

On the Cover . . .

MINERVA

She was identified with the Greek Athena, the goddess of wisdom. In Roman mythology she was one of the three chief divinities, the other two being Jupiter and Juno. She presided over all handicrafts, including professions and arts sometime around 200 B.C. She had at Rome a temple which was the meeting place for guilds of craftsmen, including dramatic poets and actors.

She was represented in art with a grave and majestic countenance, armed with helmet, shield, and spear, wearing long, full drapery, and on her breast the aegis.

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ELLEN SPENCER MUSSEY
FOUNDER AND FIRST PRESIDENT

PREFACE

I want to thank the members of the Women's Bar Association for the opportunity to write this history. Like the top of an iceberg, this slim volume cannot show the whole record, but I hope it gives others as it gave me an added knowledge of the activities of the Association and its individual members.

I give special thanks to Helena D. Reed, Past Historian, for her advice on the contents of the history and for the use of her records. I thank also Elizabeth F. Reed, Edwina A. Avery and Marjorie D. Hansen for contributing subchapters and for their oral suggestions and advice. Here it is appropriate to thank the other, many members, who answered specific questions, gave advice about special events of the Association, found old records and pictures, et cetera.

Lt. William Wright of the Canine Corps, D. C. Police Department, was exceptionally cooperative. He found time from his busy schedule for two lengthy discussions of the Canine Corps program, and loaned his official scrapbook of the Canine Corps history for our use until this history was completed. I want to thank him for his help and for the opportunity to see his Canine Corps dogs in action.

At the request of Elizabeth F. Reed, the Washington College of Law loaned the portrait of Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey so that it could be reproduced in this history. On behalf of the Association, Elizabeth and I want to thank the College officials.

Last, I know the Association joins me in thanking Joyce Capps for the art work for the Cover, and Eileen A. Hansen for all the long, tedious hours she spent in the composition of the final copy for the printer.

This history was authorized to be written during the 50th year of the Association, the presidency of Joyce Capps, and to be printed during the presidency of Antoinette Friedman.

Clarice F. Hens
November 29, 1967

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Chapter I

NARRATIVE HISTORY

Fifty years ago, the first meeting was held to consider the organization of a women's bar association in the District of Columbia. At the call of Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, formerly Dean of the Washington College of Law, 31 women members of the bar of the District of Columbia met on May 17, 1917 at the Washington College of Law. They became the charter members of the Women's Bar Association. (See Appendix A)

The creation of our Association was an outgrowth of the suffrage parade held in Washington on March 3, 1913. In that parade 10,000 women from all over the United States marched. The division of women lawyers was led by then 63 year old Ellen Spencer Mussey. Four years later, on March 13, 1917, the first public gathering of women members of the bar of the District of Columbia was a dinner in honor of the four men who carried banners in this historic parade. On that occasion the desire was expressed to form a permanent organization of women lawyers since the Bar Association of the District of Columbia did not admit women.

This desire became fact when the Women's Bar Association was incorporated November 19, 1917, with its purpose as expressed in the application for Articles for Incorporation:

"shall be to maintain the honor and integrity of the profession of the law; to increase its usefulness in promoting

the administration of justice; to advance and protect the interest of women lawyers of the District of Columbia and encourage their mutual improvement and social intercourse."

At the end of the first year the initial 31 members had grown to 45, a number representing 40% of all those eligible for membership (i. e., women lawyers admitted to the District of Columbia bar). Mrs. Mussey was elected as the first President, and served an additional year in office before becoming elected Honorary President for life.

The members of the Association now number about 300. Through the years they have made outstanding contributions in many fields of the law, both as private practitioners and as officers of the Federal government, judges and employees. The Association and its individual members have been responsible for the enactment of much legislation concerning the rights of women and children. (See Chapter II c)

In September, 1913, for the first time, a woman, Kathryn Sellers, one of the charter members of the Association, was appointed to the Bench of the District of Columbia. She was the first woman in the United States to be judge of a Juvenile Court and was the first woman to be appointed to the Bench under Federal authority. Since her day, twelve WBA members have been appointed by Presidents of the United States to be Judges of the several Courts in the District of Columbia. They are:

The Honorable Burnita Shelton Matthews
of the United States District Court for the
District of Columbia,

The Honorable Kathryn Sellers, Fay L. Bentley and Edith H. Cockrill of the Juvenile Court,

The Honorable Mary O'Toole, Ellen K. Raedy, Nadine Lane Gallagher, Mary Catherine Barlow, Grace Stewart, Mildred E. Reeves, and Catherine B. Kelly of the Court of General Sessions (and/or its predecessor courts),

The Honorable Catherine B. Kelly of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia,

The Honorable Marion J. Harron of the Tax Court of the United States.

Some of the highlights of WBA activities over the years include:

Support of the Legal Aid Agency. In its very first years the Association cooperated in organizing the Legal Aid Bureau and has continued its active support throughout the years to the present Legal Aid Agency of the District of Columbia.

Commission on the Status of Women for the District of Columbia. The effort of an Association Committee, chaired by Louise O'Neill, to study the status of women in the District, begun in 1963 and working with 12 women's organizations here, culminated in the creation by the District Commissioners in 1966 of a Commission on Status of Women for the District of Columbia.

Scholarships. Beginning in 1924 and continuing until recent years, the Association sponsored, with the financial assistance of the law schools involved - National (now merged with George Washington University Law School) and the Washington College of Law - scholarships for women students.

Hospitality for Visiting Women Lawyers. We have a continuing program for providing hospitality and arrangements, coordinating with the State Department, for women lawyers from foreign nations visiting the District of Columbia.

Endorsement of Worthy Persons for Positions of Public Trust. One of our continuing responsibilities, the endorsement and support of persons whom the members vote to endorse for appointment to positions of public trust, has not always been blessed with results. However, we do take pride in pointing out some of the persons whom we did endorse who were given judicial and/or other legal appointments:

The twelve members appointed by Presidents of the United States to be Judges of the several Courts in the District of Columbia.

The Honorable Florence E. Allen, the late Chief Judge of the 6th Circuit.

Mr. Theodore Cogswell, long time Registrar of Wills for the District of Columbia.

In addition, Presidents of the Association, through the years have urged upon the President of the United States and the Attorney General that qualified women be appointed to legal positions. For example, in October 1921, Mrs. Mussey, then Honorary President, visited the Attorney General to discuss the appointment of women to positions in the Offices of District Attorney throughout the country. In October 1922, the Association passed a resolution urging the appointment and promotion of women to positions of Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, Attorney, and other legal positions in the U. S. Government Depart-

ments. Further, it was also resolved that women should receive the same compensation that was given to men in similar positions!

In February 1930, the President of the Association was directed to write to the Chief Justice of the District Supreme Court (then), recommending that a woman be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Bar Examining Board.

Reviewing the above one can conclude that progress has been made even if many of our individual recommendations for judicial appointments in recent years have not been accepted.

Judicial Conference. The Women's Bar Association has been a member of the Judicial Conference of the District of Columbia for more than 20 years. Individual members of the Association have made worthy contributions to the studies and recommendations of the Conference.

World War II. The records show that the Association, through Mary Connelly, as Chairman of the War Work Committee, was very responsive to the needs of the government during World War II. Members participated by volunteering for duty at service clubs, donating blood, giving to bond drives, and collecting books for the Victory Book Campaign. This, of course, is aside from the contributions made by those members who entered the military services. President Mary Agnes Brown left office when she was commissioned in the WACS; Elizabeth Benson joined the WACS and sent interesting letters to the members of the Association concerning her work with injured servicemen. Many others joined the various women's branches or worked

with the Women's Volunteer Groups and the American Red Cross.

Financial Contributions. Among many others, the following contributions, gleaned from the minutes of past meetings, are noteworthy:

On May 8, 1923, it was voted that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for the Endowment Fund of the Washington College of Law in appreciation of our use of its rooms for the previous two years. Earlier, a sum, not identified, was appropriated for the Suffrage Memorial that was placed in the Capitol in February 1921.

In addition to sponsoring specific events during conventions of the American Bar Association in Washington, D. C., (Chapter III), the Association has made specific financial contributions, which, together with those of the other Bar Associations in Washington, D. C., were to provide appropriate support to the American Bar Association conventions here.

(Contributions to the Canine Corps are discussed in Chapter II; contributions to memorials to the Association Founder, Mrs. Mussey are identified in Appendix C.)

Speakers Programs. The records show that consistently noted and outstanding persons have addressed the Association's professional meetings over the fifty years. Among others, members have had the honor of hearing:

The women Representatives in Congress, including:

Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse,
Connecticut - 1946

Mrs. Margaret Chase Smith,
Maine - 1948
Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas,
California - 1948
Mrs. Patsy T. Mink, Hawaii - 1965
Mrs. Margaret Heckler,
Massachusetts - 1967

Justice Stafford of the District
Supreme Court - 1925
The Honorable Burnita Shelton
Matthews, (her latest talk) - 1965
The Honorable J. Irene Scott - 1963
The Honorable Morris Miller - 1963
The Honorable Catherine B.
Kelly - 1964
The Honorable Alexander
Holtzoff - 1965

E. Barrett Prettyman, Jr.,
author of Death and the
Supreme Court - 1964

The Honorable Virginia Brown,
Commissioner, Interstate
Commerce Commission - 1966

In review. The first 50 years of the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia have seen a myriad of changes in the legal status of women and of women lawyers. However, there is still more to be done, and we look to the members in the next 50 years to carry through the high goals and spirit which the founders of the Association set out for us in 1917.

Chapter II

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

a. Canine Corps of the District of Columbia *

The Canine Corps of the District of Columbia was assisted in 1959 and 1960 by the Women's Bar Association through the raising of funds by individual solicitation of members and of other civic groups, and through solicitation of the general public. These funds financed the expenses for trips by two members of the D. C. Police Department, Sgt. William Wright (now Lt. Wright), and Sgt. Cochran, to New Scotland Yard for necessary training in the establishment of a Canine Corps and the training of dogs. This initial effort, which is described in Edwina's own words below, in more detail, led to, today, 100 man-dog teams authorized for the D. C. Police Force. A grand total of \$2589.77 was collected (and reported to the D. C. Department of Licenses and Inspections.) Edwina's description of the obtaining (and initial non-obtaining) of the license to solicit for this program is another story - ask her when next you see her.

*Special recognition goes to Mrs. Edwina Avery, our member who now resides in Florida. In August 1966 on a trip to Washington, D. C., for another purpose, Edwina found time one hot afternoon to be interviewed by your Historian. This sub-chapter is based on the information from Edwina then (on recording tape) and on the past records of the Association which were prepared by Edwina in 1959 and 1960. It is also based on discussions with Lt. Wright of the D. C. Police Department, as well as extracts from the articles and photographs in his official scrapbook.

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REDUCE A
CRIME WAVE
DOWN TO A
RIPPLE



MAKE THE
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As Chairman of the Special Safety Committee, Edwina arranged a meeting with then Chief of Police Robert Murray and his Deputy Chiefs in September 1958, to discuss with him the use of police dogs by the Baltimore City Police, and the possibility of their use in D. C. They learned from him of the financial difficulties involved (waiting for Congressional appropriations specifically), but were heartened subsequently (September 1959) when the District Commissioners did authorize the formation of the Corps. At that time the WBA President Lenore Ehrig and Edwina met with Commissioner McLaughlin to congratulate him on this action and to tell him that the women's organizations in the city with which the Special Safety Committee had been working were wholeheartedly in favor of the Corps. He in turn requested their assistance in raising around \$5600, or \$1400 for each of four policemen to be sent to London where the English police Chief had offered to train them without charge, and possibly furnish the dogs. Lenore nor Edwina had ever been involved in fund raising but they tackled the problem anyway, and raised enough money to send Pvt. Cochran for the full 16-week training course and Sgt. Wright for the two-week special course in management and handling of a large corps. In addition, there were enough funds to send Sgt. Wright to St. Louis to assist that city's Force in energizing their canine corps.

Every dollar collected went to the Canine Corps funds - none was spent on expenses contingent thereto. All expenses, such as registering the fund, postage, posters, mimeographing, etc., were paid by individual members, by the Association, or by an anonymous contributor. The Association had the support, financial and



Edwina Avery and an Arthur Murray staff member are joined by one of the stars of the Canine Corps. (Reni Photos; copy loaned by Lt. Wright, D. C. Police Department)

otherwise, of the three Washington newspapers, particularly the Evening Star which gave wholehearted support during the entire campaign, assigning some of its top-flight reporters to assist, and the radio stations, particularly WWDC which not only gave special broadcasting time but also broadcast a splendid editorial on the campaign. The Hot Shoppe, Inc., Woodward and Lothrop, and the Giant Food Chain made very generous contributions. In addition to hundreds of individuals who made contributions ranging from \$1 to \$50, the following organizations contributed to the fund:

The Business and Professional Women's Clubs
of D. C. and Chevy Chase

The General Federation of Women's Clubs

Kappa Beta Pi (International) Legal Sorority

The Alpha Delta Kappa, D. C. State Organization

The Zonta Club

The Quota Club

The Altrusa Club

The U. S. Forest Service Wives

The D. A. R.

The League of Republican Women

Auxiliaries of the American Legion and
Veterans of Foreign Wars

The Encore Club

The Office of the U. S. Attorney

The Military Service Insurance Underwriters.

The first Corps of six dogs went on the streets on April 13, 1960. The Association continued its drive through January 1961 to obtain the total shown in the first paragraph above. Along the way the Arthur Murray studios even sponsored a dance - a big success except, as Edwina described it, when the VIP Canine Corps dog in-



Sgt. Wright and one of the first members of the Canine Corps.
(Photo courtesy Lt. Wright, D. C. Police Department)

advertently took off the net skirt of one of the instructors. (But then, this embarrassing incident was only matched by another Canine Corps member becoming overly enthusiastic in greeting Commissioner McLaughlin when the WBA President and Committee Chairman visited him to make its official contribution).

A pleasing footnote to this sub-chapter was to hear the present Chief of Police Layton, who was the speaker at our April 25th, 1967, meeting, describe the efficiency with which the four-footed members of the Department work - we were all proud of our contribution to make Washington, D. C., safe for everyone.

b. Citizenship Committee

Naturalization Ceremonies*

In the Fall of 1953 Edwina Austin Avery, Chairman of the Citizenship Committee of the Women's Bar Association, called a meeting in the office of our President, Joan Murphy in the National Press Building. Edwina presented for the consideration of the Committee three suggestions for its activities for the year. They were:

1. A "party" for the new citizens,
2. Some project in the Junior High Schools of Washington,
3. Liaison with the Americanization School.

As a result of the discussion on the first suggestion, it was felt that a reception in the Court House immediately following the Naturalization Hearing would be an appropriate way of welcoming our new citizens. The matter was laid before the Court and permission granted. Chief Judge Laws tendered use of the Lawyers' Lounge, then in room 4435. Plans were laid to hold a reception on the 2nd Tuesday of February 1954 immediately following the Naturalization Hearing in the Ceremonial Court Room. The second Tuesday of each month is the regular date for Naturalization Hearings.

Petitioners for citizenship on that date were mailed personal invitations to attend a reception in their honor in the Lawyers' Lounge immediately following the ceremony in the Court Room. Invitations were also mailed to Presidents of

*Our thanks to Elizabeth F. Reed who wrote the description of the Naturalization Ceremonies and the WBA program for welcoming these new citizens.



The 5th Anniversary of the receptions for new citizens occasioned this gathering of the members of the Citizenship Committee of the Women's Bar Association, in the Lawyers' Lounge of the U. S. Court House, February 10, 1959.
 Front row (L to R): Roey Perry, Florence McLouth, Elizabeth M. Cox, Maurine Abernathy, Sophie Lyman, Florence McGee, President Doris Wilkins, Kate Briggs.
 Second row: Beatrice Offutt, Edwina Avery, Catherine Myers, Eona Gatchell, Elizabeth F. Reed (Chairman), Caribel Sternberg. (Reni Photos; copy loaned by Elizabeth F. Reed)

various civic and patriotic groups, the complete Bench of the United States Court, the Superintendent of Schools, and others who might be interested. The Committee was overwhelmed by the response. The new citizens were delighted. In fact it was such a success the Committee felt it could not be a one-time affair. The problem then was how future receptions could be financed. The Women's Bar Association having financed one could not be asked to continue such a program. The suggestion was made that the Alumnae Chapters of the two legal sororities Kappa Beta Pi and Phi Delta Delta (representatives of these two groups participated in the first reception) be asked to unite in supporting a reception in March. Representatives of the various organizations were sent invitations to the March reception. They came and this time they asked if they could participate in future receptions. It was then that the "co-sponsor" was born. That made possible the continuation of these receptions throughout the year.

Thru the years many organizations have acted as co-sponsors, some but once, others oftener. Finally there developed a group who wanted to make their participation a part of their community service program. The following organizations have been, for some years, our regular supporters and co-sponsor a reception for new citizens the same month each year.

Co-Sponsoring Organizations

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of
the District of Columbia
B'nai B'rith Women, Abram Simon Chapter
Federal Bar Association, D. C. Chapter

Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., Ladies
Auxiliary No. 381
Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign
Wars of the U. S.
Lawyers' Wives of the District of Columbia
National Association of Bank Women, Inc.,
Capital Group
Patriotic Women of America, D. C. Council
Pilot Club of Washington
Sodality Union, Archdiocese of Washington
The Twentieth Century Club of Washington
Washington Panhellenic Association
• Zonta Club of Washington

The number of petitioners in any one month varies greatly. The smallest number we have record of is 25 naturalized at a Hearing held in the Old Supreme Court Room at the Capitol on Law Day, May 1, 1961. This is the only time a reception has been held away from the Lawyers Lounge in the Court House. The largest number was 156 on March 13, 1956. In the Fall of 1962 the location of the Lawyers' Lounge was moved to Room H604 and the first reception held in that lounge was on October 9, 1962.

On November 11, 1954, a mass naturalization was held in the Departmental Auditorium when 223 aliens became citizens of the United States. A reception without refreshments was held in the adjoining lounge. The Sertoma Club of Washington presented a copy of "The Declaration of Independence" to each new citizen. A copy of the book "What is America" by Arthur Goodfriend, donated by the Advertising Council, Inc. was also presented to each new citizen.

The reception scheduled for December 10th, 1963, was cancelled out of respect for the mem-

ory of the late President Kennedy. Naturalization Hearings were not held in September and October 1964 due to the Presidential election in November. No receptions were held.

At the time of the meeting in Joan Murphy's office in 1953 Edwina Avery asked for volunteers for the projects she had in mind. Wilma Martin volunteered to arrange for the first reception. She continued in charge of the receptions until May when she was elected to an office in the Association. Elizabeth F. Reed, who had been on the Committee from the beginning, followed Wilma. Edwina continued as Chairman of the Committee until May 10, 1955, when she resigned due to her appointment as a Naturalization Examiner. June 14, 1955, Elizabeth Reed became Chairman of the Committee and has continued in that position to the present time.

The fifth anniversary of the receptions, February 10, 1959, was observed with a large birthday cake; the receipt of a beautiful bowl of flowers from the Sertoma Club, one of our co-sponsors at the time; and the Chairman being interviewed over Station WRC Radio by Patty Cavin.

At the Law Day Ceremony in 1959 a copy of "Freedom's Charter" was presented to each of the 25 new citizens by Doris Wilkins, President of the Women's Bar Association as a gift from the Association.

On December 8th, 1959, a copy of the "Bill of Rights" was presented to each new citizen in commemoration of Bill of Rights Day, December 15.

On August 31, 1960, a special Naturalization Hearing was held for the interest of the members of the British Bench and Bar attending the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in Washington as guests. Our Association held the usual reception for the new citizens to which were invited the British Bench and Bar and the American Bench and Bar. We were greatly honored by the presence of Chief Justice Warren and Associate Justice Brennan, who gave the address at the ceremony; also Judge Hart, the Presiding Judge that day, and Mrs. Hart.

Thru the years men and women in public life in Washington have been the speakers at the Naturalization Ceremony and frequently have attended the reception following. We mention but a few: Senator Estes Kefauver, a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1956; Congresswoman Frances P. Bolton; Drew Pearson; Bryson Rash; General Patrick Ryan, Army Chief of Chaplains; Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, Treasurer of the United States; J. Earnest Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of Labor; and many others.

Appreciation

In 1956 our Association authorized the purchase of a silver tea and coffee set much needed to carry on the receptions more graciously. Past President Joan Murphy was appointed Chairman to secure the set. The set was purchased at Woodward & Lothrop's. When they heard what the Women's Bar Association was doing for the new citizens and the fine organizations supporting us they very generously presented a duplicate set so there could be a set at each end of the tea table.

Our first American flag was secured thru the efforts of June Green during her Presidency. In 1966 Ida Als was responsible for the presentation of a silk flag by the American Legion Auxiliary, one of our long-standing co-sponsors.

At the February reception in 1964, President Patricia Frohman presented a beautiful orchid corsage to Elizabeth F. Reed in recognition of her ten years of service as Chairman of the Citizenship Committee.

At a luncheon of the Sertoma Club in April 1955 President Joan Murphy accepted the Club's "American Way Award" presented to the Women's Bar Association. The Award is in the form of a shield and made of mahogany. It reads: "Sertoma International 'American Way Award' Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia - Friendship and Service to New Citizens - April 5, 1955."

From time to time notes of appreciation are received from the new citizens. Recently one wrote: "It was a perfect way to end one of the most memorable events in my life." Another: "Had I been naturalized in my home town my mother would have had a party for me. But for the Women's Bar Association and their party I would have gone to my room and been alone." Another wrote: "It made me feel happy to become a citizen of such a great country. I will always remember that day."

The following members of the Women's Bar Association constitute the Committee which has made the second Tuesday of each month, January to December, a memorable date in the lives

of new citizens in the Nation's capital: Ida Als, Genevieve Crouch, Helen Esgate, Eona Gatchell, Sara Halbfinger, Florence McLouth, Beatrice Offut, Jeanette Rod, Elizabeth F. Reed, Chairman.

Public School Awards*

Due to the vandalism and petty thievery of gangs of school-age children on the streets in various sections of the District, the WBA became interested in a project to help remedy this situation. In 1953 several members of our Association met to discuss possibilities and plans that we might undertake. The Committee was put in touch with Mr. Hugh Smith, Principal of Jefferson Junior High School, located in the southwest area of the District of Columbia. Together with officials of Randall Junior High School and St. Dominics Parochial School, both located in this area, a school citizenship award program was agreed upon. Mr. Smith then took the matter of the proposed school citizenship award program to the Southwest Regional Youth Council and to higher school officials. Under the leadership of Mr. Smith, the basis for recognizing students at the Junior High School level was worked out on the premise that such recognition would fill the gap existing between children who worked to the very best of their ability and were good citizens but who were unable to attain the scholastic achievement required for other awards. It was decided that the students who received straight "A's" in citizenship, a graded subject in the public schools, during their Senior year would be entitled to receive a good citizenship certificate, and in addition, the boy and girl who had shown unusual and outstanding progress in

*Our thanks to Marjorie Hansen who has described this Program.

citizenship during their three years in Junior High School would receive a good citizenship pin.

In 1954, our Association launched a pilot program in the three Southwest Washington schools. (St. Dominics School was subsequently dropped since it disbanded due to the redevelopment project in that area. Woodsen Junior High School was substituted). Our first certificates were printed in the shop at Jefferson Junior High. From 1954 through 1957, 6 pins and an estimated 30 - 95 certificates were awarded annually at a cost of approximately \$5.00 annually.

In 1958, the certificates were redesigned and enlarged to permit the flag to be in color and to provide for the seal of the WBA. Again in 1960, the certificates were designed by a commercial company conforming the design to a standard size certificate. Due to a special ruling in 1963, we were permitted to make awards in the Senior and Vocational High Schools, therefore, a new certificate was designed to distinguish these certificates from those awarded at the Junior High School level. In 1958 we awarded 96 certificates and 6 pins to students in 3 Junior High Schools at a cost of about \$8.00.

In 1959, Mr. Smith said our project had proven itself and should be made available to all the Junior High Schools. He also suggested that we confine our awards to certificates only. In this year, we awarded 6 pins and 56 certificates in the three Junior High Schools.

With the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, in 1960 all Junior High Schools were invited to participate in our program. Our invitations were enthusiastically received by 15 schools. We awarded 542 certificates (\$12.15).

According to the Principals and teachers, the awards proved to be a real incentive to the students who thus began their school work in September seeking better grades and showing a desire to remain in school. In 1961, we awarded 741 certificates (\$17.73).

By 1962, our Citizenship Committee was most impressed by the large increase in the number of students graduating and by their really competitive attitude for recognition. Some of the schools raised requirements to include straight "A's" throughout the 3 years in Junior High because it heightened the effort made by the student and spread to his other subjects. Other schools recognized outside student activities reflecting well on the students and on the schools. 690 certificates were awarded in 17 Junior High Schools (4 now in Senior High School Buildings), at a cost of \$30.00.

The interest of the students, principals and teachers in the Senior High Schools was aroused to the point of requesting that the program be extended to them. Formal approval from the Superintendent of Schools was obtained thus expanding our Good Citizenship Program.

In many of the schools, Honors and Awards Day Programs take place in May, thus dividing the Association's year for making awards with an ending date on May 31st. Graduation from Junior High School was de-emphasized and the programs of these schools were keyed to promotion and continuation in school. In several of the schools the graduates were honored by the addition of "with good citizenship honors" attached to their diplomas. In 1962-63, we awarded 841 certificates in 12 Junior High Schools and 6 in Senior High Schools at a cost of \$43.00.

In 1963-64, we noted marked changes in the attitudes of the students. There was clear evidence of a real effort by the school authorities to have better discipline, new programs for drop-outs and employment of students. The feeling of personal responsibility was coming alive in the students. The Principals and teachers involved commended our Program for stimulating encouragement and interest by rewarding those who had contributed their best efforts to the school and to the community. We awarded 1,069 certificates in 19 Junior High Schools, 3 Senior High Schools and 2 Vocational Highs (\$65).

In 1964-65, we awarded 1,104 certificates in 21 Junior High Schools, 7 Senior High Schools, and 1 Vocational High School at a cost of \$75.

In 1965-66, when street disorders, destruction and law breaking by our youth were making the rounds of the city and schools, it was gratifying to receive the commendation of the Superintendent who said, "It has done much to stimulate respect and discipline in our school system." During this year we have been emphasizing obedience and respect for the law; the students have responded with real pride in achievement and willingness to work, showing they are developing some of the qualities of leadership and citizenship that are most desired. We awarded 1,080 certificates in 22 Junior Highs, 2 Senior Highs, and 3 Vocational High Schools at a cost of \$64.89.

We feel, with considerable pride, that the awarding of these certificates has many values not only in the number of awards made but in the desire it engenders in our junior citizens to attain some of the worthwhile values necessary to life in a democratic society.

c. Support of Legislation in Congress

Through the years the Association and its individual members have been responsible for much progressive legislation considered and enacted by the Congress of the United States.

Such legislation has included the law removing restrictions on the capacity of married women to contract, the law removing the disqualification of women for jury service in the District of Columbia, and the law striking down discrimination against females in the inheritance laws of the District of Columbia. Federal legislation applicable to the country as a whole has also been considered by the Association. This includes laws regarding the nationality of American women marrying foreigners and their rights to transmit their nationality to their children born abroad (in 1918 a woman marrying an alien lost her U. S. citizenship even though she may have never left the continental United States). Members of the Association have drafted bills for Congressional consideration; have lobbied for enactment; and have testified in the name of the Association before the Congressional Committees concerned.

From the records it would appear that the longest standing Committee has been the Legislative Committee, responsible for studying the pending bills, for making recommendations to the Board of Directors and to the membership as to the merits of bills, and for testifying before the appropriate Committees. The House and Senate District Committees routinely request the opinions of the Association on legislation they consider of interest to it. However, in addition, the Legislative Committee has

maintained cognizance over legislation pending in the Congress (for example, before the Judiciary Committees and the Post Office and Civil Service Committees) when it is of interest to the Association.

In the historical sense it is interesting to note that the first reference to action on legislation is in the WBA minutes for the meeting of Saturday, December 1, 1917. The President, D. C. State Equal Suffrage Association, Miss Mary O' Toole, wrote to the WBA asking that it adopt a resolution in the form of the Joint Resolution, in favor of amendment to the Constitution of the United States giving Congress power to extend the right of suffrage to the residents of the District. The WBA passed such a resolution at a special meeting on December 13, 1917, as follows:

"WHEREAS, there is now pending in the United States Senate and House of Representatives a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States giving to Congress the power to extend the right of Suffrage to residents of the District of Columbia,

"RESOLVED, that the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia places itself on record as favoring the extension of the right of suffrage to residents of the District of Columbia. "

Also of note was the adoption of a resolution at the January 11, 1921, meeting, to the effect of urging Congress of the necessity of reopening or carrying out negotiations for a treaty between the U.S. and England, making wife and family desertion an extradictable offense. (Apparently

there were a large number of such desertions occurring, the husband going from this country into Canada, or from Canada to the U. S.).

In 1933, the Association made a report on the World Court (as a result of a study of the Committee) which was printed in Senate Document 209, 72nd Congress, 2nd Session.

In the minutes of the meeting, May 5, 1935, the Legislative Committee chairman reported that through the efforts of Mrs. Burnita Shelton Matthews, a bill on inheritance laws on which Mrs. Matthews had been working for many years, had been passed.

Some subjects are constantly before Congress; others intermittently; their history can be seen in reading the minutes of the Association's meetings. Tying the above legislative actions to present day WBA actions was not difficult. For example, one of the laws supported by the Association for several sessions of Congress before it was finally enacted in 1965 was P. L. 89-217, the law which brought the District's divorce laws more closely in line with those of Maryland and Virginia. Another supported by the Association was P. L. 89-261, enacted October 19, 1965, which repealed an ancient statute, and thus ended the possibility of legal support for discrimination as to sex in Federal agencies hiring practices.

The Association has not ignored the status of the courts in the District either. Among more recent actions were the endorsement of legislation in 1961 for two additional judges for the Juvenile Court, and in 1964, endorsement of more equitable retirement benefits for judges of the Court of General Sessions.

A quotation from an Association letter of April 20, 1921, seems a fitting close to this subchapter:

"As lawyers we are not only interested in the administration of the law but in changing and forming the law by legislative enactment and legislation is naturally the crystallization of public sentiment. Every individual can play a part in creating public sentiment but experience has made it plain that by cooperation and organized effort it can be more easily shaped and more quickly converted into law. Our association has not been blind to this method of exerting its influence."

Chapter III

COMMEMORATIVE AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

The first banquet was held on December 8, 1917 at the Lafayette Hotel. The price per plate to each member was \$2.00 (!) and each member had the privilege of inviting one woman guest, bearing the expenses for the guest. In addition to the 58 members and their guests who attended, the following invited honored guests were present:

- The Countess of Aberdeen, President of
the International Council of Women
- Dr. Anna Howard Shaw
- Dr. Kate Waller Barrett
- Miss Julia Lathrop (first head of the
Women's Bureau, Labor Department)
- Mrs. Grace Caxtell
- Mrs Philip N. Moore
- Mrs. Grace Humiston
- Miss Josephine Berry

"all women of national prominence and engaged in the promotion of the advancement and education of women."

The second banquet was held November 23, 1918, honored by the presence of Judge Kathryn Sellers, who, on October 15, 1918, began her duties as Judge of the Juvenile Court in the District.

The third banquet was held at the Burlington Hotel, and numbered among the honored guests the Honorable Annette Abbot Adams, Assistant Attorney General; the Honorable Mabel T. Boardman, District Commissioner; Mrs. Helen H.

Gardner, Civil Service Commissioner.

On December 1, 1923, the banquet commemorated the Centennial of the Promulgation of the Monroe Doctrine.

The banquet held January 27, 1932, was honored by the presence of the Vice President of the United States. The 29th annual event, February 5, 1945, was attended by the Chief Justice, Harland Fiske Stone, and by Justices Rutledge and Burton and their wives. This was believed to be the first time a Chief Justice of the United States had attended any local bar functions. The Speaker was Sir Frederic W. Eggleston, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Australia.

Mrs. Bess Truman accepted from the White House for the February 2, 1949 reception for women members of Congress. (Her daughter, Margaret, sent regrets).

In February 1963, the reception to honor women members of Congress was given at the International Inn.

In addition, through the years there have been receptions for the newly appointed women judges. In February 1964 the Association sponsored a reception for the Citizens' Advisory Council on the Status of Women; in June 1965 a tea was held at the home of President Margaret Laurence for the women judges attending the National Conference of Juvenile Judges.

Special events have been sponsored when the American Bar Association conventions have been held in Washington, D. C. For example, the

August 31, 1960, reception in honor of new citizens of the United States (see Chapter II for this program) was open to all ABA members and guests attending the 1960 Convention. In addition, on September 1, 1960 a reception was held in honor of the women lawyers attending the Convention. It was held in the garden of Decatur House, Lafayette Square. (Similarly a garden party was held for delegates to the ABA Convention of 1950.)

The Association hosted a breakfast for delegates of the World Peace through World Law Washington Conference in August 1965.

Our Association Judiciary dinner of April 19, 1966 also honored the 22 past presidents of the Association; 14 were present at this event.

On October 26, 1965, the Women's Bar Association honored Mrs. Belva Lockwood, the first woman to practice before the Supreme Court, by presenting the "Portrait Bust of Belva A. Lockwood" to the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia. It was accepted for the Court by the Honorable Burnita S. Matthews.

Mrs. Lockwood was the inspiration for the WBA Founder, Mrs. Mussey, and charter member, Miss Gillett, to study law. Mrs. Lockwood was admitted before the Supreme Court on March 3, 1879. She was an alumna of the National University Law School (which was merged subsequently with the George Washington University Law School). She had many firsts to her credit. She secured passage in 1872 of the act giving women employees equal pay with men for equal work in the Federal government (or as the George Washington University Law Librarian stated it in

his letter of November 10, 1965, "the author of the equal pay for equal work principle in the Federal Government"). (Apropos this, the Association gave the plaster mold of the Lockwood bust to the George Washington University Law School where it was placed in the Treasure Room of the new Law Library). Mrs. Lockwood was nominated in 1883 by the Equal Rights party at its convention in San Francisco as its candidate for the U. S. presidency. She tried again in 1888 without success. She was the first woman to practice before the Court of Claims, trying her last case there at the age of 85 in 1915. She was the first woman admitted to the bar of the state of Virginia, and an active suffragette. She was renowned for securing \$500,000 for the Cherokee Indians from the Federal government. She did not live to see the enactment of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote - she died in 1917.



Belva Lockwood



The Lockwood Bust

In 1964 the "Woman Lawyer of the Year" award was established by the Association. The award is given at the annual judiciary dinner or

reception each spring. The following members have been honored to date:

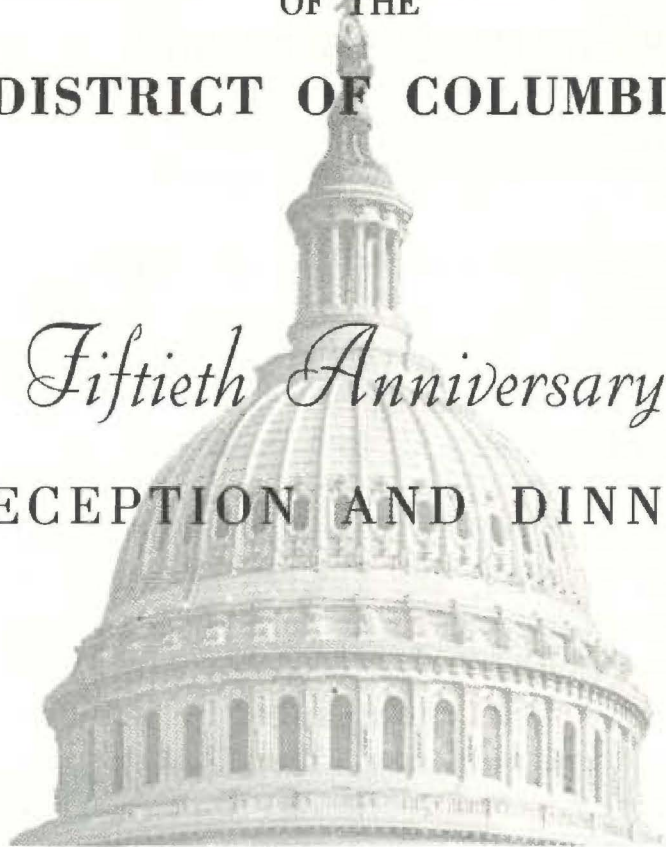
- 1964 - Marguerite Rawalt
- 1965 - June Green
- 1966 - Elizabeth Buntin
- 1967 - Una Rita Quenstedt

On March 14, 1967 the Association presented, the Portrait Gallery, four large framed photographs of the four statues in the Ceremonial Courtroom, to the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia, to be hung in the Lawyers' Lounge of the U. S. Courthouse. The photographs of Hammurabi, the 6th King of Babylon and famous lawgiver; Moses, the Jewish lawgiver; Solon, the Athenian statesman; and Justinian I who promulgated the Codex Constitutum and consolidated Roman law, are accompanied by a description of their accomplishments. The Gallery proposed by Helena Reed, researched by Barbara Campbell, and designed by Joyce Capps, is appropriately located in the Lounge where the receptions for the new citizens are held, giving them an opportunity to read about the statues in the Ceremonial Courtroom where they have just been given their U. S. citizenship.

Our 50th Anniversary celebration was held May 18, 1967 at the Mayflower Hotel. Two hundred and fourteen members and guests attended. The program for this outstanding anniversary has been included in this History as a fitting indication of the close of our first fifty years.

**THE WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION
OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Fiftieth Anniversary
RECEPTION AND DINNER



THE MAYFLOWER HOTEL

**Wednesday, May the seventeenth
Nineteen hundred sixty-seven**

Six-thirty

Honored Guests

The Supreme Court of the United States

Chief Justice Earl Warren

Associate Justice and Mrs. Stanley F. Reed

The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

Chief Judge and Mrs. David L. Bazelon

Judge and Mrs. George T. Washington

Judge and Mrs. Spottswood W. Robinson III

The United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Chief Judge and Mrs. Edward M. Curran

Judge and Mrs. John J. Sirica

Judge and Mrs. Matthew F. McGuire

Judge and Mrs. Leonard P. Walsh

Judge and Mrs. Henry A. Schweinhaut

Judge and Mrs. William B. Jones

Judge Alexander Holtzoff

Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr.

Judge and Mrs. Richmond B. Keech

Judge and Mrs. Joseph C. Waddy

Judge and Mrs. Luther W. Youngdahl

The United States Court of Claims

Chief Judge and Mrs. Wilson Cowen

Judge and Mrs. James R. Durfee

Judge Oscar H. Davis

Judge and Mrs. J. Warren Madden

The Tax Court of the United States

Judge and Mrs. Gregory Bruce

Judge Marion J. Harron

Judge and Mrs. Craig S. Atkins

Judge and Mrs. Bolon B. Turner

The United States Court of Military Appeals

Judge and Mrs. Homer Ferguson

The United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals

Chief Judge and Mrs. Eugene Worley

Judge and Mrs. Arthur M. Smith

Judge and Mrs. Giles S. Rich

Judge and Mrs. Joseph R. Jackson

Judge and Mrs. I. Jack Martin

Judge and Mrs. Noble J. Johnson

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Chief Judge and Mrs. Andrew M. Hood

Judge and Mrs. Thomas D. Quinn

Judge and Mrs. Frank H. Myers

Judge and Mrs. Nathan Cayton

The District of Columbia Court of General Sessions

Chief Judge and Mrs. Harold F. Greene

Judge and Mrs. Joseph M. Ryan, Jr.

Judge and Mrs. Milton S. Kronheim, Jr.

Judge Edmond T. Daly

Judge Mary C. Barlow and Dr. L. W. Smallwood

Judge and Mrs. Charles W. Halleck

Judge and Mrs. Thomas C. Scalley

Judge and Mrs. Timothy C. Murphy

Judge and Mrs. Andrew J. Howard, Jr.

Judge and Mrs. Harry T. Alexander

Judge and Mrs. John J. Malloy

Judge and Mrs. Justin L. Edgerton

Judge and Mrs. Edward A. Beard

Judge and Mrs. Richard Atkinson

Judge Austin L. Fickling

Judge and Mrs. Milton D. Korman

Judge Catherine B. Kelly

Judge and Mrs. Fred L. McIntyre

Judge and Mrs. Dewitt S. Hyde

Judge and Mrs. George D. Neilson

The Juvenile Court of the District of Columbia

Chief Judge and Mrs. Morris Miller

Judge Orman W. Ketcham

The District of Columbia Tax Court

Judge and Mrs. Jo V. Morgan

The Attorney General of the United States and Mrs. Ramsey Clark

The Solicitor General of the United States Thurgood Marshall

The Commissioner of the District of Columbia Charles B. Duncan

The U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia and Mrs. David G. Bress

The Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel for the District of Columbia and Mrs. Hubert B. Pair

The Clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals and Mrs. Nathan J. Paulson

The Clerk of the U.S. District Court and Mrs. Robert M. Stearns

The Clerk of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals C. Newell Atkinson

The Clerk of the D. C. Court of General Sessions and Mrs. Joseph M. Burton, Jr.

The Clerk of the Juvenile Court Charles J. Rumsey

The Register of Wills of the District of Columbia Peter J. McLaughlin

The Pre-Trial Examiner of the U.S. District Court and Mrs. John J. Finn

Sister Mary de Chantall (the former Marie Easby-Smith), Senior Past President of the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia

The President of the D. C. Bar Association and Mrs. Sidney S. Sachs

The President-Elect of the D. C. Bar Association and Mrs. John E. Powell

The President of the Washington Bar Association and Mrs. Alexander L. Benton

The President of the Federal Bar Association and Mrs. Paul H. Gantt

The President of the Association of Plaintiff's Trial Attorneys and Mrs. Ernest C. Raskauskas

Program



Opening RemarksJoyce Capps, *President*

Invocation

Introduction of Honored Guests

Award to Past President

1967 Woman Lawyer of the Year Award

Introduction of Program

Closing Remarks



MUSICAL PROGRAM

"BAR REVUE OF 1967"

(Featuring the Bar Maids)

Elizabeth Guhring, *Chairman*

Maurine Howard Abernathy Kathleen Davern

Margaret A. Beller Ruth Berman Dunlop

Sylvia D. Ross



Accompanied by Louis S. Papa



SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Guhring, *Chairman*

Gladys Fishel

Ruth C. Brooks

Alice Patricia Frohman

Mary C. Burnett

Pearle Mount

Genevieve Crouch

Marie Van Hise

Officers of the Association

President Joyce Capps
Vice President Antoinette B. Friedman
Treasurer Hana Taffet
Recording Secretary Eileen A. Hansen
Corresponding Secretary Sayde Jane Davis

Board of Directors

Lee Berger Anderson	A. Patricia Frohman
Elizabeth Bunten	Clarice Felder Hens
Genevieve W. Crouch	Catherine B. Kelly
Elizabeth Guhring, Ex Officio	

WOMAN LAWYERS OF THE YEAR

1964 Marguerite Rawalt
 1965 June L. Green
 1966 Elizabeth Bunten

Past Presidents

1917-19 Ellen Spencer Mussey	1943-45 Nadine Lane Gallagher
1919-21 Ida May Moyers	1945-47 Sara Mero Williams
1921-22 Emma M. Gillett	1947-49 Mary Frances Glenn
1922-24 Helen E. Jamison	1949-51 Olive Geiger Faircloth
1924-25 Marie Easby-Smith	1951-52 Sarah A. Perrin
1925-27 Burnita Shelton Matthews	1952-53 Irene Kennedy
1927-29 Elizabeth Harris	1953-55 Joan Murphy
1929-30 May Bigelow	1955-57 June L. Green
1930-31 Mary M. Connelly	1957-58 Mary M. Garner
1931-33 M. Pearl McCall	1958-59 Doris G. Wilkins
1933-35 Edwina Austin Avery	1959-60 Lenore G. Ehrig
1935-37 Beatrice A. Clephane	1960-62 Ruth Joyce Hens
1937-39 Annabel Matthews	1962-63 Mary Ellen McCorkle
1939-40 Helena Doocy Reed	1963-64 Alice Patricia Frohman
1940-42 Elizabeth M. Cox	1964-65 Margaret Muth Laurence
1942-43 Mary-Agnes Brown-Groover	1965-66 Elizabeth Guhring
Entered Military Service	
Helen Goodner Washington	
Succeeded to Office	



President Joyce Capps congratulates Una Rita Quenstedt on her selection as Lawyer of the Year. Una Rita's husband, Warren Quenstedt, stands by.



This scene of the crowd includes four past presidents:
 Joyce Hens Green
 Mary A. Brown Groover
 Margaret M. Laurence
 Lenore Ehrig
 and The Honorable Catherine B. Kelly



The Bar Maids share the limelight with Musical Chairman and past president Elizabeth Guhring. Another past president, Patricia Frohman, can be seen in the distance.

SNAPSHOTS TAKEN AT THE 50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER, MAY 18, 1967

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INCORPORATORS, CHARTER MEMBERS, AND OTHER
MEMBERSHIP DATA

INCORPORATORS - November 19, 1917

Ellen Spencer Mussey
Emma M. Gillett
Caroline I. Griesheimer
Ida May Moyers
Clara Gracen
Edna J. Sheehy
Laura M. Berrien
Dora Palkin

CHARTER MEMBERS - 31

Sarah Anderson	Katherine Horan
Sarah T. Andrews	Helen E. Jamison
Laura M. Berrien	G. E. Leonard
Rebecca Blaine	Hester E. McNelly
Bessie Cohen	Ida May Moyers
Lucile Compton	Ellen Spencer Mussey
Amanda F. Delaney	Edith B. Newman
Clara Friedman	Mary O'Toole
Ella D. Gates	Dora Palkin
Caroline Griesheimer	Katherine R. Pike
Emma M. Gillett	Kathryn Sellers
Clara Gracen	Edna Sheehy
Ruth Halpenny	Miss Sinclair
Helen F. Hill	Marie Easby-Smith
Mabel E. Hogan	Nina Thomas
Mrs. E. R. Williams	

OTHER MEMBERSHIP DATA

By May 11, 1920, there were 63 members. By May 1925 there were 105 members. The records for 1944 show an increase from 240 members to 358, many of whom were in the military service, and by 1946 there were 414 members, including 75 associate members and 25 non-resident members. Our membership in this 50th anniversary year has averaged 300.



Charter member Marie A. Easby-Smith, now known in religion as Sister M. de Chantal of the Sisters of Mercy. Sister de Chantal attended the Reception in 1966 which honored the 22 Past Presidents and the 50th Anniversary Dinner in May 1967.
(Photo courtesy Mary Chadwick)

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CONSTITUTION

1917

This temporary Constitution was adopted on May 19, 1917:

OBJECTS

- I. To maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of the law, to increase its usefulness in promoting the administration of justice; to advance and protect the interests of women lawyers of the District of Columbia and encourage their mutual improvement and social intercourse.
- II. Any woman member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in good standing is eligible to membership. Her name must be presented to the Committee on Membership and on its recommendation come before the organization for election. The dues to October 15, 1917, shall be \$1.00.
- III. The officers of the organization pending the adoption of a constitution and by-laws for a permanent organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected by a majority vote of the preliminary meeting.
- IV. It shall be the duty of the President to appoint a committee on Constitution and By-Laws and upon Membership to serve until a complete organization is effected.
- V. All members enrolled previous to October 15, 1917 shall be considered Charter Members.

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The permanent Constitution and By-Laws were adopted September 29, 1917:

CONSTITUTION of the WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION of
the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known as the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Association shall be to maintain the honor and integrity of the profession of the law; to increase its usefulness in promoting the administration of justice; to advance and protect the interests of women lawyers of the District of Columbia; and to encourage their mutual improvement and social intercourse.

ARTICLE III. Any woman member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in good standing is eligible to membership, and shall be nominated as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE IV. The Officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association and who shall hold office for one year.

There shall be an Executive Committee which shall consist of the officers and three other members, such members to be elected at the Annual Meeting to hold office for a term of three years, with the exception that the members of the first executive committee after the adoption of this constitution shall be elected - one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of three years. No officer or member of the Executive Committee shall be eligible to more than two consecutive terms of office.

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ARTICLE V. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any Annual Meeting provided that notice of the amendments offered shall be sent to all members at least ten days before such meeting.

BY-LAWS

I. MEETINGS

The annual meeting shall be the second Tuesday in May, and other stated meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of October and January. At the stated meetings and at any regularly adjourned meeting thereof, all of the powers of the Association may be exercised.

Special meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee and shall be called upon the written request of ten members. At such special meeting no business shall be transacted except such as shall be specified in the call therefor.

The presence of ten members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at any meeting.

II. DUES

The annual dues shall be Five Dollars payable in two equal installments on the first day of May and November of each year. After June 1st, 1918, there shall be an admission fee of Ten Dollars which shall include the annual dues for the current year, such fee to be filed with the application for membership.

III. GRIEVANCE

Whenever any complaint shall be preferred against a member of the Association for misconduct in relation to this Association or in her profession, the member or members conferring such complaint shall present it to the Committee of Grievances, in writing, and subscribed by her, or them, plainly stating the matter complained of, with particulars of time, place and circumstances, whereupon the committee shall proceed to examine into the matter under such regulations as they may from time to time adopt and after arriving at a conclusion they shall report the

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same, together with the evidence in the case, to the Association, and thereupon the Association shall take such steps in the matter as it may think proper.

Any member of the Association may, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, be suspended or expelled for misconduct, on conviction thereof, after notice and hearing, and all interest in the property of the Association of persons resigning or otherwise ceasing to be members, shall vest in the Association.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

Candidates for membership must be proposed by two members of the Association and upon recommendation of the Executive Committee the names shall be presented to the Association at the next stated meeting. Election of candidates to membership shall be by favorable ballot of three-fourths of the members present.

IV. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The duties of the president, vice-president and secretary shall be such as usually pertain to the respective offices.

The Treasurer shall collect and, under the direction of the Executive Committee, disburse all funds of the Association; she shall report annually, or oftener if required; she shall keep regular accounts which shall be at all times open to the inspection of any member of the Executive Committee; her accounts shall be audited by a committee of three members of the Association to be appointed by the president-elect at the annual meeting in each year.

VI. COMMITTEES

The president shall appoint the following standing committees: the grievance committee, the auditing committee, and such others as she may deem necessary.

VII. AMENDMENT

The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any stated meeting of the Association provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at a previous meeting.

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The Constitution and By-Laws as amended and currently in effect are:

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

The name of this Association shall be the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia.

ARTICLE II

The object of this Association shall be to maintain the honor and integrity of the profession of the law; to increase its usefulness in promoting the administration of justice; to advance and protect the interests of women lawyers of the District of Columbia; and to promote their mutual improvement and social intercourse.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. Any woman member of the Bar of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in good standing is eligible to regular membership, and may be nominated and elected as provided in Article IV, Section 1, of the by-laws.

Section 2. Any woman not a member of the Bar of the District of Columbia, who is a member in good standing of the Bar of a jurisdiction in the United States and its territorial possessions other than the District of Columbia is eligible for associate membership, and may be nominated and elected as provided in Article IV, Section 1, of the by-laws upon presentation of the necessary credentials establishing her membership in the Bar of such other jurisdiction. Associate members shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members except those of holding the offices of President and Vice President. (Amended April 5, 1949)

Section 3. Any woman judge or justice of any court in the District of Columbia may, during her incumbency, be elected to honorary membership by the Board of Directors. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

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ARTICLE IV

The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the Association and who shall hold office until the election of their successors.

There shall be a Board of Directors to consist of eleven members including the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. Two of the six members of the Board of Directors, other than the officers, shall be elected at each annual meeting for a term of three years, to hold office until the election of their successors. In addition to the eleven members of the Board of Directors the retiring President shall be a member of the Board in an advisory capacity only, for a term of one year.

(Amended April 5, 1949)

The term of the President shall be for one year and no person holding that office shall be eligible to succeed herself. No other officer shall be eligible to more than two consecutive terms in the same office. No member of the Board of Directors, other than the officers with the exception of the President, shall be eligible to succeed herself. (Amended March 27, 1962)

In case of a vacancy in any of the aforesaid offices, or on the Board of Directors, such vacancy shall be filled in the manner prescribed by Article VII, Section 7, of the by-laws.

ARTICLE V

This constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the regular members present at any regular or special meeting, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been sent to all members at least one month before such meeting.

BY-LAWS

I. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting for the election of officers and other business shall be held on the

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fourth Tuesday in May of each year. Other regular meetings shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in September, October, November, January, March and April in each year. (Amended March 20, 1956)

Section 2. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board of Directors and shall be called by it upon receipt of the written application of ten or more members, such application stating the purpose or purposes for which such special meeting is desired. At any special meeting, only such business as is specified in the application and in the call shall be considered.

Section 3. Notice. The Corresponding Secretary shall prepare and mail to each member a notice of each meeting at least ten days before the date appointed.

II. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The President, or in her absence the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the Association and its Board of Directors, and perform the usual functions of the presiding officer.

The Vice President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings and shall report such proceedings as may be requested by the presiding officer at the stated meetings of the Association or the Board of Directors, as the case may be.

The Corresponding Secretary shall notify officers and members of their election, keep a roll of members, issue notices of all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors, conduct the correspondence of the Association not otherwise provided for and perform such other duties as may be requested by the President or the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall collect and be the custodian of all funds and securities belonging to the Association and shall, under the direction of the Board of Directors, or by vote of the Association, disburse and invest the funds of the Association. She shall report in writing annually, or more often if requested by the Association or the Board of

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Directors. She shall keep regular accounts, which shall be at all times open to the inspection of any officer or member of the Board of Directors. Her accounts shall be reviewed at least once a year by an auditing committee consisting of three members of the Association not members of the Board of Directors, who shall submit a written report of its findings at the annual meeting. A written report of the final audit covering the entire year shall be submitted by the Audit Committee to the Board of Directors prior to the September meeting of the Association. The Treasurer shall give bond in such amount and with such conditions and sureties as the Board of Directors may order and approve. In case of absence or incapacity of the Treasurer, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall be authorized to sign checks of the Association. The Treasurer's books and records shall be audited by a Certified Public Accountant when deemed necessary by the Board of Directors. (Amended April 15, 1958 and May 24, 1966)

III. DUTIES AND POWERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall have control of all assets and property of the Association, shall have power to invest, appropriate and expend the monies thereof, except as restricted or limited by vote of the Association, not inconsistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association. The Board of Directors shall have no power to make any contracts binding personally upon any member of the Association.

The Board of Directors shall meet on the second Monday in September, November, January, March, and May of each year, or at such other times as shall be determined by the Board or the President. The Board of Directors shall make a written report of its interim actions and recommendations at each regular meeting of the Association, such report to be rendered by the Recording Secretary. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

IV. ADMISSIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application for active or associate membership shall be made on a form approved by the

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Board of Directors. The application must be endorsed by two members of the Association in good standing, must be accompanied by appropriate dues, and shall be submitted to the Admissions and Membership Committee. Prior to presentation of the application to the Board of Directors, the Admissions and Membership Committee shall direct the Corresponding Secretary to notify the members of the Association in writing of the name of the proposed candidate, the names of the members endorsing her, and that any member having any objection to the proposed candidate shall file her objections in writing within ten days with the Admissions and Membership Committee.

The Admissions and Membership Committee shall make diligent inquiry as to the character and qualifications of the candidate, shall give careful consideration to any information received respecting her, and shall thereupon make its recommendation to the Board of Directors in writing. Election to membership shall require the approval of two-thirds of the members of the Board. Voting shall be by ballot. The candidate shall be notified in writing by the Corresponding Secretary of the action of the Board.

Section 2. Any member of the Association in good standing who has ceased to reside in the District of Columbia or within 35 miles thereof, may, upon application to the Board of Directors, become a non-resident member. Such non-resident member shall have all the rights and privileges of regular members except those of voting and holding office.

(Amended April 28, 1964)

Section 3. Any member may terminate her membership in the Association by the submission of a written notification. Such person may be eligible for membership thereafter in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of this Article upon the payment of any dues unpaid at the date of such resignation in addition to current dues. Such dues must accompany any application for reinstatement.

Section 4. Any member whose dues have not been paid for one year shall automatically cease to be a member of this Association. Such person may be eligible for membership thereafter in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of this Article

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upon payment of one year's arrearages of dues in addition to current dues. Such dues must accompany any application for reinstatement. (Amended January 21, 1958)

V. DUES

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be from June 1 to May 31.

Section 2. The annual dues for regular and associate members shall be \$10.00 payable in advance on June 1. Persons elected to membership between December 1 and June 1 shall be required to pay only \$5.00 dues for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Amended April 15, 1958 and March 28, 1967)

Section 3. The annual dues of non-resident members shall be \$3.50 payable in advance on June 1 of each year. (Amended April 5, 1949 and April 15, 1958)

VI. GRIEVANCES

Any member or members desiring to prefer charges of misconduct in relation to the Association or in the practice of her profession against another member of the Association, may present such complaint in writing, signed by her or them, to the Committee on Grievances. It shall be the duty of said Committee forthwith to investigate such complaint and to report thereon in writing to the Board of Directors, stating whether the Committee deems the facts as ascertained by them, to be insufficient to support such complaint or deems it proper upon such facts that the member so complained against be called to answer. In the latter event, the Board of Directors shall give written notice to the member complained against of the specific charges against her and set a time at which she may be heard in defense. Upon such hearing, the Committee on Grievances shall be represented and heard. In case the member charged should fail to appear on such hearing either in person or by counsel, or in case the Board of Directors should find the member guilty as charged, said Board of Directors shall report the matter to the Association and recommend such action as they may deem proper. The Association may thereupon, by a two-thirds vote, expel or suspend such member from membership. All interest in

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the property of the Association of a person resigning or otherwise ceasing to be a member shall vest in the Association.

VII. NOMINATIONS

Section 1. A Nominating Committee consisting of five members shall be elected by the Association not less than thirty days before the annual election; at least fifteen days before the annual election the committee shall report to the Secretary the names of one or more candidates for each office.

(Amended March 27, 1962)

Section 2. If ten or more members nominate a candidate for any office, and so notify the Nominating Committee in writing twenty days before the annual election, the name of such candidate shall be printed on a ballot together with such names as may be chosen by the Nominating Committee. (Amended April 5, 1949)

Section 3. The names of the candidates submitted by the Nominating Committee shall be placed by the Secretary upon a printed ballot in alphabetical order, with a space left for the insertion of other names for each office.

Section 4. At the annual meeting each member shall have the right to make nominations from the floor and to place upon the ballot the name of her choice for each office. (Amended September 25, 1962)

Section 5. At the annual meeting of the Association ballots shall be distributed to all members in good standing attending such meeting and shall be collected and counted by Tellers appointed by the President. The Board of Directors shall fix the hours for balloting and the notice of the annual meeting shall inform the members of the hours fixed. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. (Amended September 25, 1962)

Section 6. The newly elected officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices immediately upon election.

Section 7. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President shall succeed to that office for the remainder of the term.

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Should a vacancy occur among the other officers such vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Director, such vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors, the appointee to serve until the next annual election, at which time a successor shall be elected for the balance of the unexpired term. Section 8. Payment of dues shall be prerequisite to (a) election to the Nominating Committee, (b) nomination of and qualification as a candidate for office and (c) voting for the election of officers.

VIII. QUORUM

Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

IX. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President shall appoint the following standing committees, to consist of not less than three members each, and to function until their successors shall have been named: Admissions and Membership, Audit, Citizenship, Constitution and By-Laws, Cooperation with the American Bar Association, Cooperation with the Bar Association of the District of Columbia, Cooperation with the Federal Bar Association, Cooperation with the Inter-American Bar Association, Cooperation with the National Association of Women Lawyers, Finance and Budget, Grievance, Legislation, Placement, Program, Public Relations and Legal Status of Women. She shall also appoint a Committee on Judicial Selections to consider and report to the Board of Directors on the eligibility and recommend as to the endorsement of candidates for appointment to judicial or public office. She may appoint such special committees as she shall deem necessary. (Amended April 5, 1949 and March 30, 1966)

Section 2. For all purposes except voting the President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

X. AMENDMENT

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been sent to all members ten days before such meeting (Amended September 25, 1962)

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XI. PROCEDURE

Where the Constitution and By-Laws with respect to procedure are silent, the Association shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

STANDING RULES (adopted March 30, 1966)

Endorsement of Candidates for Public Office

1. The Committee on Judicial Selections shall be a fact-gathering committee, which shall assemble biographical, educational, and experience data respecting the candidate, examine it as to whether the person meets the legal requirements for the appointment, determine whether the applicant is in good standing before the bar and otherwise meets the Association standards, and shall submit all assembled data, with its recommendation, to the Board of Directors.
2. To be eligible for endorsement by the Women's Bar Association for any judicial or public office, a candidate must have been a member of the bar of the highest court of any jurisdiction in the United States for at least five years and in good standing before that bar, a member of the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia for at least two years and in good standing in the Association, and of good moral character and professional reputation.
3. The Committee shall act upon the request made by or on behalf of any member in good standing who states her serious intention to work for a named appointment. The candidate will be required to submit in writing to the Committee biographical data needed from which her eligibility may be determined.
4. Upon receiving eligibility recommendations of the Committee on Judicial Selections, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to vote on endorsement of any candidate. The vote of the Board of Directors shall be by secret ballot. The vote of the majority of the Directors present shall prevail. The Board of Directors may, in its

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discretion, endorse a single candidate for any office, but in no event shall the Board endorse more than three candidates for any one vacancy.

5. Before issuing an endorsement in the name of the Association, the Board of Directors shall first report its action to the membership at its next meeting, unless the Board finds that the time lapse before the next scheduled meeting would jeopardize the chances of the candidate. In such exceptional circumstance, so voted, the Board may issue its endorsement in the name of the Association, but shall report its action to the membership at the next subsequent meeting.

6. A letter of endorsement of any candidate endorsed by the Board of Directors shall be submitted by the President of the Association to the President of the United States, the Attorney General, or other appropriate appointing officer.

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THE FOUNDER OF THE WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION, MRS. ELLEN SPENCER MUSSEY

Ellen Spencer Mussey was one of the founders of the Washington College of Law and served as the first dean of the College from its incorporation in 1898 until 1912. In that year Miss Emma M. Gillett, the co-founder, became the dean and served until 1923.

Mrs. Mussey studied law in her husband's office and was admitted to the bar in 1893. She had the distinction of becoming the 13th woman to be admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

(Note: Our WBA records quote her as saying in 1918 that "there are now so many women members of the Supreme Court bar that the Clerk has lost count of them".)

She also was a founder of the National Association of Women Lawyers; and a noted social worker who was responsible for some of the first legislation in the District of Columbia to elevate the position and rights of women and to show concern for the welfare of children. Among these were the D. C. Married Woman's Act and the Compulsory Education Law. Mrs. Mussey secured the first appropriation for kindergartens in the District and worked incessantly for playgrounds for children.

Her death in April 1936 was not only a loss to our Women's Bar Association but to the District of Columbia as well.

In October 1930 the Women's Bar Association contributed \$100 toward the honoring of Mrs. Mussey as the most outstanding woman of the District of Columbia; and in November 1930, \$25 for the memorial by the League of Women Voters to Mrs. Mussey. In May 1961 the Association contributed \$1,000 for the Mussey Memorial, in the new building for the Washington College of Law, American University. In 1964 after completion of construction for this building, the Association contributed portraits of Mrs. Mussey and Miss Gillett which are now hanging in the Administrative Offices in this building.

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OFFICERS OF THE WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA - 1917 - 1967

Year of Election	President	Vice President	Secretary ¹	Treasurer
1917	Ellen Spencer Mussey	Ruth Halpenny	Laura M. Berrien	Clara Gracen
1918	Ellen Spencer Mussey	Ruth Halpenny	Laura M. Berrien	Helen F. Hill ²
1919	Ida May Moyers	Mary O'Toole	Marie Easby-Smith	Helen F. Hill
1920	Ida May Moyers	Mary O'Toole	Marie Easby-Smith	Clara Friedman
1921	Emma M. Gillett	Elizabeth Harris	C. L. Keeley ³ Maud Fellheimer	Clara Friedman ³ Edna Sheehy
1922	Helen E. Jamison	Marie Easby-Smith	Maud Fellheimer	Edna Sheehy
1923	Helen E. Jamison	Marie Easby-Smith	Burnita S. Matthews	Grace Eddy
1924	Marie Easby-Smith	C. L. Keeley	Burnita S. Matthews	Grace Eddy
1925	Burnita S. Matthews	Olive B. Lacy	Olive Geiger	Kate P. Johnson
1926	Burnita S. Matthews	Olive B. Lacy	Olive Geiger	Kate P. Johnson
1927	Elizabeth Harris ⁴	M. Pearl McCall	Mary Connelly Annabel Hinderliter	Catherine Reaney
1928	Elizabeth Harris	Annabel Matthews	Maud Fellheimer Vera Brungart	Catherine Myers
1929	Mary Bigelow	Annabel Matthews	Nina S. Hinman Vera Brungart	Catherine Myers

¹ Constitution and By-Laws were amended 10/18/27 to create office of Corresponding Secretary. In this column, beginning with 1927, the first name is for Recording Secretary, the second for Corresponding Secretary.

² She was honored in 1964 at the dedication of the Law Building of the Washington College of Law, American University, as the oldest living graduate of the College. She graduated in 1900, a member of the second graduating class.

³ Resigned during term of office.

⁴ She followed Miss Gillett as Dean of the Washington College of Law.

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Year of Election	President	Vice President	Secretary ¹	Treasurer
1930	Mary M. Connelly	M. Pearl McCall	Edwina Avery Mabel Hiatt	Annabel Hinderliter
1931	M. Pearl McCall	Grace H. Riley	Edwina Avery Elizabeth F. Reed	Annabel Hinderliter
1932	M. Pearl McCall	Grace H. Riley	Ruth B. Tech Elizabeth F. Reed	Olive King
1933	Edwina Avery	Norma H. Britton	Helen Prentiss Elna Anderson	Olive King
1934	Edwina Avery	Norma H. Britton	Helen Prentiss Elna Anderson	Helen Jamison
1935	Beatrice A. Clephane	Elizabeth F. Reed	Zelda Dove Elizabeth M. Cox	Sara T. Mero
1936	Beatrice A. Clephane	Elizabeth F. Reed	Zelda Dove Elizabeth M. Cox	Sara T. Mero
1937	Annabel Matthews	Florence Curoe	Mary M. Wittenmyer Mary Agnes Brown	Vera W. Rhine
1938	Annabel Matthews	Helen H. Rivers	Mary M. Wittenmyer Olive G. Faircloth	Verna P. Young
1939	Helena D. Reed ²	Kathryn J. Lawlor	Cecil M. Roeder Olive G. Faircloth	Verna P. Young
1940	Elizabeth M. Cox	Kathryn J. Lawlor	Cecil M. Roeder Helen Goodner	Elizabeth V. Franzoni

¹See footnote¹ first page of this Appendix.

²She was honored in 1967 by American University by the naming of a women's dormitory in her name.

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Year of Election	President	Vice President	Secretary ¹	Treasurer
1941	Elizabeth M. Cox	Mary Agnes Brown	Elizabeth Benson Helen Goodner	Helen V. Dolan
1942	Mary Agnes Brown ² Helen Goodner ³	Helen Goodner	Elizabeth Benson Sara M. Williams	Helen V. Dolan
1943	Nadine L. Gallagher	Doris Williamson	Marion Carr Sara M. Williams	Margaret H. Earley
1944	Nadine L. Gallagher	Virginia Parkinson	Esther C. Quinn Evelyn L. Krupp	Margaret H. Earley
1945	Sara M. Williams	Mary-Frances Glenn	Mary E. Riepma Evelyn L. Krupp	Nora O. Rentz
1946	Sara M. Williams ⁴ Mary-Frances Glenn ³	Mary-Frances Glenn	Mary E. Riepma ⁴ Elizabeth V. Franzoni ⁵ Minnie A. Cheseldine	Nora O. Rentz
1947	Mary-Frances Glenn	Irene Kennedy	Sarah A. Perrin Margaret MacFarlane	Sara B. McGrann
1948	Mary-Frances Glenn	A. Pearle Mount	Irene L. Jarvis Carolyn Brooks	Mildred D. Aaberg

¹ See footnote¹ first page of this Appendix.

² Entered military service.

³ Succeeded to office.

⁴ Resigned.

⁵ Appointed to succeed Mary E. Riepma.



The officers during Olive Faircloth's first term of office discuss WBA business. L to R, Sarah Perrin, Marjorie Hansen, Ruth Major, and Olive Faircloth.

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Year of Election	President	Vice President	Secretary ¹	Treasurer
1949	Olive G. Faircloth	Sarah A. Perrin	Ruth F. Major Mary Bakshian	Marjorie D. Hansen
1950	Olive G. Faircloth	Sarah A. Perrin	Ruth F. Major Mary Bakshian	Ivy L. Buchanan
1951	Sarah A. Perrin	Evelyn L. Krupp	Joan C. Murphy Helen V. Dolan	Ruth F. Major
1952	Irene Kennedy	Esther Quinn	Joan C. Murphy Helen V. Dolan	Charlotte Murphy
1953	Joan C. Murphy	Esther Quinn	Maurine Abernathy Doris G. Wilkins	Catherine B. Kelly
1954	Joan C. Murphy	Maurine Abernathy	Wilma Martin Katherine Schwarz	Doris Wilkins
1955	June L. Green	Mary M. Garner	Lenore Ehrig Katherine Schwarz	Doris Wilkins
1956	June L. Green	Mary M. Garner	Lenore Ehrig Lola Boswell	Lt.Col. Lily Gridley
1957	Mary M. Garner	Lenore Ehrig	Dorothea Baker Ruth Joyce Hens	Sadye Jane Davis
1958	Doris G. Wilkins	Ruth Joyce Hens	Margaret A. Deeds Mary Ellen McCorkle	Sadye Jane Davis
1959	Lenore G. Ehrig	Ruth Joyce Hens	Marie A. Crano Mary Ellen McCorkle	Anne E. Lally

¹See footnote¹ first page of this Appendix.

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<u>Year of Election</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>Secretary¹</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>
1960	Ruth Joyce Hens	Mary Ellen McCorkle	A. Patricia Frohman Eona B. Gatchell	Anne E. Lally
1961	Ruth Joyce Hens	Mary Ellen McCorkle	A. Patricia Frohman Eona B. Gatchell	Sofia P. Petters
1962	Mary Ellen McCorkle	A. Patricia Frohman	Lee B. Anderson Margaret Laurence	Sofia P. Petters
1963	A. Patricia Frohman	Margaret Laurence	Mary McEniry Genevieve W. Crouch	Elizabeth Guhring
1964	Margaret Laurence	L. Marie Van Hise	Mary McEniry Genevieve W. Crouch	Elizabeth Guhring
1965	Elizabeth Guhring	A. Joyce Capps	Eileen A. Hansen Mary M. Burnett	Margaret A. Beller
1966	A. Joyce Capps	Antoinette Friedman	Eileen A. Hansen Sadye Jane Davis	Hana Taffet

¹See footnote¹ first page of this Appendix.

Members of the Executive Committee
(three year term)

- 1918 Nina Thomas
- Ellen Spencer Mussey
- 1921 Ida May Moyers
- 1922 Gertrude Leonard
- 1923 Harriet Barbour
- 1924 Helena D. Reed
- 1925 Pearl B. Klein
- 1926 Elizabeth Bailey
- 1927 May Bigelow
- 1928 Mrs. Theodore Cogswell
- 1929 Emma Wold
- Beatrice Clephane
- 1930 Rebekah Greathouse
- 1931 Mildred Reeves
- 1932 Olive B. Lacy
- 1933 Martha Gold
- Grace Eddy
- 1934 Laura M. Berrien
- 1935 Mary M. Connelly
- 1936 Judge Fay L. Bentley
- 1937 Pearl Klein
- 1938 Elizabeth M. Cox

Board of Directors
(three year term)

- 1939 Georgia L. Alexander
- Edwina A. Avery
- Mary Agnes Brown
- Mabel Benson Sakis
- 1940 Helen R. Carlross
- Mrs. Ernest Feild Parkinson
- Helena D. Reed
- Grace B. Stiles
- 1941 Sophronia J. Lasica
- 1942 Elizabeth V. Franzoni
- Burnita S. Matthews
- 1943 Florence Curoe
- Delia S. Jackson
- 1944 Annabel Matthews
- Una Rita Morris
- Sara M. Williams
- 1945 Mary M. Connelly
- Julia B. Hopkins
- Elizabeth M. Cox
- 1946 Irene Kennedy
- Evelyn L. Krupp
- Grace B. Stiles

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Board of Directors (cont'd)

1947 Una Rita Morris
Marguerite Rawalt
Arline C. Rogers
1948 Elizabeth M. Cox
Helen V. Dolan
Evelyn L. Krupp
1949 Augusta H. Brown
Cathrine Edmondson
1950 Margaret Earley
Irene Kennedy
1951 Mary-Frances Glenn
A. Pearle Mount
1952 Minnie Cheseldine
Mary A. Collins
1953 Elizabeth M. Cox
Marjorie D. Hansen
1954 Helen V. Dolan
Mary M. Connelly
1955 Edwina Avery
Lorraine W. Hurney
1956 Doris Wilkins
Joan C. Murphy
1957 Elizabeth V. Franzoni
Minnie Cheseldine

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1958 Doris Wilkins (replaced by Lenore Ehrig)
Margaret Earley
Sarah Perrin
¹Maurine Abernathy (succeeded Joan Murphy)
1959 Selma M. Borchardt
1960 Lorraine W. Hurney
Anna F. Nacrelli
1961 Cathrine Edmondson
Bertha Richardson Lane
Marguerite Rawalt
1962 Eona B. Gatchell
Sarah Perrin
1963 Lenore Ehrig
Antoinette Friedman
1964 Lee Berger Anderson
A. Joyce Capps
1965 Elizabeth Bunten
Genevieve W. Crouch
Clarice Felder Hens
1966 A. Patricia Frohman
Judge Catherine B. Kelly

¹And subsequently elected to a three
year term of office.

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MEMBERS ELECTED TO WHO'S WHO in AMERICA, 1966-67

Maurine Abernathy
Eva B. Adams
Marion J. Harron
Carolyn R. Just
Burnita Shelton Matthews
Marguerite Rawalt

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Maurine Abernathy
Eva B. Adams
Lee B. Anderson
Margaret H. Brass
Elizabeth Buntin
Edith Cockrill
Jean D. Dwyer
Joyce Hens Green
June L. Green
Mary Agnes Brown Groover
Marion J. Harron
Clarice Felder Hens
Lorraine Wall Hurney
Frances T. Freeman Jalet
Carolyn R. Just
Margaret MacFarlane
Julia N. Nelson
Marguerite Rawalt
Miriam T. Rooney

WHO WAS WHO

Ellen Spencer Mussey

Women's Bar Marks 25th Anniversary With Banquet

Talk on Latin American
Law Is Given by
A. B. A. Leader

While enjoying a sharp distinction between traditions of the United States and those of Latin America, David C. Owen, chairman of the American Bar Association's section on international and comparative law, last night called for more cooperation of Latin American codes and laws.

Women Lawyers Meet

By DAVID C. OWEN

Women lawyers of the District were told yesterday that "push" and "pull" are necessary for a woman to win a judgeship.

So commented the only male participant at the monthly meeting of the District Women's Bar Association last night in the fourth-floor

jurors' lounge. Chairman of the group was Mrs. James H. Jones, lawyer now in law, but former attorney general.

From 1933 to 1938, a retired lawyer, the District Women's Bar Association was honored with the presidency of a Chief Justice of the United States at its annual banquet.

In the group, Mrs. Jones said, she was "surprised" at the power of bar associations in this country. The former Australian attorney general said his country had no equivalent in fees and costs.

Pointing to a "great difference" in fees and costs, he said that in Australia "the fees are paid by both sides and the 'sum' practice here is almost nonexistent in Australia. It is assumed, there," he said, "that

Woman Lawyer Of The Year



WOMEN BARRISTERS in the Marlowe Hall, Washington.

UNA RITA QUENSTEDT

In the 25th anniversary celebration of the Women's Bar Association, Mrs. Quenstedt was presented the WOMAN LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARD for 1958, before a distinguished gathering of members of the Judiciary and Bar.

The reception and dinner took place in the Marlowe Hall, Washington.

Mrs. Quenstedt has been in Washington, D. C., since 1957, as a member of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

—Bar Staff Photo.

Stone Is First Chief Justice To Honor Women's Bar Dinner

The first time in its 29 years yet is concerned with the judicial aspects of the case and not with the "royal" of a Chief Justice of the United States at its annual banquet.

Associate Justice Wiley Rutledge, who said the war had been a challenge to the women in law, they had received praise from all sides.

Toastmaster was Mrs. Oliver Geiger Faircloth, former president of the association, and head of a special committee on the D. C. Tax Collector's office.

Principal speaker was Sir Frederick W. Easton, Australian Minister and Envoy, who discussed "Law and the Lawyers in Australia."

Declaring that he was "surprised" at the power of bar associations in this country, the former Australian attorney general said his country had no equivalent in fees and costs.

Pointing to a "great difference" in fees and costs, he said that in Australia "the fees are paid by both sides and the 'sum' practice here is almost nonexistent in Australia. It is assumed, there," he said, "that



Part 7 of 6. THE LAW. At yesterday's reception for the Judiciary given by the Women's Bar Association at the new Federal Bar Building, two judges and their hostesses enjoy some forensic humor. From left to right are Marvin Jones, Chief Judge of the U. S. Court of Claims; Ruth Sorce Hens, president of the Women's Bar Association; and Burnita S. Matthews, Judge of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.