

WLAM Mid-Michigan

JANUARY 2022

November 20th
Meeting at
The Graduate



**2021 Komen Mid-Michigan
MORE THAN PINK Walk**
WALKING TOGETHER RAISED \$1,000
FOR THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION



Shining Bright in 2021



The 2021 Annual Meeting

Meet the Mid-Michigan WLAM Board

IT IS MY HONOR TO SERVE AS THE 2021-2023 WLAM MID-MICHIGAN BOARD PRESIDENT. I HAVE BEEN AN ATTORNEY IN LANSING, MI FOR A LITTLE MORE THAN 4 YEARS, AND A WLAM MEMBER SINCE BEFORE PASSING THE BAR EXAM. I HAVE ALWAYS PRIORITIZED BEING AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR WOMEN BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF A GROUP OF STRONG WOMEN LIFTING EACH OTHER UP AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER. I SPEND MY DAYS AT THE INGHAM COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE WHERE I AM ASSIGNED TO THE CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN DIVISION, PROSECUTING ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY'S MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION, CHILDREN. WHILE THE CASES ARE CHALLENGING, I LOVE INTERACTING WITH CHILDREN AND THE RESILIENCE AND FORGIVENESS THEY DISPLAY DAILY IS ALWAYS INSPIRING. WHEN I HAVE FREE TIME I AM USUALLY SPENDING IT AT HOME WITH MY HUSBAND AND OUR ANIMALS. WE HAVE ONE DOG AND ONE CAT, BUT HOPEFULLY SOON WE CAN ADD SOME CHICKENS AND GOATS, AND AT LEAST ONE MORE DOG. I LOVE TO SPEND TIME OUTDOORS, AND YOU CAN USUALLY FIND ME GARDENING OR LAYING IN THE HAMMOCK WITH A BOOK.

Melanie Smith
Mid-Michigan
Board President



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2021 Carolyn Stell Memorial Award

Judge Louise Alderson

Committed to serving her community, Judge Louise Alderson has sat on the 54A District Court bench for two decades. For many of those years, since 2014, Judge Alderson has also served as Chief Judge of the Court, leading by example and with integrity. She has made it a priority that all people have access to the Court and that the proceedings are conducted fairly and with a level of transparency to ensure true "public access" to all. She also serves as the leader of the Felony Sobriety Court of Ingham County, and has spent a countless amount of time working with addicts to truly turn their lives around.



2021 Carolyn Stell Memorial Scholarship

Echo Aloe

Echo Aloe is a third year law student at Michigan State University College of Law. Ms Aloe is a four-time Dean's List designee, is an active member of the Women's Law Caucus, and serves as a Peer Mentor within the college. As described by her professor, "Echo has a strong interest in environmental and conservation law and a commitment to the protection of vulnerable communities against pollution and other environmental risks. In addition to her superb academic skills, Echo is a quietly effective leader and a person of true integrity."

Mark Your Calendar



HEADSHOTS - JAN. 28TH @ 11 AM - 2PM

Proceeds from headshots are benefiting C.A.R.E

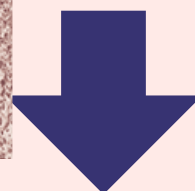
LAWYER'S THAT C.A.R.E. FUNDRAISER - FEB 2022

WLAM & ICBA-YLS are teaming up this Valentine's Day to show how much we lawyers do care and raising money for domestic violence (DV) survivors. **See page 5 for more details.**

BOOK CLUB - UNTAMED BY GLENNON DOYLE

We are kicking off our Book Club with "Untamed" by Glennon Doyle. We have partnered with A Novel Concept, and is offering you a 10% discount on the book. **See page 6 for more details.**

Get Involved



2 OPEN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Affinity Bar Liaison - Attend WLAM MidMich board meetings, as well as other local affinity bar associations, including, but not limited to, Ingham County Bar Association, Davis Dunnings Bar Association, MSU College of Law Student Bar, and report on upcoming events, announcements, etc.

Events Chair - Assist the WLAM MidMich Board in planning and executing events such as Annual Dinner, Stell Awards Dinner, book clubs, philanthropic events, etc.

Please email wlam.mid.michigan@gmail.com with a short statement of interest on which position you are interested in.

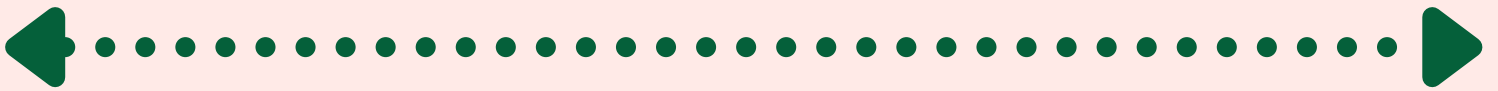
Deadline is 02/07/2022 by 5pm.

JOIN WLAM & ICBA-YLS FOR
VALENTINE'S DAY...

Lawyers that C.A.R.E.



SUPPORT A LOCAL ORGANIZATION
SUPPORT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

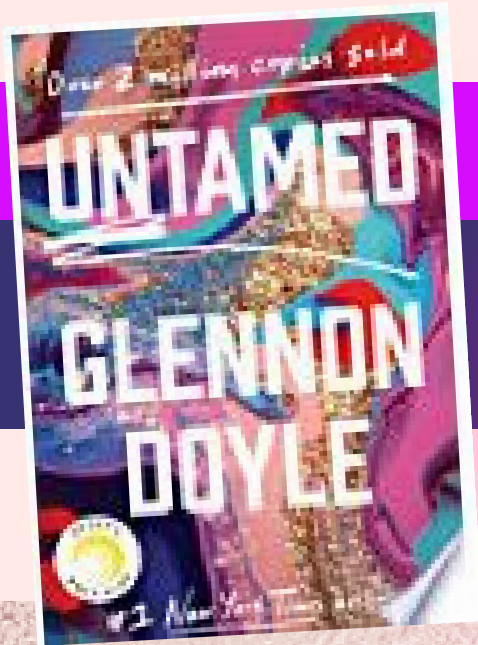


You can donate using

C.A.R.E.'s
Amazon
Wishlist



or by visiting the ICBA-YLS website
to make a cash donation.



UNTAMED

Happy New Year! We are kicking off our Book Club with “Untamed” by Glennon Doyle. “Untamed” is a book about self-discovery, finding your strength, and owning and loving who you are. The book includes embarrassing, yet relatable, stories from Doyle’s personal life, marriage, career, and family, and focuses upon the incredible strength we all have within us. It is a light read (it’s great for at the gym, on walks, or in the car), but it’s message is timeless and can be read year after year.

To purchase “Untamed” at a discount, we encourage you to shop local and check out downtown Lansing’s newest woman-owned bookstore, A Novel Concept, located at 112 S. Washington Square, Lansing, MI 48933 (between Kewpee’s and Insty-Prints). We have partnered with A Novel Concept, who has pre-ordered “Untamed” for our members and is offering you a 10% discount on the book. We are excited to collaborate with A Novel Concept and to support local women in business!

