

Black Women Lawyers' Association of Michigan

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Black Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (BWLAM) endeavors to promote reform in the law, to facilitate the administration of justice and to uphold the highest standard of integrity in the legal profession. BWLAM strives to cultivate a spirit of cordiality and fellowship among members of the Bar and our community at large. BWLAM strives to accomplish this by the promotion of programs which enhance civic education through law, promotion of scholarship and opportunity for black women at all levels of education.

FOUNDATION

BWLAM was founded on July 28, 1992 by a group of African-American women from the Metro Detroit area, who wanted to form a bar organization that focused on women issues; increased black female representation in the judiciary and in public offices; and to take a proactive stance on political issues. BWLAM focuses on the professional advancement of women lawyers and the promotion of women's rights.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Community Action Committee focuses on social issues.

Issues Committee focuses on current issues affecting marginalized communities.

Fundraising Committee is responsible for raising funds for the organization.

Committee on Sex and Race Discrimination focuses on infringements on the rights of African-Americans and women.

Network and Resource Committee focuses on networking among attorneys for employment opportunities, financial concerns and personal matters.

SIGNATURE EVENTS

Cocktail Sip

(Yearly Fundraiser)

BWLAM Foundation Scholarship

(Issues monetary awards based on essay submissions)

Operation Good Cheer Partnership

(Christmas gifts for foster children)

Bi-Annual Harriet Tubman Event

(Recognizes outstanding service to the legal community and/or social justice efforts)



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____ County: _____

Home #: (____) _____ Cell #: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Gender: M/F/NI Michigan Bar #: _____

Occupation/Practice Area: _____

Employer: _____

Work Address: _____

City: _____ ZIP: _____ County: _____

Work #: (____) _____ Fax #: (____) _____

I am willing to:

- ____ help plan an annual event.
- ____ host a fundraiser in my home.
- ____ volunteer for voter protection.
- ____ write an article for publication.
- ____ teach others about what I know.

I am willing to serve on a standing committee:

- ____ Fundraising
- ____ Current Issues
- ____ Community Action
- ____ Network & Resources
- ____ Sexual & Ethnicity Discrimination

If admitted to membership in the BWLAM bar association I will abide by its bylaws.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Attorney/Judge **\$50**

Associate (Student, Retired Person over 62, Non-Lawyer) **\$25**

Date Paid ____/____/____ Check # _____ or Cash Received **Yes/No** \$ _____

Your membership is valid for one (1) year ending September 30 of each year.

You may email your application to bwlamichigan@gmail.com and pay at the link: <https://tinyurl.com/bkp6srxm>

You may return by mail with an enclosed check, made payable to BWLAM.

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