



Gender Fairness in the Courts

A 20 Year Retrospective

In September 1989 the Minnesota Supreme Court Task Force for Gender Fairness in the Courts issued its final report on gender bias in the court system. The report documented gender bias, where found, and recommended methods for its elimination. Join the Gender Fairness Implementation Committee as it looks back on the original recommendations and celebrates the progress made.

Tuesday, October 27, 2009
Crowne Plaza Hotel St. Paul
11 East Kellogg Boulevard

11:30 – 12:00 Registration

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch

Welcome Remarks – Justice Gildea

Keynote Address – Judicial and Legal System Improvements as a Result of the Gender Fairness Report

- ◆ *Judge Harriet Lansing*
MN Court of Appeals and Vice Chair of Supreme Court Task Force for Gender Fairness in the Courts

1:30 – 1:45 Break

1:45 – 2:45 Family Law

Family Law: How Far Have We Really Come?

- ◆ *Susan Rhode, Moss and Barnett PA*
- ◆ *Kay Nord Hunt, Lommon, Abdo, Cole, King, Stageberg P.A.*

2:45 – 3:00 Break

3:00 – 4:00 Domestic Violence

How Practitioners Identify Domestic Violence in Today's Complex World

- ◆ *Loretta Frederick, Senior Legal & Policy Advisor, Battered Women's Justice Project*
- ◆ *Professor Nancy VerSteegh, Vice Dean for Academic Programs and Professor of Law, William Mitchell College of Law*

4:00 – 5:00 Civil Litigation and Courtroom Environment

During this hour, we will review differences in substantive areas of law impacting women, and our esteemed panel will discuss changes in the court environment for women litigants, witnesses, attorneys, and judges in the last 20 years.

- ◆ *Judge Diana E. Murphy, Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals*
- ◆ *Magistrate Susan Richard Nelson, U.S. District Court*
- ◆ *Marianne D. Short, former judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals and managing Partner, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP*
- ◆ *Moderator: Michelle S. Grant, partner, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP*

5:00 Concluding Remarks

Registration Fee: \$25

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This program is being held in conjunction with the Minnesota Women Lawyers Rosalie Wahl Leadership Lecture

Questions?

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