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Lori D. Becker Awarded 2007 Ford Mentium Scholarship



The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation is pleased to announce that Lori D. Becker will serve as the 2007 Ford Mentium 100 Awardee. Ms. Becker is the Managing Partner in a Novi law firm specializing in business law, contract negotiation, estate planning, real estate, family and criminal law. She teaches business law at Walsh College and Northwood University, and

completed her Master of Business Administration degree while also attending law school at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. Ms. Becker has worked for over eight years as an advocate with HAVEN, assisting domestic violence victims. Her goals as a Mentium participant are to develop leadership skills that support her collaborative approach to family law, particularly alternative dispute resolution as to divorce.

Ms. Becker receives a full scholarship from the Ford Motor Company Fund for her participation in Mentium 100, a nationally-recognized program that matches high potential women with more senior executive mentors from different backgrounds. Ms. Becker is the fifth recipient of the Ford/WLAMF Mentium award. The year-long 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 widely recognized.

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation administers funding of the annual Ford Mentium 100 Award, selecting an awardee who is a lawyer or volunteer 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.

WLAMF Trustees congratulate **Kimberly Cahill** at her swearing-in as 2006-07 President of the State Bar of Michigan. From left to right: Meghan Kennedy Riordan, Dawn Van Hoek, Z. Kay Fitzpatrick, Kimberly M. Cahill, Mary Barden, Valerie Newman, Nancy Glen.



Save the Date: Annual Awards Reception Set for March 29, 2007

Please save the evening of Thursday, March 29, 2006 for the Annual Awards Reception of the WLAM Foundation. This is our time to introduce the 2007 Outstanding Women Law Students, twenty women who will receive nearly \$50,000 in award money in 2007. And, the Reception is also the Foundation's time to recognize and thank the donors who make these awards possible. The setting for the 2007 WLAMF Awards Reception is the St. John's Conference Center, in Plymouth, Michigan, a lovely setting enjoyed by more than 100 attendees of the 2006 Reception.

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.

Honorary Gifts to the Foundation

In honor of **Kimberly Cahill**, on her elevation to President of the State Bar of Michigan, by **Paula M. Talarico, Sandra Sorini Elser, Dawn Van Hoek, and Z. Kay Fitzpatrick.**

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