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LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN MARION GRIFFIN CHAPTER
CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY
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On April 20, 2006, Lawyers Association for Women Marion Griffin Chapter (LAW) members and friends gathered in Nashville at the beautiful new offices of Boulton, Cummings, Conners & Berry to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the organization. Kate Stephenson, LAW president in 1999-2000, chaired the Silver Anniversary Celebration Committee. Former TLAW president, Sue Van Sant Palmer, is the current president of LAW.

On January 27, 1981, the first organizational meeting of the Lawyers' Association for Women was held. There were forty-five founding members. The program for the event noted that "this meeting was the result of several months of ground work by a group of women lawyers intent on providing opportunities for women lawyers to become better acquainted with one another on both social and professional levels and to further specific purposes, including working for the selection of qualified women for election and nomination to the bench and for continuing improvement of the overall quality of the bench, encouraging participation of women lawyers in existing bar organizations at the committee and officer levels, and promoting career opportunities for women lawyers."

There was a large crowd in attendance to enjoy a video production "LAW - the First 25 years" which featured members reminiscing about LAW's early days while noting how far both the organization and women in the legal profession have come since 1981. Kathryn Reed Edge (LAW president 1988-1989 and TLAW president 1991-1992) introduced the guest speaker and founding LAW member, Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey (LAW president 1986-1987) who currently sits on the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Daughtrey's inspirational talk on "LAW - the Next 25 years" reminded us of why we continue to need women's bar groups. The fabulous event ended with much mixing and mingling over delicious food and drink with many of the founding LAW members in attendance and sharing stories of the early days with more recent law school graduates.