

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION – OAKLAND REGION

WLAM Fall 2021 eFocus

The Women's Bar Association (WBA) has spent this year celebrating women in law, working together to continue to advance women in the legal profession, and giving back to the community.

This past year, WBA continued to hold our monthly Bar Briefs virtually, including a Valentines Themed Bar Brief in February! The WBA also continued our monthly Literary Ladies Book Club. The first Literary Ladies Book Club meeting was held in May 2020 and has been a great and fun virtual monthly event that the WBA intends to continue for the foreseeable future. Some of the books we have discussed include *Dead Man Walking* by Sister Helen Prejean, *The League of Wives* by Heath Hardage Lee, and *I Know Why the Caged Birds Sings* by Maya Angelou.

The WBA had a WBA Sweatshirt Fundraiser this spring, where proceeds went towards supporting the WBA's Sarah Killgore Wertman scholarship for women law students. The fundraiser was a success and supported a great cause.

The WBA Annual Meeting was held virtually on May 27, 2021. The 2021-2022 Executive Board was sworn in and the WBA honored its 2021 award recipients. It was a nice and fun opportunity to recognize our 2020-2021, the new Executive Board, and the accomplishments of our award recipients.

The WBA had its Family Fun Day on July 10, 2021 at Lyon Oaks in Wixom. WBA members and our families had a fun time spending time together, eating BBQ food, and playing games! The Family Fun Day was featured in the Detroit Legal News.



WBA held its Summer Planning Meeting on August 14, 2021. The WBA Board and members discussed plans and goals for the upcoming year, including community service activities, fundraising events, mentorship opportunities, and social/fitness activities!



In furthering its efforts in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, the WBA will be partnering with the Oakland County Bar Association (OCBA) for the OCBA's Taste of Diversity event on October 21, 2021.

The next WBA Bar Briefs will be held September 22, 2021 at 5th Tavern in Bloomfield. The next Literary Ladies meeting will be held virtually September 30, 2021 to discuss *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende. The next WBA Board meeting will be on October 6, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Please be sure to sign up for our email list and follow us on social media to become involved with the WBA!