

## Women's Law Center Receives Seal of Excellence

The Women's Law Center is proud to announce that it has been awarded the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organization's Seal of Excellence for successfully completing the Standards for Excellence® certification program. The Seal of Excellence is granted only to well-managed, responsibly governed organizations that deserve public trust. Eighty-two Maryland nonprofits have received this honor since the program began in 1998.

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Law Center submitted to an intensive peer review that checked for compliance with the Maryland Nonprofits *Standards for Excellence: An Ethics and Accountability Code for the Nonprofit Sector*®. The Standards for Excellence® go far beyond the minimum requirements of current laws. All aspects of programs, services, management, fundraising and financial practices were examined in depth before the certification was awarded.

"The Women's Law Center is very excited to be recognized with the Seal of Excellence. The Seal of Excellence® helps assure donors that we are a well-run, transparent organization." said Women's Law Center Executive Director L. Tracy Brown.

## Annual Meeting to Honor Leaders Helping Women and the Economy

The Women's Law Center is proud to honor 2009 award recipients for their contributions to improving the economic situation of women in Maryland:

Lieutenant Governor Anthony G. Brown  
**Lieutenant Governor, State of Maryland**

Lt. Governor Brown will receive the 17th Rosalyn B. Bell Award for outstanding achievement in family law in recognition of his dedicated championship of groundbreaking legislation that removes firearms from the hands of abusers.

**Glendora Hughes**

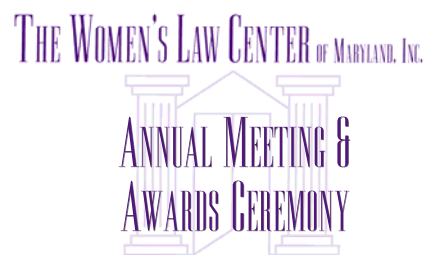
**General Counsel, Maryland Commission on Human Relations**

Ms. Hughes will be presented with the 24th Dorothy Beatty Award for contributions to the advancement of women's rights for her commitment to improving employment and fair housing practices in Maryland.

**Louise Carwell**

**Senior Attorney for Consumer Law, Housing/Consumer Law Unit,  
Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.**

Ms. Carwell will receive the Access to Justice Award in recognition of her nearly 25 years of helping vulnerable individuals in myriad consumer cases including predatory lending and foreclosure.



**Tuesday, November 3, 2009  
5:30 p.m.**

**The Hyatt Regency**  
300 Light Street  
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and awards ceremony*

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Dear Friends and Supporters:

Lately every letter I receive focuses on the doom and gloom of the economic crisis. I recognize that everyone is worried about the state of the economy and the long lasting effects on financial stability so I will share with you some of the many, simple ways that you can help ensure a strong future for the WLC.

It is so important for us to spread the word about our work that fills critical gaps in services to over 9,000 Marylanders each year. If you are a member of Facebook please become our fan or follow us on Twitter. This helps us to promote issues related to women's rights and raise the community's awareness of our work.

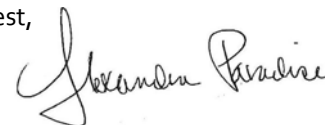
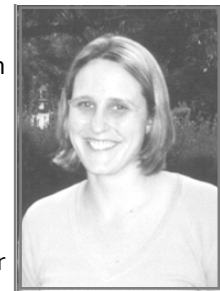
Another important way to support the WLC is through events and fundraisers. Our Annual Meeting is just around the corner. I hope you will attend the event or purchase a program advertisement in recognition of the achievements of this year's honorees. The next Wine & Chocolate event is scheduled for February 20, 2010. We are seeking silent auction items right now so

please contact us if you are interested in making a donation. Lastly you may purchase raffle tickets for two roundtrip airline tickets anywhere Air Tran Airlines flies in the continental United States. I really hope that you will take these opportunities to support the WLC's work and help us to promote our mission and events to your friends and colleagues.

I'd like to recognize the incredibly hard working staff of the WLC. We are truly fortunate to work with such a talented and dedicated group of individuals. I'd especially like to highlight Jessica Morgan who is celebrating her 10<sup>th</sup> year with the WLC. What an amazing accomplishment and how grateful we all are for her 10 years of service!

Thank you all for your continued dedication to the WLC and thank you in advance for your future support.

Best,

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# Thank You

## Amicus Brief Argues for Alimony Guidelines

The Women's Law Center recently filed an amicus brief in the Court of Appeals, arguing that alimony guidelines are good public policy and judges should be permitted to use them when considering alimony awards.

The case, *Boemio v. Boemio*, raised the issue of the appropriateness of judges using alimony guidelines to assist them in determining alimony awards. In *Boemio*, the trial judge used the Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers alimony calculus.

The Women's Law Center's experience as sponsor of the Kaufman Alimony Guidelines uniquely positions it to explain the benefits of alimony guidelines when used as a non-binding tool by legal professionals, including judges and masters.

Alimony guidelines are one instrument, among many, available to assist judges and masters in their tasks of arriving at an

equitable result in a case. Alimony recommendations are not intended to replace judicial discretion. Recommendations should be considered a starting point for alimony negotiation, not a prescriptive amount that a court must order.

The amicus brief describes the Women's Law Center's empirical research published in *Families in Transition*, which revealed that few litigants request alimony and fewer still are granted alimony awards. This is attributed to the unpredictability of alimony awards. Alimony guidelines and calculators decrease the disparity of alimony awards in similarly situated cases. Guidelines have been used in other jurisdictions for as long as 25 years or more. By providing a tool to assist legal professionals in determining alimony, alimony guidelines can improve outcomes for women and children in divorce.

## On the Scene: Outreach & Events

Pictures from a few of the recent outreach events, seminars and conferences that the Women's Law Center participated in this year:



*POARP Attorney Suzanne Bailey spoke with 2nd graders at Wolfe Street Academy at their Career Day. The donated coloring books she distributed were a big hit!*



*MEDOVI Project Director Deepa Bijpuria and POARP Attorney Suzanne Bailey gave legal information at the Maryland Immigration Rights Fair in May 2009.*



*Staff members L. Tracy Brown and Laure Ruth, WLC volunteer advocate Mary Crawford and others with Governor O'Malley as he signs bills that remove guns from the hands of abusers.*

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## 2009 Legislative Wrap Up

The 2009 legislative session was particularly busy time for Women's Law Center staff and Board members. Overall, we monitored over 100 bills that could affect women's legal rights. We took positions on 60 bills by submitting written testimony to educate legislators about the specific impact of the bill and testified before legislative committees on 19 bills. In addition, 26 legislative alerts were emailed to let members and supporters know about the legislation and to encourage them to contact their legislators.

We are pleased to offer the following summary of our advocacy work during the 2009 General Assembly Session.

**Domestic Violence:** This Legislative Session was remarkably successful for legislation affecting domestic violence. Governor Martin O'Malley and Lt. Governor Anthony Brown prioritized bills to keep guns out of the hands of abusers. Their leadership, combined with the efforts of advocates, resulted in significant additional protections for victims of domestic violence.

The following bills supported by the Women's Law Center passed:

*HB296/SB267 - Family Law - Protective Orders - Surrender of Firearms:* Makes it mandatory, rather than discretionary, for a judge to order surrender of any firearms, including unregulated firearms such as rifles, as part of a final protective order.

*HB 302/SB268 - Family Law - Temporary Protective Orders - Surrender of Firearms:* Authorizes a judge to order the surrender of any firearms as part of a temporary protective order.

*HB971/SB811 - Domestic Violence - Duration of Protective Order - Subsequent Act of Abuse:* Extends the maximum duration of a final protective order from 1 year to 2 years if the court issues a final protective order against a respondent for an act of abuse against the same victim committed within 1 year after the date that a prior protective order issued against the same respondent expires.

*HB98/SB601 - Domestic Violence - Temporary Protective Orders - Extension:* Increases from 30 days to 6 months the time that a temporary protective order can remain in effect in order to effectuate service of the order where necessary to provide protection or for other good cause.

*HB464/SB714 - Domestic Violence - Interim and Temporary Protective Orders - Custody of Minor Child:* Authorizes a judge to order a law enforcement officer to use all reasonable and necessary force to enforce a temporary custody provision of an interim or temporary protective order. This bill clarifies that law enforcement can do all that is necessary and reasonable at this stage as well as at the final protective order stage.

*HB1196 - Domestic Violence - Protective Orders—Notification of Service:* Requires the Department of Public Safety, upon petitioner's request, to notify a petitioner of the service of an interim, temporary or final protective order on a respondent if contact information provided.

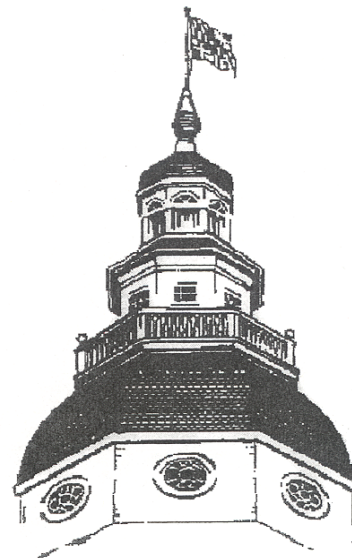
The following bills opposed by the Women's Law Center were successfully defeated:

*HB1181/SB467 - Domestic Violence - Expungement of Records:* Would have required a judge to order the expungement of the records of domestic violence proceedings when an order is denied or dismissed.

*HB359/SB586 - Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Victims of Domestic Violence:* Would have provided that the issuance of a temporary or final protective order is a good and substantial reason to wear, carry or transport a handgun, thereby facilitating the issuance of a handgun permit to victims of domestic violence.

Many other domestic violence bills were considered by the General Assembly but did not pass. Unfortunately, HB901/SB736 that would have authorized a court to order a respondent in a protective order to remain away from pets and to refrain from cruelty toward those pets, did not pass. Other unsuccessful bills addressed the creation of a central repository for domestic violence cases (HB118), legal fees for pro bono attorneys who handle domestic violence cases (HB213), arrest for violations of protective orders (HB912/SB677) and HB454/SB522), private process service of protective orders on out-of-state residents (SB532), alcohol beverage tax funding for domestic violence and other services (HB 1160), making it a crime to commit a crime of violence in the presence of a minor (HB 258) and creation of a crime of offensive contact (HB1315). The Women's Law Center submitted testimony on all these bills.

**Employment Law:** There were significant improvements to protect the legal rights of women in the workplace. The Women's Law Center supported a bill to extend unemployment benefits to part-time workers, many of whom are women, (HB310/SB270) and HB 288/SB268 Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act of 2009. Both bills were successful. A bill to insure leave for an employee to attend a parent teacher conference was not successful (HB633).



# Kudos

The Women's Law Center applauds its members for their recent accomplishments and community contributions.

WLC Executive Director L. Tracy Brown who will receive the Maryland Legal Service Corporation's 2009 Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award.

We'd like to extend special praise to Judge Cynthia Callahan who was appointed to the Montgomery County Circuit Court.

Judge Charlotte Cooksey received the first annual District Court Maryland Distinguished Service Award.

Sheila K. Sachs was awarded MSBA's Family & Juvenile Law Section Beverly Groner Award.

Several of our members were honored in The Daily Record's Maryland's Top 100 Women: Judge Cynthia Callahan, Delegate Kathleen M. Dumais, Judge Angela M. Eaves and Sheila Murthy

Supporter Sandra P. Gohn was also honored as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women.

Maryland Super Lawyers include:  
Kathleen Cahill  
Susan Elgin  
Sheela Murthy  
Sheila K. Sachs

WLC Board member Reena K. Shah and her husband welcomed their first child.

**Family Law:** Several ambitious efforts to change family laws were unsuccessful. The Women's Law Center supported an effort to codify the existing Maryland case law regarding custody determinations into a statute that continues to rely on the best interest of the child standard (HB717/SB740). A major revision to the child support guidelines (HB1401), a bill to extend child support obligations through post-secondary education (HB1114) and a bill to allow local child support offices to prosecute under criminal contempt (HB779) also were supported. A bill that would have required that a custodial parent seeking to relocate out of state either obtain the consent of the non-custodial parent or obtain a court order approving the move was opposed and failed (HB898/SB299).

**Criminal Law:** The Women's Law Center supported HB 560, which would have expanded the current hate crimes law to include the prohibition of acts against persons or property based on their age, gender or disability. Although age and gender were amended out of this bill, gender was added to a different bill that protects homeless persons from hate crimes (SB 151). This bill passed. The Women's Law Center supported a related bill that would have created a civil action for victims of hate crimes (HB562/SB731). This bill was not successful. A bill that would have expanded the definition of harassment via electronic communications beyond email (HB509) and a bill to expand the definition of a person of authority for purposes of a third degree sexual offense (HB1090/SB681) were supported but did not pass.

### Health Care/Reproductive Rights

The Women's Law Center supported several bills that would have expanded mandated health insurance benefits for important services for women. A requirement to provide benefits for hospitalization and home visits following a mastectomy passed (HB41/SB173). Changes to coverage for in vitro fertilization (HB1089) and changes to coverage for family planning services under Medical Assistance (HB1279) did not pass. The Women's Law Center

opposed bills that would have limited or impacted women's access to reproductive choices and these bills failed. One bill would have defined personhood from the beginning of biological development (HB925) and another would have required facilities in Anne Arundel County to allow patients to view a sonogram before performing an abortion (SB195).

**Civil Rights/GLBT Rights:** Although efforts to establish marriage equality for same sex couples failed (HB1055/SB565), a Constitutional Amendment to limit marriage to a man and a woman was resoundingly defeated (HB913/SB647). The rights of gay couples were improved by the passage of a bill that would exempt domestic partners from inheritance tax paid on the family home after the death of the domestic partner (HB1215/SB785). A bill to prohibit discrimination based on gender identity and expression was defeated (HB474/SB566). Legislation passed to limit police spying (HB311/SB266). The Women's Law Center submitted testimony on each of these bills.

**MLSC Funding:** There was an attempt to cut \$500,000 from the budget of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MSLC), which funds the Women's Law Center and other legal services programs throughout the state. The proposed cut would have been particularly devastating because MLSC projects a 70% decrease in revenue from IOLTA funds, due to unprecedented low interest rates. The Women's Law Center joined with other legal services providers to successfully advocate for the restoration of the funds.



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## Wine & Chocolate—Our Sweetest Event Yet



WLC staff member Laure Ruth with guest speaker Mary Crawford and her POARP Attorney Alicia Leibowitz

The 3rd annual Wine & Chocolate proved to be as popular and delicious as ever. Featuring an array of treats courtesy of some of the area's most delectable businesses, nearly 100 guests

gathered at One Wellness Spa in Hampden to enjoy wines poured by Beltway Fine Wines & Spirits. Former POARP client Mary Crawford spoke about her near fatal experience at the hands of an abusive spouse and how she channeled her hardship into action through advocacy.

Thanks to our sponsors: One Wellness Spa, MyCity4her.com, Mary Sue Candies, Edible Favors, Whole Foods Mt. Washington, Otterbein's Bakery, Sugerbakery Cakes, Atwater's Bakery, Berger Cookies, Cakelove, Rheb's Candies, Wockenfuss Candies, One World Café, Ma Petite Shoe and Cabot Cheese.

Hope to see you at our 4th Wine & Chocolate on Feb. 20th!



Guests place bids on an array of silent auction packages.

## Women & Wealth

"Women need a new framework of looking at themselves economically. Part of the wage disparity is (because) women don't look at their actual value," stated Joanne Saltzberg, Executive Director of Women Entrepreneurs of Baltimore, Inc. at the WLC's first installment of its *Wealth, Health and Well-being* roundtable discussion series held in spring 2009.

Moderated by WLC Board member Dorcas Gilmore, over 30 participants gathered to discuss meaning of wealth and how it impacts women's economic positions. This series is intended to open an intergenerational dialogue to analyze issues important to women and families.

Experts participants included Saltzberg, Robin McKinney of the Maryland CASH Campaign, A. Adar Ayira of the More in the Middle Initiative; and Kisha Lashley of the Greater Baltimore Committee's Bridging the Gap program. Topics considered ranged from how personal choices and institutional inequity both contribute to wealth, how economic position differs by race, socio-economic status, and age to how the shift to a "green" economy affects women's economic position.

A recurring issue raised involved extending the definition of wealth beyond economic assets to social capital (who you know) and inherited assets, or social capital passed down from your parents. These factors can impact an individual's perception of their actual fiscal value and negotiation style when discussing salary and credit matters, ultimately decreasing an individual's access to wealth if handled improperly.

"Most (women) put the needs and wants of their families before their own. Because of this many baby boomers are facing a devastating picture in the future... Not talking about these issues has intergenerational effects. But issues of financial literacy can be overcome," said McKinney.

The *Wealth, Health and Well-being* discussion series is sponsored by Ober Kaler. The second installment, *Women & Health*, occurred on October 20, 2009. *Women & Well-being* will take place in early 2010. If you'd like to participate in an upcoming discussion or would like more information, please email [vrupp@wlcmd.org](mailto:vrupp@wlcmd.org).

## Donor Profile—Sheila & Stephen Sachs

Legal rights and social justice play a central role in the lives of Sheila and Stephen Sachs, both professionally and through their support of community organizations including the WLC. Moments after meeting the Sachs, their passion for matters of justice is evident. With a living area brimming with pictures and birthday greetings drawn by their grandchildren as a backdrop, they quickly became engaged in a lively discussion of the WLC issues and their history with the organization.

Attending law school just before the women’s movement of the 1970’s, Ms. Sachs was the only full-time female student in her class. Ms. Sachs, a renowned family law attorney with Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, became involved with the WLC in the 1980’s through new law school graduates that began working at her firm and other peers already engaged in the organization. Since then, she has consistently supported the WLC’s work and has volunteered on key family law policy projects.

“ Family law is a women’s issue of serious

concern to women who can’t afford to hire lawyers to advocate for them,” said Ms. Sachs, “Once it (the WLC) achieved the Kaufman Center (for Family Law), that underpinning gave it the opportunity to really expand. ”

Though he had supported women’s issues for years, notably during his time as Maryland’s Attorney General when he made progressive steps to overturn archaic rape laws, Stephen Sachs’ involvement with the WLC is more recent. His push for Civil Gideon, a movement to provide counsel in civil cases for litigants unable to afford their own attorney, the involvement of his daughter, former WLC Board member Elisabeth Sachs, and his work with the Public Justice Center have made him a strong WLC ally.

“The WLC is an important spoke in the wheel of legal services,” stated Mr. Sachs.

In addition to her rigorous work schedule and family life, Ms. Sachs finds time to volunteer as a mentor for young attorneys through MVLS. She believes that new family law attorneys are wise to find an

experienced mentor.

“It is an area of law where practical aspects are as important as what the law is and how you apply it,” said Ms. Sachs.

Through the years, they have seen many changes in matters of equality and women’s rights. Though strides toward equality have been made, barriers persist. The Sachs agree that it is important for young women to avoid taking their rights for granted, citing reproductive rights as an example. Such behavior can lead to the erosion of rights, putting women at risk of having a difficult time accessing services when they are needed. Both agree that awareness initiatives for issues affecting women in poverty and institutional changes that would make it easier for women to balance professional and family responsibilities are areas that could promote change, but these things take time and hard work.

“A whole range of women’s issues are in the red zone but we need to get the ball into the end zone,” said Mr. Sachs.

## Guest Bartenders Mix Up Recent Women’s Law Center Events

Over the last year the Women’s Law Center has been working hard to provide different ways to engage its supporters. This fall, two events lured Women’s Law Center friends to local hot spots for



Board member Deepti Kulkarni, Madeline Collins, and POARP attorney Jessica Spartana show their bartending skills.

delicious meals, cocktails and good company. These events provide simple ways to support the Women’s Law Center, give members

relaxed networking opportunities and promote awareness of the organization’s work in the community.

On September 24th, Baltimore Pho, rated one of the top restaurants in the area by Baltimore Magazine, donated 10% of the night’s sales; allowed guest bartenders to help serve drinks and even provided a \$50 gift certificate to raffle at the event. Mad River Bar & Grill hosted our 2nd annual happy hour on October 8th. Guests that donated \$10 to the Women’s Law Center were given a free drink and drink specials from 6-10 pm. Guest bartenders and raffles also helped to liven up the evening. The events drew more than 130 people

and raised more than \$1200. Special thanks to Baltimore Pho, Mad River Bar and our event volunteers.



Board members Niecy Lunn and Liz Caplan with staff members Jessica Morgan and Laure Ruth.

More restaurant nights, happy hours and other fun events will occur this spring. Please check our e-newsletter for dates and times. If you’d like to help plan these events, please email [vrupp@wlc.md.org](mailto:vrupp@wlc.md.org).



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