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WLAM Foundation Hosts March Reception Honoring Students and Donors

Attendees of the WLAM Foundation's 2008 Awards Reception gathered on March 18, 2008 at the St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth, enjoying an evening in the Center's lovely Atrium. Attendees celebrated the accomplishments of the 20 Outstanding Women Law Students who were announced and profiled on their accomplishments. Each student-awardee received between \$2,000 and \$3,750 in awards given in recognition of leadership, or commitment to women's or diversity issues. The awards included four for "Ford Scholars," \$3,750 awards underwritten by the Ford Motor Company Fund. Also awarded this year were five \$3,000 awards to "GM Scholars," outstanding women law students who have demonstrated leadership on diversity issues. And, the Dickinson Wright Women's Network Award was made to a student attending the University of Michigan Law School, the second year for this newly-created award. The remaining ten awards of \$2,500 each were given to WLAM Foundation Scholars.

The annual Awards Reception also provided an opportunity to recognize and thank the generous members of the "Dean's List," major donors to the Foundation's scholarship fund. The Reception was generously sponsored by Ford Motor Company, the Kelly Law Registry, and LexisNexis.

Attendees were entertained by choral selections from the ForumShoppers, a quartet led by the Hon. William Giovan, Wayne Circuit Judge. Business entrepreneur and Clark Hill partner Denise Ilitch provided inspiring remarks on leadership, speaking from her perspective as a businesswoman and community leader.

Photos from the Awards Reception, and profiles of the student-awardees, appear on the Foundation's web site, www.wlamfoundation.org.

Kimberly M. Cahill Fund Created by WLAM Foundation



The WLAM Foundation has established a special fund in memory of Kimberly M. Cahill, the Foundation's long-serving Treasurer and dear friend. Kim passed away on January 21, 2008, following a brief but courageous battle with cancer. A gifted leader, Kim served not only on the Foundation's Board, but also as State Bar President (2007) and President of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. Her sparkling wit, intelligence, and commitment inspired us all.

In Kim's honor, the Foundation will commit all Cahill Fund contributions to projects benefiting women leaders. In the discretion of the WLAM Foundation Board, awards will be made in two categories: (1) to elected presidents of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan and its Regional Chapters who attend the State Bar of Michigan's annual Bar Leadership Forum, and (2) outstanding women law students meeting the

Foundation's criteria for leadership. Through a partnership with the State Bar of Michigan inspired by Kim's example, a Leadership Roundtable will be underwritten by the WLAM Foundation to follow the Bar Leadership Forum.

Contributors to the Cahill Fund at the \$125 and above level each year will receive admission to and recognition at the Foundation's Annual Awards Reception. Held each spring to announce winners of the Foundation's annual scholarships, the Reception features keynote remarks on leadership, entertainment, and an opportunity to network with other donors and community leaders. More information is available at www.wlamfoundation.org.

Donations to the Cahill Fund may be payable to the "WLAM Foundation" and mailed to Dawn Van Hoek, 645 Griswold, 3300 Penobscot, Detroit, MI 48226; donations may also be charged to a credit card at <http://www.wlamfoundation.org/youcan.html>.

Ongoing Support for Women's Education

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation enjoys ongoing financial support from prominent Michigan law firms that recognize the importance of supporting tomorrow's leaders in the law. At the top of our Dean's List in terms of seniority (over 5 years of consecutive donations) are the following major donors:

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The 2008 Outstanding Women Law Student Awardees



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WLAMF Trustees Dolores Nunez Studier, Dawn Van Hoek, Alice McCann Osburn & Nancy Glen, with Ford & GM Awardees



Keynote Speaker Denise Ilitch & US District Judge Marianne Battani



The ForumShoppers

1st Annual Culinary Challenge to Benefit WLAM Foundation

The WLAM Foundation is one of three charities designated to receive proceeds from the 1st Annual Culinary Challenge, set for 6:00 p.m. on June 10, 2008, at the home of Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Elizabeth Gleicher and Mark Granzotto, in Pleasant Ridge. Other charities to benefit from the event are Alternatives for Girls and Crossroads for Youth. The event succeeds the Softball Challenge that pitted judges against lawyers in a benefit softball game, hosted by the Wayne Region of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan for twenty years. This year, women lawyers in the tri-county region (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties) will search out and crown an "Iron Chef" from among district, circuit, appellate and retired judges in the

tri-county area. Attendees will vote on the dishes prepared; light appetizers by district judges, heavy appetizers by circuit judges, and desserts by appellate and retired judges. A raffle during the event will add to what is expected to be a terrific evening.

Tickets to the event, which cost \$50 each, may be purchased by mail. Send a check payable to "WBA," addressed to Nicole E. Wilinski, Kelley Casey & Moyer PC, 19501 E. 8 Mile Rd., Saint Clair Shores, MI 48080. Sponsorship opportunities also are available, and organizers are looking for additional chef participants: forms are posted at www.wlamfoundation.org.

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.

Lori D. Becker
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