

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS®**  
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MID-YEAR PROGRAM AND LUNCHEON**

CHICAGO: The National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL)® presented its Mid-Year Program and Luncheon in Miami, Florida, today, with a half-day MBA sponsored by BDO Seidman LLP; a gala luncheon featuring keynote speaker Presiding Justice Kay Cobb from the Mississippi Supreme Court; and the launch of NAWL's new law student mentoring program.

"NAWL events typically combine practical professional programming with networking opportunities," said Cathy Fleming, President of NAWL and a partner at Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge LLP. "We are very pleased to have had BDO Seidman as a partner in our morning program focusing on financial issues that every lawyer should know. For example, we had sessions on how to read a financial statement, what to consider when asked to sit on a public board, and when to call in an outsider when conducting an internal investigation. Both in-house attorneys and private practitioners received immense benefit from these discussions."

Dorian Denburg, who sits on the Executive Board of NAWL and is the chair of the Mid-Year Event as well as senior in-house counsel at AT&T, was very pleased with both the content and the turnout for the Mid-Year event. "We had a sell-out crowd at our luncheon," she stated, "and only wish that would could have found more room to fit in everyone who wanted to come. Presiding Justice Kay Cobb of the Mississippi Supreme Court was a fantastic keynote speaker, and her talk – entitled 'Mentoring: If Not You, Who? If Not Now, When?' – ties into NAWL's longstanding commitment to helping women further their professional careers."

Fleming noted that Justice Cobb's speech also provided a great platform for launching NAWL's new law student mentoring program. "The mentoring program will operate on a national level, pairing experienced lawyers from NAWL's membership with law students around the country," said Fleming. "We're really excited about helping women succeed in the law at even the earliest stages of their careers." Developed by Caroline Morgan, a NAWL law student member from the Wake Forest University School of Law, and Kristen Albertson, a NAWL Executive Board member and Senior Counsel at Tyson Foods, Inc., the program aims to empower women in law school by providing them with professional and social guidance while also giving NAWL members the opportunity to improve their leadership skills. More information about the mentorship program can be obtained by calling (312) 988-6186 or e-mailing the Executive Director, Stacie Strong, at [strongs@nawl.org](mailto:strongs@nawl.org).

NAWL is the leading national voluntary organization devoted to the interests of women lawyers and women's rights. Founded over 100 years ago, NAWL has members in all 50 states and engages in a variety of programs and activities to advance its mission. More information can be found at [www.nawl.org](http://www.nawl.org).

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