

2006 TLAW Annual Convention A Success

TLAW members who gathered in Memphis, TN last month enjoyed networking, learning and celebrating together! The TLAW CLEs presented by panels of Federal and State judges were well attended and full of useful insights and tips. Panelists for the Federal CLE were Federal Court Judges Magistrate Judge Diane Vescovo, U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Julia Gibbons and US District Court Judge Bernice Donald. Panelists for the State CLE were Judge Holly Kirby, Judge Betty Thomas Moore, Circuit Court Judge Kay Robilio, and Circuit Court Judge Donna Fields. We are very grateful to our presenters for sharing their time and experience.

The reception honoring women in the judiciary held at the grand offices of Burch, Porter and Johnson was standing room only. TLAW President Linda Seely presented certificates of honor to Supreme Court Justices (and TLAW members) Janice Holder and Connie Clark acknowledging their many successes and celebrating their positions as role models.

TLAW business was conducted at the Annual Meeting Breakfast, which was also well attended given its move to an early Friday morning timeslot. The TLAW bylaws were amended to allow notification of future annual meetings via email for those members who have a current email address on file. And with historical significance, the new officers of TLAW were sworn in by not one – but two – female justices of the TN Supreme Court. What a thrill!

The TLAW officers for 2006-2007 are:

President:	Jackie Dixon (Middle)
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Treasurer:	Linda Knight (Middle)
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