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## **Kathleen Conklin Awarded 2005 Mentium Scholarship**

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation is pleased to announce that Kathleen Conklin will serve as the 2005 Ford Mentium 100 Awardee. Ms. Conklin is an attorney for the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, which she joined in 2002. Ms. Conklin coordinates the "Pro Bono Project" of the MCADSV, in a partnership with the State Bar of Michigan, and consults with private attorneys, pro-bono attorneys and legal advocates working with domestic and sexual violence survivors. She has over seventeen years of professional experience related to the area, including her work as the Supervising Attorney for the Domestic Violence Unit of Legal Services of South Central Michigan, and work with the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service in the HIV/AIDS Advocacy Project. Her background includes an additional eight years experience in civil practice with an emphasis on landlord-tenant, housing, family, criminal defense and administrative law.



*Kathleen Conklin, 2005  
WLAMF Ford Mentium  
Awardee*

Ms. Conklin 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. Conklin is the third 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 clear, according to the 2004 Ford/WLAMF Mentium Awardee, Kathleen Allen, a staff attorney for Western Michigan Legal Services in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She recently observed that: "The Mentium Scholarship was the greatest gift I ever received. Participation in the program helped increase my leadership skills and gave me the opportunity to grow professionally."

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 \$24,000 was contributed by the Ford Fund and Ford Motor Company to WLAMF scholarships last year.

## 2005 Awards for Outstanding Women Law Students

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of year-2005 awards to outstanding women law students, funded by generous contributions from individuals, law firms, and corporations. A total of \$40,500 will be awarded statewide to 15 outstanding women law students attending Michigan's five accredited law schools. The following awards will be made this year:

### Candidates for the awards must meet the following criteria:

- woman law student, enrolled full or part-time;
- good academic standing; and
- demonstrated leadership capabilities in one of the following: (1) potential for advancing the position of women in society; or (2) community service in such areas as family law, child advocacy, domestic violence or social justice.

### Application Process:

Each applicant for the WLAM Foundation Award must submit to her law school the following:

- an official copy of her law school transcript;
- a detailed letter of interest explaining how she meets award criteria;
- a resume; and
- letters of recommendation (up to three).

Each law school will collect applications, and rank candidates for final approval by the Foundation Board. Highest rankings will result in the highest monetary awards. Students may apply for all awards at their school, as the award criteria are the same. Prior awardees are ineligible. The following deadlines are observed each year:

- students must apply in writing to their law school no later than October 15th;
- the law school will forward to the Foundation Board recommended awardees, no later than November 15th;
- the WLAM Foundation Board will review nominations by December 15th; and
- awards will be made by January 15th and announced publicly in March.

### Awards on a school-by-school basis:

**University of Michigan Law School:** 1 Ford Motor Company Fund Scholar (\$4,000);  
2 WLAM Foundation Scholars (\$2,000 each).

**Wayne State University Law School:** 1 Ford Motor Company Fund Scholar (\$4,000);  
2 WLAM Foundation Scholars (\$2,000).

**Univ. of Detroit Mercy School of Law:** 1 Ford Motor Company Fund Scholar (\$4,000);  
1 Howard & Howard Scholar (\$2,500);  
1 WLAM Foundation Scholar (\$2,000).

**Thomas M. Cooley Law School:** 1 Ford Motor Company Fund Scholar (\$4,000);  
2 WLAM Foundation Scholars (\$2,000 each).

**Michigan State Univ. School of Law:** 1 Ford Motor Company Fund Scholar (\$4,000);  
2 WLAM Foundation Scholars (\$2,000 each).

Additional information about the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation, and law student awardees in prior years, is available at [www.wlamfoundation.org](http://www.wlamfoundation.org).

## Outstanding Support for Outstanding Women



*The WLAM Foundation's 2004 Outstanding Women Law Students*

The WLAM Foundation's Scholarship Program is supported by the following generous members of the year-2004 Dean's List:

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## A 2004 Outstanding Woman Law Student Thanks the Foundation

The WLAM Foundation recently heard from Donna Mallonee, one of the 2004 recipients of the Foundation's Outstanding Woman Law Student awards. We share a portion of her comments:

*Looking back on my law school career, this award and the award dinner were the very peak. To meet and be recognized by you was a wonderful and humbling experience. Thank you for your gifts of time, energy and support.*