

**USF Women Lawyers Committee
Fall 2010 Event**

“Charting the Future: Next Steps for Women Lawyers”

On September 14, 2010, the USF Women Lawyers Committee hosted its annual scholarship fundraising event at the Academy of Art University. “Charting the Future: Next Steps for Women Lawyers” featured a panel of four distinguished women lawyers — Debra Zumwalt, General Counsel at Stanford University, Clothilde (“Cloey”) V. Hewlett, Public Policy Partner at Nossaman LLP, Joanne Garvey, Tax Partner at Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP, and Terri Mottershead, Principal of Mottershead Consulting. The panel was deftly moderated by Ann Miller, a former partner with Nixon Peabody who now practices in her own firm, the Law Offices of Ann G. Miller.

The USF Women Lawyers Committee, which was founded more than 20 years ago by a group of then recent Law School graduates who wanted to stay close with the women with whom they forged friendships and business relationship during law school and also to provide guidance and support for current USF women law students, awards a partial tuition scholarship to a transitional student each year. A “transitional student” is a male or female first-year law student who has been out of college at least five years, who has a previous involvement with community service, parenting, or other employment, who has evidenced a financial need for the scholarship, and who has expressed a commitment to future community service.

The 2010 Scholarship recipient is Molly Marie LeGoy. Molly embodies the qualities of a scholarship recipient: after earning her B.A. and M.F.A. from the University of California at Davis, she obtained her cosmetology license to pursue work as a stylist. During her time at U.C. Davis, Molly was involved in volunteer work through her sorority and with volunteer theater companies. Her most outstanding

volunteer activity, however, has been her work each summer for the past twelve years with physically and mentally disabled adults and children; Molly hopes to include legal assistance to mentally and physically disabled individuals as a part of her law practice one day.

The Committee’s Scholarship of \$6,500 will cover approximately 17% of Molly’s law school tuition of \$38,720. Molly was unable to attend the panel and event as she is a diligent evening student, and rightfully not willing to miss a class in her first year of law school. While all present were sympathetic, Molly missed a fantastic panel.

Each woman on the panel, including the moderator, Ann Miller, offered her own viewpoint and words of wisdom on the future for women lawyers as colored by her own unique legal experiences, and the message each conveyed was important and encouraging.

Debra Zumwalt earned her J.D. from Stanford Law in 1979. Prior to becoming Stanford’s general counsel, she was a partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, specializing in complex civil litigation and higher education law. Debra’s mantra was persistence and patience, and she encouraged the attendees to feed their souls with volunteer work, which she believes injects a sense of balance into the often-stressed lives of women attorneys.



WLC members and panelists with Dean Jeffrey Brand

Cloey Hewlett is currently a public policy attorney at Nossaman LLP, whose clients benefit from her strengths in lobbying and negotiating. Cloey earned her J.D. from Boalt Hall in 1979, and prior to joining Nossaman, was both an Assistant District Attorney and, later, a San Francisco Police Commissioner. She served under California governors Deukmejian and Davis. Cloey wisely observed that women lawyers can do it all, just not all at the same time. Such advice proves key for young women attorneys shooting for the moon in both their professional and personal lives.

Joanne Garvey earned her J.D. from Boalt Hall in 1961. Joanne's distinguished legal career includes arguing before the United States Supreme Court, being the first recipient of the State Bar Taxation Section's "*Joanne M. Garvey Award*" for lifetime achievement, and founding California Women Lawyers. Joanne reminded those present of their good fortune to have women attorneys to seek guidance from as mentors, and goaded all to be open to new possibilities throughout their careers.

Terri Mottershead earned her Bachelor and Master of Laws degrees from Queensland Institute of Technology in Australia and her Master of Business Administration from the University of Wales. Terri is admitted to practice law in Australia, England, Wales, and Hong Kong. Terri enlightened attendees to the value of international experience, and offered her keen observation that women lawyers possess the adaptability, flexibility, project management skills and empathy needed to navigate today's economic environment.

Ann Miller earned her J.D. from USF School of Law in 1970. While a partner with Nixon Peabody, Ann headed the firm's Women's Initiative, and she presents and facilitates sessions on leaderships and management on a regular basis. As the panel's moderator, Ann asked pointed questions to the panelists and audience alike, allowing all present to participate in this very special event.

The Scholarship for Transitional Students is based on a portion of the interest generated by its endowed funds. The bulk of the interest is dedicated to the Scholarship fund. The endowment is only used for scholarships, not for fundraising or programs.

While this year's event raised \$8,500 for the Scholarship for Transitional Students, we need your help to continue to fill the Scholarship coffers. The Committee would appreciate your generous contributions to the USF Women Lawyers Committee's Scholarship for Transitional Students.

Tax deductible donations to the "Scholarship for Transitional Students" should be made payable to the USF School of Law and directed to the Scholarship. Your donation can be sent to: USF Women Lawyers Committee, c/o Erica Levison, Office of Development, USF School of Law, 2130 Fulton Street San Francisco, CA 94117.

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-Written by Alexis Kent, USF School of Law Class of 2009