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2009 AAWL Year in Review

In May 2009, AAWL awarded two scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each to deserving female law students. One scholarship was awarded to Melissa Bandy who attends UALR Bowen School of Law, and the other scholarship was awarded to Jacqueline Forsgren who attends the University of Arkansas School of Law.

Although we didn't hold monthly membership meetings during the summer, AAWL board members worked to plan events for Fall 2009. On September 10, AAWL held our first fall event, the traditional style show, "[Dressing for the Profession.](#)" Several of our local judges participated in a panel discussion giving tips on courtroom attire.

On October 2, 2009, AAWL was proud to host State Representative Kathy Webb at our monthly meeting and then on November 6, 2009, AAWL sponsored the CLE "[Negotiating Ethical Traps,](#)" which included a great discussion on the ethical treatment of women in the law. The funds raised from this event go to the scholarships presented in the spring and this year, AAWL raised \$1,361.00 from the CLE along.

Most recently, AAWL held its [Annual Holiday Brunch and Auction.](#) This event gets bigger and better every year. Sponsors donated funds for the event, and local businesses donated many items for the auction. Thanks to our generous sponsors, all ticket sales and auction proceeds go directly to fund scholarships. This year we raised \$7,606.00 to apply toward scholarships that will be awarded in Spring 2010.

We look forward to returning to our monthly membership meetings in January. We are very excited to announce that our January meeting will be our first joint meeting with the Pulaski County Bar Association. U.S. Representative Vic Snyder is our guest speaker for the event. The event will be held at the UALR Bowen School of Law on January 8 at 11:45 a.m. Email reservations@arwomenlawyers.org to reserve your spot.

Our future meetings will include the candidates for the open Arkansas Supreme Court positions and UA School of Law Dean Cyndi Nance. Our website is regularly updated, and details about all of our programs can be found online at <http://www.arwomenlawyers.org>. Thanks for a great 2009 and we look forward to an even better 2010!