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## Rep. Barbara Byrum to Speak at March 29th Awards Reception

The WLAM Foundation is delighted to announce that newly-elected state Representative Barbara Byrum will make keynote remarks at its 2007 Awards Reception, set for Thursday, March 29, 2007, at the St. John Conference Center in Plymouth, Michigan. Rep. Byrum represents District 67 (Ingham County). And, she is a 2003 Awardee of the WLAM Foundation, an honor received while she attended Michigan State University College of Law. Recognized then for her leadership capabilities as a law student, Rep. Byrum lost little time demonstrating them in the political arena. Rep. Byrum also has an agribusiness degree and a business, Byrum Hardware, and many local community accomplishments. She will offer keynote remarks on leadership, drawing on her experiences.



Barbara Byrum

The Awards Reception will take place in the beautiful atrium of the St. John Conference Center, on the web at [www.stjohnsgolfconference.com](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. The reception will take place on March 29th, 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 26, 2007. Please call Debbie at (734) 762-7260.

## WLAM Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

### Alice M. Osburn



Alice was born and raised in the Detroit area. She graduated from St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. in 1970, and received her J.D. from Wayne State University in 1975. After clerking for Michigan Supreme Court Justice Charles Levin, she joined the G.M. Legal Staff in 1976. She practiced in the area of personnel and labor relations until becoming Vice President and

General Counsel of Saturn Corporation in 1996, a position that she holds today. In that position she is involved in legal and strategic issues covering a wide variety of subject areas, including marketing, product development and product safety, real estate, tax and human resources.

In the mid-1980s Alice served as Chair of the GM Women in Management Advisory Council, a forerunner of today's women's affinity group. She was involved in developing the initial GM policy statement prohibiting  
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### Ann L. Routt



Ann is the Deputy Director of Legal Services of South Central Michigan (LSSCM) in Ann Arbor, Michigan where she has practiced poverty law for over 21 years. LSSCM represents low-income persons in civil cases in 13 Michigan counties, in addition to operating two state-wide programs, Farmworker Legal Services and the

Michigan Poverty Law Program. Ann is a 1985 graduate of the Ohio State University College of Law, and received her B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1980.

Ann was first elected to the state WLAM board eight years ago, and served as its president in 2005-2006. She was a member of the board of the Washtenaw Region of WLAM and was its president in 1994-95. She is a member of the Washtenaw County ADR and PPO Protocol Committees, was past co-chair of the Race, Ethnic, Gender Bias Awareness Committee of the  
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sexual harassment, and has conducted many GM training sessions on that subject. She was a speaker at a national UAW-GM Diversity Conference.

Alice recently served a two-year term as President of Forgotten Harvest, a local food rescue organization. She continues on the Board of Directors.

Alice is married and has two daughters, one attending George Mason Law School and one at Stanford University. Her husband, Philip is an architect specializing in home renovation.

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member of the Fair Housing Center of Southeastern Michigan.

She and her husband, Mike Foley, have two daughters, Maura and Emma.

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## 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.

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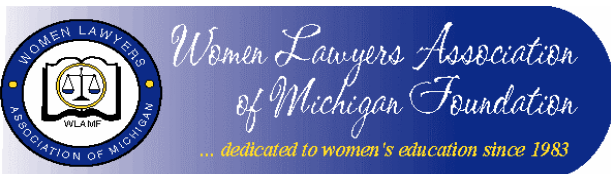
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The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation supports women's education through a vigorous "Dean's List" Fundraising Campaign each year. Those individuals, law firms and corporations making a contribution to the Foundation's scholarship fund in an amount over \$125 are recognized annually at the Foundation's Awards Reception. That reception is set for Thursday, March 29, 2007 at the St. John's Conference Center, in Plymouth.

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

Contributors should respond no later than March 26, 2007, to ensure inclusion in publicity for the Awards Reception. Checks should be payable to the "WLAM Foundation," and sent to Kimberly Cahill, WLAM Foundation, 24735 Van Dyke, Center Line, MI 48015.

***Thank you for your generous support!***