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Barbara Rom to Speak at March 30th Awards Reception



Barbara Rom

The WLAM Foundation is delighted to announce that noted attorney Barbara Rom will make keynote remarks at its 2006 Awards Reception, set for Thursday, March 30, 2006, at the St. John Conference Center in Plymouth, Michigan. Ms. Rom is a partner with Pepper Hamilton LLP, and is Partner-in-Charge of the firm's Detroit office. She

concentrates her practice in bankruptcy and commercial litigation, is a certified bankruptcy specialist, is named in The Best Lawyers in America, and serves in the prestigious American College of Bankruptcy. Ms. Rom is as accomplished in her civic service, having served as President of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association and the Women's Economic Club of Detroit. She is well-known as a dynamic speaker, making the Foundation's

Awards Reception an event to be firmly placed in your calendar.

The Awards Reception will take place in the beautiful atrium of the St. John's Conference Center, on the web at <http://www.stjohnsgolfconference.com/>. This venue, located at 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth, Michigan, is conveniently located near major freeways. It is well known for its excellent food and beautiful surroundings.



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The reception will take place on March 30th, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Admission for the Awards Reception is \$25, payable by check or credit card; reservations should be made by March 27, 2006. Please call Debbie at (734) 762-7260.

2007 Ford Mentium Awardee Sought by Foundation

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation is looking for a special woman - it's 2007 Ford Mentium Awardee. The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation administers funding of the annual Ford Mentium 100 Award, selecting an awardee who is a lawyer for a non-profit organization, with a minimum of six years of professional experience, demonstrated leadership capability, above-average performance, and proven commitment to her own growth. Ford's commitment to the education of women is demonstrated not only by this award, but also its generous support of the Foundation's annual awards to outstanding women law students. A total of \$19,000 was contributed by the Ford Fund and Ford Motor Company to WLAMF scholarships last year.

Last year's awardee (serving during 2006) was Mitzy Sharp Futro, Director of the Nonprofit Services Program for the Volunteer Accounting Service Team of Michigan (VAST-MI). Ms. Futro was the fourth recipient of the

Ford/WLAMF Mentium award. The year-long Mentium program includes six half-day business forums, numerous meetings between mentors and mentees, and creation of a peer network with over 100 professional women. Its value for women lawyers of high potential is clear.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone you know for the 2007 Ford/WLAMF Mentium Award, please mail or email a one-page letter of interest and resume to: Dawn Van Hoek, Chair, WLAMF, 3300 Penobscot, 645 Griswold, Detroit, MI 48230 or dawn@sado.org. Nominations are due no later than June 15, 2006.

If you have questions about the Mentium 100 program or the application process, please contact Kay Fitzpatrick at 248-320-2696.

Dean's List Fundraising Campaign Off to Strong Start for 2006

Each year, Michigan law firms, corporations, and individuals make a strong statement in support of women's education - they contribute to the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation's Dean's List Fundraising Campaign. Starting with "Honor Roll" contributions at the \$125 level, the Dean's List is topped with "Magna Cum Laude" corporate gifts by Ford Motor Fund (\$19,000) and General Motors (\$15,000). A five-year pledge of \$2,500 or more entitles the donor to a "named" award. For many years, the Howard & Howard Community Reinvestment Fund has supported such a named award at the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. So far this year, the Foundation has received contributions from both Ford and General Motors, marking a strong start toward annual fundraising goals.

WLAM Foundation Contributions

Do you know the power of a dollar contributed to the WLAM Foundation? Only pennies (generally, under 10% of money raised) go to administrative costs, and the rest goes directly into projects supporting women's education.

Contributions are made in several forms: fundraising events take place during the year, WLAM members exercise their "dues check-off" option, art prints are available any time, and firms and corporations take part in the annual Dean's List campaign. You can jump in right now through another popular option: use the contribution form in this newsletter to honor a special person or event. Whichever giving choice you make, we'll be sure to acknowledge your contribution here.

The Foundation Board thanks these generous donors who made recent tax-deductible contributions.

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Over \$50,000 will be awarded to twenty outstanding women law students in 2006, helping them to continue their legal educations, as well as their leadership activities. The students have demonstrated leadership abilities, particularly on women's and diversity issues. Awardees from prior years are profiled at www.wlamfoundation.org. The 2006 Awardees will be announced and celebrated at the Foundation's Awards Reception, set for March 30, 2006 (see separate item).

You can join the 2006 Dean's List by using an online form, www.wlamfoundation.org/deansform2006.pdf. Contributors should respond no later than March 17, 2006, to ensure inclusion in publicity for the Awards Reception.

Thanks for your support!

Contribution Form

Your contribution is a way to recognize and honor special people and events. If you wish publication of the reason for your contribution, please provide it here:

Contribution in honor of:

[please provide name or other details]

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Your name and address:

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Please send this form and your check to:
WLAM Foundation
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3300 Penobscot Building
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***Join the 2006 Dean's List
of Contributors
to the WLAM Foundation!***

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation supports women's education through a vigorous "Dean's List" Fundraising Campaign each year. Those individuals, law firms and corporations making a contribution to the Foundation's scholarship fund in an amount over \$125 are recognized annually at the Foundation's Awards Reception. That reception is set for Thursday, March 30, 2006 at the St. John's Conference Center, in Plymouth.

To join this distinguished group, donors may contribute any of the following amounts:

Contribution amount:

_____ \$2,500 and above*	Summa Cum Laude (4 admissions to reception)
_____ \$1,000 to \$2,499	Magna Cum Laude (3 admissions)
_____ \$ 750 to \$999	Cum Laude (2 admissions)
_____ \$ 125 to \$749	Good Citizenship (1 admission)

**A three-year commitment to an annual gift over \$2,500 entitles donors to the special naming of the award, in their honor.*

Your contribution to the WLAM Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is tax-deductible.

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Thank you for your generous support!