



## Houston Association of Women Attorneys

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### PAST-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Julia Cook



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Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your President over the last year. From law students to seasoned practitioners, you are an amazing group of people, and I have had so much fun working with you. Thank you also to last year's Board members who went above and beyond in helping plan our numerous events and CLE luncheons, to the Judicial Screening Committee members who put in countless hours in interviewing judicial candidates, and to the task force who planned the Judicial Reception in January.

Please welcome your new Board President, LaMonica Love. Many of you have already met LaMonica. Her energy and enthusiasm are boundless. She has assembled a fabulous new Board and is already planning exciting events and programs for this next year. Be on the lookout!

I recently reviewed the AWA By-Laws and was surprised at the thought that went into them by the women who formed the AWA decades ago and how relevant the By-Laws remain today. The purpose of the AWA is "to promote the common business interests...of women in the legal profession" and "to improve the opportunities for and to promote the recognition of the capabilities of women attorneys." Specific objectives include: "to promote a forum for the exchange of knowledge, expertise and experiences of women attorneys." Those are goals for us all to remember in our daily practice.

At her investiture ceremony, Judge Tanya Garrison gave an inspiring speech in which she expressed her feeling that it was "her time" to step onto the bench. In her speech at the Premier Women in Law luncheon, Betsy Kamin spoke about the various decades of her career and what each of those time periods encompassed. I've thought about their words a lot. Not only in turning over a page in my work with the AWA, but also in thinking back on my decades of practice. I challenge each of you to take a step back from your busy practices and ask yourself: "What is it my time to do?"

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### RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

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It is time to renew your AWA membership!  
The AWA membership year runs from April  
1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

Click here to update your AWA  
membership: <https://bit.ly/2H4QqJ9>

If you have questions about membership,  
renewals, or if you are having trouble  
receiving AWA emails, please contact  
Patrice Childress at  
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# AWA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE KICKOFF EVENT

ASSOCIATION OF  
WOMEN ATTORNEYS  
**MEMBERSHIP  
DRIVE  
KICKOFF  
EVENT**

ROSEMONT ROOFTOP BAR  
2750 GRANT ST, HOUSTON, TX 77006  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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## 2019-2020 AWA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The AWA is pleased to announce the members of the 2019-2020 AWA Board. If you have any questions about Membership or participation in the AWA, please do not hesitate to contact them:

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## PAST AWA EVENTS

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### **AWAF Premier Women in Law Luncheon March 20, 2019**

The AWA Foundation hosted the 8th Annual Premier Women in Law Luncheon on March 20, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The event was sold out for the second year in a row. Many thanks go to Melanie Koltermann, Chair of the AWA Foundation and the members of the Board of the AWA Foundation who worked tirelessly to organize the luncheon. The 2019 Premier Women in the Law honorees are:

Burke Butler, Special Counsel, Phillips Black Inc.  
Betsy Kamin, Member, Clark Hill Strasburger  
Amanda McMillian, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation  
Phyllis Young, Global Energy and Transactions Partners, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP.

The 2019 scholarship recipients are:

Heather Penning, third year student at South Texas College of Law  
Brittney Mandarino, second year student at South Texas College of Law  
Autumn Humphreys, third year student at Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
Kaie Bodden, second year student at Thurgood Marshall School of Law  
Jacqueline Del Villar, third year student at University of Houston Law Center  
Erika McDonald, second year student at University of Houston Law Center



**AWA Premier Women in Law Cocktail Reception  
March 20, 2019**

The AWA hosted a cocktail reception for the 2019 Premier Women in the Law honorees on February 20, 2019, at the home of Past-AWA President, Rhonda Weiner.



**AWA Judicial Reception  
January 16, 2019**

The AWA hosted a judicial reception for state and federal judges on January 31, 2019, at the Sam Houston Hotel. Many of the newly elected judges and justices attended. Many thanks to the host committee who planned and set up the reception: Michelle Gray, Rachel Linn, and Ashlee McFarlane.





## AWA PRO BONO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The AWA Foundation is proud to announce the recipients of the 2019-2020 Pro Bono Fellowship. Stormy Clark is the recipient of the Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP AWA Pro Bono Fellowship benefitting the Tahirih Justice Center. Pauline Rivera is the recipient of the Vinson & Elkins LLP AWA Pro Bono Fellowship benefitting Houston Volunteer Lawyers. Congratulations! We look forward to hearing from the fellows over the course of the next year.

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