

**Annual Report of the WLAM Foundation
May, 2002**

The WLAM Foundation completed another very successful year, building on its statewide reputation for supporting the education of women. In just the past few years, the Foundation has dramatically increased both the money raised and awarded through its scholarship program. This year, a major step forward was made possible by unprecedented corporate support, primarily from the Ford Motor Company Fund. As the Foundation plans for increased awards and more awardees in 2003, it is guided by the exceptional talent of its board, comprised in 2002 of Dawn Van Hoek (Chair), Kimberly M. Cahill (Treasurer), Sandra L. Sorini (Secretary), Mary Barden, Z. Kay Fitzpatrick, Deborah R. Garcia-Luna, Jennifer T. Gilhool, Nancy Glen, Michelle D. Johnson, Kathleen A. Lang, Loretta Lewins-Peck, Linda Fowler-Sims, and Paula Talarico.

Fundraising continued this year in the form of a WLAM membership "dues check-off" which gave WLAM members an option of adding a contribution. Dues check-offs and direct contributions raised over \$2,400 (through 3-31-02). In addition, the Foundation continued its theme of "Art for Attorneys" at an art exhibition and sale hosted by the Wayne State University Law School. With the generous help of the law school (especially Board member and Assistant Dean Linda Fowler-Sims), inspired leadership of Nancy Glen and participation of five artists (including WLAM members Stephanie Meisel, Barbara Wynder, and Lori Zurvalec, attorney Brian Zubel, and artist Kara Laramie), the Foundation raised nearly \$1,000 at the March 21st event. A portion of that amount, much appreciated, was contributed by the artists. Expenses of the reception were generously contributed by the Ford Motor Company and the Troy firm of Talarico and Associates. Nearly 100 attendees mingled with Dean's List Contributors, Student Awardees and Foundation Trustees at the reception. All ten of the law student/awardees attended and were profiled for the group, revealing accomplishments which were an inspiration to all.

The Foundation also continued its "Dean's List" campaign, designed to build on the commitment shown last year by the Ford Motor Company, the Howard & Howard Community Reinvestment Fund, and other firms. Intended to directly support scholarships, the campaign was joined by law firms and corporations contributing at various levels:

Gold Key (\$24,000)

Ford Motor Company Fund

Summa Cum Laude (\$2,500 or more)

General Motors Corporation Legal Department
Elizabeth Gleicher, Gleicher & Patek, PC
Howard & Howard Community Reinvestment Fund

Magna Cum Laude (\$1,000 to \$2,500)

Barris, Sott, Denn & Driker, PLLC
Bodman, Longley & Dahling, LLP
Butzel Long
Dickinson Wright, PLLC
Dykema Gossett, PLLC
Ford Motor Company
Schoenherr & Cahill, PC
Talarico & Associates, PC
The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan

Cum Laude (\$750 to \$999)
Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, PC
Masco Corporation
Meijer, Inc.

Good Citizenship (\$100 to \$749)
Adkinson, Need & Allen, PLLC
Linda Lou Bruin
Alfred & Tiffany Butzbaugh
Carole Chiamp
Thomas W. Cranmer
Julie I. Fershtman
C. Mark Hoover
Hon. Marilyn Jean Kelly
Claire E. Morrison
Sharon Noll Smith
Lorraine Weber

The WLAM Foundation also received generous support from the State Bar of Michigan, which continued to host the Foundation's web site, www.wlamfoundation.org. The site contains news, archives, photographs, profiles of student-awardees, and much more. Web page design and maintenance are ably handled by John Powell.

Additional support for the Foundation's work came from the statewide WLAM, as well, which contributed the proceeds from a special November, 2001 Dinner/Dance. The WLAM Foundation's support for its mother organization was reflected in financial sponsorship of the May 17-18, 2002 Women in the Law Conference held in Detroit.

Awards made to Outstanding Women Law Students this year totalled \$16,000, awarded to ten students. The year-2002 awardees are: Batol Makki (Howard and Howard Awardee at the University of Detroit Mercy), Joanne M. Bridgford (MSU/DCL), Abby Huntington Cooper (Wayne), Shanta Driver (Wayne), Viola King (Cooley), Sarah B. Mason (Cooley), Markeisha J. Miner (UM), Archana Pyati (UM), Kimberly Smith (UDM), and Jami Witbeck (MSU/DCL). Full profiles of the students appear on the Foundation's web site, www.wlamfoundation.org.

Many thanks to all for the support shown during the year!

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Van Hoek,
Chair, WLAM Foundation