

Western Region

The Western Region has been active as usual. During the 2009-2010 Winter, it held a number of events. On November 17, 2009, the region's monthly meeting was focused on alternatives to private practice. On November 24, 2009, the region held a service event at which 5 members served food at the Mel Trotter Mission. In December, the region held its annual Holiday Party at Davenport University. The event was well-attended, with a number of judges and new admittees to the Grand Rapids Bar present. The region also collected approximately \$400.00 in donations for Safe Haven Ministries, a local charity, at the Holiday event. In addition, the Western Region also welcomed 2 new members to its Board, effective in January, 2010 (Linda Jo Carron and Kara Rozin).

In terms of upcoming events, the region's January meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2010 at noon at its regular location, the University Club. The event is social in nature. The February meeting will be February 25, 2010 and will focus on financial planning. The March meeting will be March 25, 2010; there will be a panel discussing the topic of the ongoing role of the WLAM-Western Region as an organization. April's meeting will be on April 29, 2010 and will focus on "Take Your Daughter to Work Day". Finally, the May annual meeting is being planned and the date will be determined. The Region is also working on scheduling an additional service event, most likely in February, and a social event. The Region is also hard at work planning the Annual Women Lawyers vs. Judge's Charity Softball game, which will be held on June 26, 2010.

**In addition, on March 9, 2010, the Grand Rapids Bar Association is sponsoring a Roundtable on the Retention of Diverse Attorneys. The Western Region is not a direct sponsor of this event but is encouraging its members to attend, as the March meeting is in part a follow up to the Roundtable.