

WLAM, Washtenaw Winter e-Focus Tailgate 2019

Elizabeth Jolliffe graciously hosted a tailgate on September 7, 2019 before the U of M v Army game. This annual joint event is sponsored by WLAM Washtenaw and the Washtenaw County Bar Association. This was a family friendly event, and everyone had a great time. Thank you, Elizabeth, for inviting us into your home every year! Pictured left to right top (1) Anna and Casey Frushour, (2) Laura Sagolla and Kate Sharkey. Left to right bottom: Elizabeth Jolliffe and Lori Buiteweg.





Purple Run 5K to Benefit Safe House

October was a busy month in Washtenaw County with WLAM Washtenaw sponsoring and participating in two events.

WLAM was one of the proud sponsors of the 5th Annual Purple Run, a 5K to benefit Safe House. In addition to participating in the 5K, WLAM Washtenaw members provided coffee and donuts to participants. Pictured top from left to right: Lillian Saba, Kristin Davis, Jinan Hamood, and Sandy Musser.

Pictured below: Nicolas Roumel.



28th Annual Bias Awareness and Inclusion Week Reception

On October 17, 2019, in celebration of the 28th Annual Bias Awareness and Inclusion Week, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Washtenaw Region, along with the Vanzetti M. Hamilton Bar Association & Washtenaw County Bar Association, held a reception at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. The Keynote Speaker was Jocelyn Benson, Secretary of State. In addition, the Washtenaw County Bar Association presented its Martin Luther King, Jr. "I Have a Dream" Award to S. Kerene Moore and the Vanzetti M. Hamilton Bar Association presented its Frederick Douglass Racial Justice and Harmony Award to WLAM member, Rita O. White. Pictured left to right (top): Rita O. White with her family, Susan Longworth, Arianne Slay, and John Reiser, (bottom row) Lillian Saba, Kym London, Nick Roumel, Kerene Moore.



WLAM Washtenaw Coffee Hour



WLAM Washtenaw holds a coffee hour bi-monthly from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. at Zingerman's Next Door Café in the Kerrytown District of Ann Arbor. This popular and relaxed event allows members to meet for coffee and chat before beginning busy workdays. Pictured below seated on left: Elizabeth Jolliffe, Sandy Musser, (seated on right) Kristin Davis, Nick Roumel, and Julie Stuebing; (standing) Kym London and Alison Love. Bottom photo (seated on left) Elizabeth Jolliffe and Sandy Musser; (seated on right) Kristin Davis, Nick Roumel, and Julie Stuebing; (standing) Kym London and Alison Love.



Announcements



Kitchen Sharkey, PLLC. Two of WLAM Washtenaw's Past-Presidents, Kate Sharkey and Elizabeth Kitchen-Troop, have opened a new law practice, Kitchen Sharkey, PLLC, focusing exclusively on family law matters. The firm is located at 3011 Miller Road, Ann Arbor, MI, 48103.

Congratulation Kate and Liz!

Law Offices of Jennifer Lawrence, PLLC. Jennifer Lawrence has recently opened the Law Offices of Jennifer Lawrence, PLLC, in Ann Arbor focusing on family law, mediation, probate, and estate planning. Jennifer Lawrence is a past-president of WLAM Washtenaw. The firm is located at 4844 Jackson Road, Suite 204, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Congratulations, Jen!



Retirement and Mary Foster Award Recipient

Monika Sacks, founding shareholder of NSSF&B, is retiring at the end of 2019 after a distinguished 40-year career. Monika is a graduate of Michigan State and Wayne State University Law School, “Super Lawyer” and past president of the Washtenaw County Bar Association and the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Recipient of the Blaine B. Johnson, Jr. Award for her outstanding CLE contributions, Charter member and Past President, Collaborative Practice Institute of Michigan, AV rated by Martindale Hubbell for ethical standards and legal ability, Certified in Elder Mediation and Past president, Rotary Club of Ypsilanti, a Paul Harris Fellow, Lawyer of the Year in 2000 by Ann Arbor North Rotary.

Monika is also the deserving 2019 recipient of the Mary Foster Award. The Mary Foster Award is bestowed annually to a member of our organization whose leadership, talent, and significant contributions impact women in our legal profession and benefit our community as a whole.



Monika Sacks

Monika, WLAM Washtenaw sends you best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement. Enjoy the Florida sunshine.

Upcoming Events

WLAM Holiday Party and Presentation of the Mary Foster Award Door Prize to a WLAM member and winner of the “best” Ugly Sweater!



Please save the date for the WLAM Holiday Party on **Thursday, December 12, 2019** from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at the lovely home of Jinan Hamood. Please RSVP by December 9 to Alison Love at: alove@faupelc.net (address provided with RSVP). WLAM Washtenaw will bestow the Mary Foster Award to Monika Sacks. In addition, WLAM will give *two door prizes to members only*, one of which will be awarded to the winner of the “best” Ugly Sweater!

Food Gatherers Volunteer Opportunity



Save the date for Food Gatherers! Ring in the New Year by volunteering at Food Gatherers on Saturday, **January 18, 2020** from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 1 Carrot Way, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. More details to follow.

