crystal McMeekin

Treasurer - Sidney Hoover

Corresponding Secretary - Ashley Hattaway

Historian - Frances King Quick

NCWBA Representative - Pat Moore

Liaison with Alabama State Bar Women's Section - Sherrie L. Phillips

Executive Board

Board Term Expires in 2009

Deane Corliss, Gail Barber, Katy Willis, Candi Peeples, Sidney Hoover, Shirley McCarty

Board Term Expires in 2010

LaBella Alvis, Mary Lynn Bates, Honora Gathings, Alicia Haynes, Hon. Virginia Vinson

Board Term Expires in 2011

Teresa Minor, Hon. Theresa Pulliam, Monica Graveline, Brendette Brown Green, Sabrina Simon

2009 Committee Chair and Co-Chair Assignments:

Membership

(Assists in updating membership databases and organizes a project or event that will increase membership and improve retention.)

Tameka Wren, Chair

Susan Nettles, Co-Chair

Newsletter and Public Relations

(Publishes the Notitia in collaboration with other Committees and the BBA, liaison with the Birmingham Bar Journal, the Alabama Lawyer and local media outlets.)

Rebecca Amthor, Chair

Michelle Obradovic, Co-Chair

Social and Entertainment

(Plans Annual Meeting, another large event and several social gatherings.)

Janine Smith, Chair

Christi Graham, Co-Chair

Programs

(Plans a large program and special programs in addition to the Annual Meeting.)

April Rogers, Chair

Lindsay Reese, Co-Chair

Projects

(Identifies projects benefiting the YWCA and organizes events benefiting other non-profits and coordinates charitable donations.)

Shayana Boyd Davis, Chair

Desiree Alexander, Co-Chair

Service Award

(Coordinates Law School Scholarships.)

Marcie Braswell, Chair

Katie Suttle Weinert, Co-Chair

2009 Task Force Chair and Co-Chair Assignments:

Pinstripes and Pearls

(panel discussion)

Delores Owens,
Chair

Khristi Driver, Co-Chair

Leadership Development

(assist section members in becoming leaders)

Carolyn Lam,
Chair

Haley Andrews Cox, Co-Chair

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ListServ

The WLS has a Yahoo! listserv that is maintained by Candi Peeples. To join: (1) send an email to bba_women-subscribe@yahoo.com (That's bba "underscore" women "dash" subscribe @ yahoo.com); (2) when you receive an email back from Yahoo! asking you to confirm the fact that you want to be on the list serve, follow the directions in the email. To post messages to the Section, send an e-mail to bba_women@yahoo.com. Candi can be reached at 205-871-9550 or candi@shawanderson.com. Online help can be found at the following link: <http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/>

What are the options for reading group messages in email? For each group you belong to, you have the option to control both the frequency of email message delivery and the format of messages:

Frequency Options

- Individual Emails

Messages are delivered one at a time to your email inbox. This is the best option if you want to keep up on the latest posts immediately. Email attachments, if included in a message and allowed by your moderator, will be sent directly to you.

- Daily Digest

Messages are delivered in batches of 25 or daily, whichever comes sooner. This is the best option if you want to receive fewer mail messages and don't need up-to-the minute posts in your inbox. Email attachments are not available in digests.

- Only Special Announcements

This means you will receive email messages only when the group moderator posts a "Special Announcement" message. This is a good option if you want to pass on day-to-day discussion for very busy groups but do want to receive important updates from the group moderator. Keep in mind that usage by each moderator will vary. (The moderator may choose to never use this feature, in which case you would never receive email messages, or may choose to use it frequently.)

- No Mail / Web Only

The best option to choose if you prefer to only read messages on the web. Also useful if you need to temporarily put message delivery on hold, for example while you are on vacation. However, keep in mind that (while rare) some groups do not enable the "message archive" feature and for these groups it is not possible to read messages on the web. It is a moderator decision on whether to enable the message archive feature.

Format Options

- Full Featured

Includes links giving you instant access to all group features (photos, calendar, profiles, polls, files, etc.), the ability to see all messages to a topic, and a "recent activity module" providing information on new activity in the group over the last seven days. Definitely the best choice for groups that use more than just the message features or groups where you want to take advantage of the message archive.

- Traditional

Emails are delivered "as is", without the addition of any links back to the group, except in the footer of the email. The right choice if your email client does not effectively support the "Full Featured" format.

To set any of these options, go to the "Edit Membership" page of your group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GROUPNAME/join> (where "GROUPNAME" is the name of your group). Message frequency options for groups can also be changes from the "Edit My Groups" page:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/mygroups?o=2&edit=1> Additional help can be found at: <http://help.yahoo.com/help/us/groups/messages/messages-01.html>

Guidelines for posting messages

The Women Lawyers Section wants the list-serve to be an active tool, however it is recognized that too much irrelevant traffic will defeat the purpose of the list-serve. The following are some guidelines to use in posting messages. These guidelines are not intended to scare anyone from posting messages or other valuable information. Rather, experiences with other list-serves suggest that guidelines will keep our list-serve running smoothly and effectively.

The following types of messages are NOT appropriate.

- 1) Marketing by list members or others.
- 2) Political announcements or petitions.
- 3) Political solicitation, including campaign materials.
- 4) Any other message not directly related to or of particular interest to section members . This category includes jokes (even funny ones), warnings about internet scams and viruses and chain messages.
- 5) Any kind of inflammatory, discriminatory or personal attacks.

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines!