

**Annual Report of the WLAM Foundation
May, 2010**

The WLAM Foundation enjoyed another very successful year of supporting women's education, raising over \$40,000 for scholarships. The success of the Foundation is largely based on the exceptional talent of its Board of Directors, comprised in 2009-10 of Dawn Van Hoek (Chair), Paula M. Talarico (Treasurer), Sandra L. Sorini (Secretary), Lori D. Becker, Z. Kay Fitzpatrick, Nancy Glen, Karen Maheu, Markeisha Miner, Alice McCann Osburn, and Meghan Kennedy Riordan.

Fundraising in 2009-10 took the forms of dues check-offs and direct donations from WLAM members (approx. \$1500), event sponsorship (\$1500), the Parisian Community Day event (\$400), the Second Annual Culinary Challenge (\$3300), the "Dean's List" giving campaign (approx. \$33,000), and the Kimberly M. Cahill Fund (\$1200). Major continuing support was shown by corporations and law firms, particularly General Motors, the Albert & Doris Pitt Foundation, the Dickinson Wright Women's Network, and Eisenberg & Associates, PC. As in prior years, a significant number of individuals also contributed to the campaign, joining the corporations and law firms in their generous support. The 2010 Dean's List of donors follows:

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♥ *Donations made to the Kim Cahill Scholarship Fund*

Virtually all of the money raised by the WLAM Foundation goes directly into law student scholarships or an educational endowment fund; less than ten percent of the money raised goes to administration, a very low percentage in the fund-raising world. The WLAM Foundation also received generous in-kind 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. Event support was handled with considerable aplomb by Debbie Behrmann, with the backing and in-kind contributions of the KRA Immigration Law Group and Kerr, Russell and Weber, PLC.

Awards made to Outstanding Women Law Students this year totaled \$25,000, awarded to ten students attending Michigan's five accredited law schools. The 2010 Outstanding Women Law Students are:

Dickinson Wright Women's Network Scholar:

Erin Kane Lane, Michigan State University College of Law

Cahill Fund Scholar:

Elizabeth Campbell, University of Michigan Law School

WLAM Foundation Scholars:

Ebonie L. Byndon-Fields, Michigan State University College of Law

Jessika Croizat, University of Michigan Law School

Jennifer Ann Dukarski, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

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Jennifer A. Pollock-Mason, Wayne State University Law School

Lakena T. Pruitt, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

Students were selected on the basis of their demonstrated leadership and on their commitment to women's and diversity issues. Full profiles of the students appear on the Foundation's web site, www.wlamfoundation.org. The 2010 Outstanding Women Law Students were introduced at the Foundation's Annual Reception, held on April 15, 2010 at the Detroit Golf Club. The elegant event was well-attended by students and their families, former awardees, dignitaries, members of the Dean's List, and friends of the Foundation. Attendees were inspired by remarks from Chief Justice Marilyn J. Kelly, Michigan Supreme Court, who received the Foundation's first Legacy Award. Generous sponsors of the reception included Bodman LLP, the Hohaus Law Firm, Kerr, Russell and Weber PLC, and Talarico & Associates. Entertainment was generously supplied by Noteworthy, a women's *a cappella* group featuring attorneys Tracy Allen and Deborah O'Brien.

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

Respectfully submitted,
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