

**Report on the Status of Women in Law Committees
Pacific Region
J. Reuben Clark Law Society
As of May 1, 2009**

I. Southern California

Orange County: The beginnings of the Orange County committee preceded the official establishment of the Women in Law committee on the International level. Initial name was "Women's Outreach Committee." The first meeting was in February 2006 and there have been at least semi-annual meetings for the past 3 years. Organizer and first chair was Elizabeth Smith, then Debbie Gubernick, then Aggie Dolinska. Approx. 25 members. Some meetings with both male and female chapter members.

San Diego: The first meeting sponsored by the San Diego chapter's WIL committee was held January 28, 2009, organized by Elaine Young, San Diego WIL chair. Speakers were Todd Huisken, marriage and family counselor, and Elizabeth Smith, partner in OC law firm. Panel for both male and female members on balancing work and home.

Los Angeles: The LA chapter has a willing chair, but has not yet had its inaugural meeting. They are in the process of finding and contacting all the women lawyers in their area. Chair is Jennifer Terry, (213) 629-7415. I have spoken with her on the phone and discussed how to locate potential WIL members and the purposes of the committee.

I have sent emails to the following chapter chairs, asking about the status of their WIL committees, if they would like assistance, etc.: CA Bakersfield, CA Inland Empire, CA Ventura, CA Fresno (San Joaquin).

II. Northern California

I have sent emails to the following chapter chairs, asking re status, need for assistance, etc.: Silicon Valley (San Jose/Palo Alto), San Francisco/East Bay, Modesto.

III. Northwest

Washington—Seattle: Seattle chapter WIL committee chair is Lisa Oman, (206) 587-7336, who received the assignment from Gordon Tanner in October 2008. I have spoken with her on the phone and emailed her regarding organization and ideas for meetings, activities.

I have sent emails to the following chapter chairs: Nevada LV, Nevada Sierra Nevada (Reno), Honolulu, Portland OR, and OR—Southern Oregon (Medford).

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