

Women's Law Association of Ontario



WLAO is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to advancing the interests of women in the legal profession and society through advocacy, professional achievements, success in practice, progressive law reform and equitable policies. We welcome all law students, lawyers and judges as members.

WLAO has existed since 1919 as a vibrant, active voice for women in the profession and a vital resource to members in their pursuit of fulfilling and successful careers in law.

What We Do:

WLAO provides networking, social, business and professional development opportunities for its members.

WLAO enables its members to creatively respond to issues, needs and developing interests impacting women lawyers.

WLAO promotes members in leadership positions in the legal profession.

WLAO partners with other legal and non-legal professional associations in developing events and programs.

WLAO sponsors seminars on diverse topics of interest to our members including sessions on pursuing law partnerships, becoming a judge, election as a Bencher and pursuing law-related and alternative careers.

WLAO hosts speakers' forums with prominent leaders on contemporary issues.

WLAO honours women for significant contributions to women in the legal profession with an annual President's Award.

WLAO supports student members and provides scholarships and awards in conjunction with law firm partners such as McCarthy Tétrault LLP and Aird & Berlis LLP to encourage important initiatives and worthwhile causes in the law student community.

Benefits of Membership:

- 25% off WLAO events
- Networking with other women lawyers
- Mentoring for lawyers and law students
- Promotion for members and the issues and events that are important to them on our new members page (*in progress*)
- Access to membership list (*in accordance with WLAO privacy policy*)
- Group discounts for programs and events around Toronto
- Social, educational, lifestyle and work/life balance programs

Attend the exciting events we have planned for this year:

- Work/Life Balance and Women Lawyers' Health Series (*in partnership with OLAP*)
- Alternative Careers Event (*in partnership with LSUC*) Wednesday May 6, 2009
- The Business of Law and private practice (*in partnership with LSUC*) June 2009
- President's Award Dinner Tuesday June 2, 2009
- Golf Tournament (*in partnership with CAWEE*) Tuesday August 18, 2009
- Social Event Day Trip September 2009
- 90th Anniversary Gala November 2009

Join NOW! Membership Application Form available through our website www.wlao.on.ca
For further details please call (416) 410-7267 or email wlao@wlao.on.ca.