# NAWL Mid-Year in L.A.

National Association of Women Lawyers Half-Day Mid-Year Meeting

Thursday, February 7, 2008



# Mid-Year Maating

Bank of America Building Auditorium 333 South Hope Street Concourse Level Los Angeles, CA 90071

# Luncheon

Millennium Biltmore Hotel 506 South Grand Avenue Emerald Ballroom Los Angeles, CA 90071

Keynote Address by Gloria Allred
2008 NAWL Challenge Awards
presented to BP America Inc. and
Univision Communications Inc.

# **Highlights**

Continuing Legal Education Ethics Credit
Communications Skills Workshop
presented by **Sara Holtz** of ClientFocus



# **Schedule of Events:**

## Mid-Year Meeting

Location: **Bank of America Building Auditorium** 333 S. Hope Street Concourse Level Los Angeles, CA 90071

8:00 am - 8:45 am Registration and Networking Breakfast

Welcoming Remarks by Lisa Gilford, NAWL Treasurer-Elect and Chair of the Mid-Year Meeting Planning Committee

9:00 am - 10:00 am

"Ethics and the Expert Witness: Conflicts of Interest and Other Ethical Issues in Expert Witness Retention"

Sponsored by Navigant Consulting, Inc., panelists will discuss an overview of recent case law concerning expert witnesses, conflicts of interest and expert disqualification. It includes an in-depth discussion of the *Paul* and *Cordy* tests and tracks the courts' legal analyses pertaining to ethical conflicts for experts and the attorneys who hire them. It also presents practical and ethical issues in expert retention drawn from real life examples. Topics include:

- An overview of case law on expert conflicts of interest including the Expert Disqualification Doctrine
- Confidentiality issues for attorneys and experts
- Experts and ethical walls
- Ethical issues around expert "tainting"
- The ethics of side-switching

## Speakers:

**Elizabeth A. Dean**, CMA, CPA, Director, Navigant Consulting, Inc., San Francisco, CA

**Helen Lalich Duncan**, Senior Partner and Head of the Litigation Department in Los Angeles, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., Los Angeles, CA

**Ruth Kahn**, Partner, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Los Angeles, CA

10:15 am - 11:15 am

"Ethics for In-house Counsel"

In this presentation, panelists discuss key ethical issues faced by in-house counsel. An attorney's duty to report up-the-ladder is highlighted in the presentation, and there is an in-depth discussion of attorney requirements under key SOX and SEC rules. Topics include:

- "Appearing and Practicing" before the SEC
- · Chief Legal Officer's obligations
- What is an "appropriate response"?
- Disclosure of confidential information outside the company
- Waiver of privilege

## Speakers:

**Amanda L. Groves**, Partner, Winston & Strawn LLP, San Francisco, CA

Debra A. Hill, Partner, Osborn Maledon, Phoenix, AZ

11:30 am - 12:15 pm

"Developing and Nurturing 'Client' Relationships:

7 Key Strategies"

**Sara Holtz**, founder of ClientFocus, a company which provides business development coaching to women lawyers, will address the seven habits which every woman lawyer should cultivate to enable her to develop and nurture existing and potential client relationships. These habits are relevant to women lawyers in private practice, as well as to in-house and government lawyers.

# Speaker:

Sara Holtz, Founder of ClientFocus, Sacramento, CA

## Mid-Year Luncheon

Location: **Millennium Biltmore Hotel** 506 South Grand Avenue (5th and Grand) Emerald Ballroom Los Angeles, California 90071

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm 2008 NAWL Challenge Awards honoring **BP America Inc.** and **Univision Communications Inc.** 

Awards presented by **Holly English**, NAWL President

Keynote Address by **Gloria Allred**Ms. Allred will be available to sign her book

"Fight Back and Win" after the presentation

\*\* CLE credit will be offered in California

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# **Keynote Speaker**



Gloria Allred

## Gloria Allred

Ms. Allred is an attorney and a partner in the law firm of Allred, Maroko & Goldberg. She has been practicing law for approximately 31 years. Her law firm, Allred, Maroko & Goldberg, handles cases involving employment discrimination, including sex, race, age, physical handicap, sexual orientation discrimination, Aids discrimination, sexual harassment and wrongful termination.

Ms. Allred has won countless honors for her pioneering legal work on behalf of women's rights and rights for minorities, including the President's Volunteer Action Award for Outstanding Volunteerism presented to her by President Ronald Reagan at the White House. An active feminist, Ms. Allred founded and is currently serving as President of the Women's Equal Rights Legal Defense and Education Fund (WERLDEF).

Ms. Allred was also a host on KABC TalkRadio for 14 years. She was selected by USA Today as one of the 25 most important radio talk show hosts in America. She was also nominated for an Emmy three times for her television commentaries on KABC-TV. Following in her mother's footsteps, Gloria's daughter, Lisa Bloom, is currently an anchor on Court TV.

In 2007, Ms. Allred was named a Southern California "SuperLawyer" by Law and Media and Los Angeles Magazine. And, Time magazine has called her "One of the nation's most effective advocates of family rights and feminist causes."

Articles by or about Ms. Allred have appeared in publications such as Time Magazine, The New York Times, Ms. Magazine, The American Lawyer, The Daily News, The Wall Street Journal, The Los Angeles Times, and The London Times. She is also the author of "Fight Back And Win — My Thirty-Year Fight Against Injustice And How You Can Win Your Own Battles."

Ms. Allred was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and earned her B.A. with honors in English from the University of Pennsylvania. She earned her M.A. from New York University and her J.D. cum laude from Loyola University School of Law in Los Angeles.

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# **About NAWL**

The National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) is a national voluntary legal professional organization devoted to the interests of women lawyers and women's rights.

Founded in 1899, long before most local and national bar associations admitted women, the Association has historically served as an educational forum and an active voice for the concerns of women in the legal profession. NAWL continues to support and advance the interests of women in and under the law and the social, political, and professional empowerment of women. Today, members of the Association represent all areas of legal expertise; public and private sectors; profit and not for profit; and large and small organizations. Through its programs and network, NAWL provides the tools for women in the profession to advance, prosper and enrich the profession.

#### These include:

- The continuing series, "Taking Charge of Your Career®," designed to provide the skills and information that women lawyers need to reach leadership levels in their practice settings;
- The annual General Counsel Institute, dedicated to helping senior in-house counsel excel at the highest level;
- The program "From Backpack to Briefcase," aimed at helping law students successfully move from law school to the workplace;
- Publication of leading articles relating to women in the law in the quarterly Women Lawyers Journal;
- Amicus support in the United States Supreme Court and other courts on issues of particular interest to women:
- International updates through our position as an official United Nations Observer:
- Networking and leadership opportunities for women lawyers at all levels;
- · Liaison to other professional organizations; and

 Annual publication of the National Directory of Women-Owned Law Firms and Women Lawyers®, designed to assist in-house counsel with locating women lawyers and referring legal work.

Perhaps most importantly, NAWL, through its members and committees, functions as the Voice of Women in the Law $^{TM}$ . We provide a collective voice in the bar, courts, Congress, and workplace to make women's concerns heard.

By becoming a member of NAWL, you join and support women throughout the United States to advocate for women in the legal profession. We boast a history of more than 100 years of action on behalf of women lawyers. We want you to meet others like you, who are proud to be engaged in the practice of law and wish to work together for the continued progress of women in the law. As a member of the National Association of Women Lawyers, you will benefit from NAWL's programs and publica¬tions, as well as from its networking and leadership opportunities. Please take a moment to join the National Association of Women Lawyers. NAWL welcomes men and women lawyers as members. NAWL also welcomes membership of law firms and law schools.

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CLE Credit: CLE will be provided in CA for the Mid-Year Program.

# **Program Registration Form**

The National Association of Women Lawyers® Half-Day Mid-Year Meeting in L.A.

Date: Thursday, February 7, 2008

**Time:** 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Location: Bank of America Building Auditorium, 333 South Hope, Concourse Level, Los Angeles, CA 90071

Cancellation Policy: Please e-mail or fax cancellation requests to NAWL (nawl@nawl.org) by February 1, 2008. Refunds will

reflect a \$25.00 processing fee. Speaker attendance can not be guaranteed and is subject to change without notice.

Program Cost for entire program:

Registration fee for NAWL members: \$125 Registration fee for non-NAWL members: \$150 Registration fee and NAWL membership: \$175

Program Cost for luncheon only:

Individual: \$50 Table for 10: \$500

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