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Letter from the CWL President

Ana M. Storey



Dear Members and Friends:

Over the years, CWL has developed multiple avenues for women lawyers to affect meaningful change. In the pages that follow, you will read updates from our committee chairs who have been hard at work ensuring that our members voices are heard on a variety of issues that impact California's women and girls. CWL committees foster avenues for our members and board to engage in collective action on critical issues in California and beyond. CWL, which has members statewide, seeks to advance women through legislative advocacy; provide amicus support in cases affecting women; prepare women for judicial appointments and political office; evaluate candidates for judicial appointment; recognize outstanding women lawyers and judges; provide scholarships to exceptional law students; provide valuable networking opportunities; and more.

Our collective voice matters. CWL was chartered in 1974 to improve the administration of justice and provide an organization for collective action on our mission and goals. The struggle to get the right women in the right rooms where decisions happen is ongoing. How do we develop, nurture, and sustain networks to support and advance our common interests? Those questions have always been important, but maybe never more so than now. As we see the increasing at-

tacks on norms, the rule of law, and democracy itself by people in positions of leadership across the country, CWL will continue to engage with our sister bar organizations and partners at the local, state, and national levels to ensure that fundamental fairness and justice prevail.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ana M. Storey".

Ana M. Storey, President



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Christine Monroe
EDITOR

The backdrop of the Spring 2022 newsletter contain images from a perspective of looking up. At times, the landscape can be daunting as you look at the hill to climb. The heavy burden to continue to progress when the world is seemingly weighing down, and the ground below is unsteady. Many are feeling this way following a reading of the recent leaked Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* intending to undo the long-standing protections afforded by *Roe*. Even after decades of progress, we feel the slow slip backwards.

Yet in other perspectives, the backdrop is intended to reflect the light and beauty that embraces a feeling of keeping your head held high. Whether it is the warmth of light coming through or the shade cover offered by nature, it is a moment we can all close our eyes and stretch our heads back to recall. After two years of pandemic life, which has transitioned into a new normal, this is the best way I can describe how I left CWL's Annual Conference earlier last month. CWL's first in-person program in over two years was a moment to Thrive Together. It brought those in attendance together with a positive and inspiring day with a focus of self-care and well-being. I hope that you will take a moment to yourself to reflect on these feelings as you read the pages that follow.

This edition also introduces our new membership section, which is intended to highlight CWL members on a personal level. A special thank you to Kathleen Kehoe Greeson for sharing her story. As always, we would like to especially focus on uplifting and celebrating our members. Please email us at newsletter@cwl.org if you are interested in being featured in our member section, or when you or someone who inspires you has won an honor, award, achievement, or legal victory.

We are also looking for members who are interested in publishing articles on topics relevant to CWL's mission. Please reach out to us if you have an idea or would like to author an article.

Christine Monroe

Editor, CWL Newsletter



CWL Announces 2022 Legislative Priorities

BY JAIMI GOOTHUIS & MELISSA GARDNER

In the wake of the anticipated Supreme Court opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, CWL's legislative efforts to protect women's rights, and improve their lives throughout the state, are more important now than ever. In addition to eliminating a constitutional right that millions of women have relied on for decades, *Dobbs* could fundamentally undermine a half century of progress on gender equality. In a recent article, the Center for Reproductive Rights reminds us that "Roe is not only about abortion—it's also the basis for a range of other liberty rights recognized by the Supreme Court. Since *Roe*, the Court has repeatedly reaffirmed that the Constitution protects abortion as an essential liberty, which is tied to other liberty rights to make personal decisions about family, relationships, and bodily autonomy. Weakening or eliminating the right to abortion puts other rights protected by the 14th Amendment at risk—such as marriage equality, the right to engage in private sexual conduct, and the right to use contraception." 1

CWL will continue advocating for choice, privacy, freedom from intimidation in reproductive matters, pay equity, and access to justice for victims of intimate partner and sexual violence. Below is a list of CWL's priority bills currently under consideration by California's legislature.

AB 1666 (Bauer-Kahan)

In response to the Texas abortion law of 2021, and the more than a dozen other states considering similar legislation, this bill declares that another state's law authorizing a civil action against a person/entity that receives or seeks, performs or induces, or aids or abets the performance of an abortion, or who attempts or intends to engage in those actions, is contrary to the public policy of California.

AB 2091 (Bonta)

Prohibits compelling a person (including by subpoena) to identify or provide information that would identify an indi-

vidual who has sought or obtained an abortion in a state, county, city, or other local criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceeding. It also authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to assess a civil penalty against an insurer that has disclosed an insured's confidential medical information.

AB 2223 (Wicks)

This bill is in response to recent prosecutions for having miscarriages, stillbirths, or self-managed abortions by clarifying that there shall be no civil and criminal penalties for people's actual, potential, or alleged pregnancy outcomes.

SB 1162 (Limón)

Increases pay transparency by requiring employers to report and make public pay data broken down by race, ethnicity, and sex for both direct employees and employees hired through a labor contractor. It also requires employers to provide salary ranges on all job postings and to current employees upon request, and to make promotional opportunities available to current employees, before making a promotion decision.

SB 1115 (Skinner)

Women are significantly underrepresented in the skilled labor sector, especially the construction industry. The construction industry lacks gender diversity and struggles to attract women into the skilled trades. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, *women make up only 11% of the U.S. construction industry*. Employment in skilled labor will provide women the opportunity to obtain financial independence, retirement security, and healthcare benefits. Job opportunities in skilled labor and construction trades are steadily growing as a result of the successful passage of the federal Bi-partisan Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act. The lack of women in skilled labor only exacerbates the workforce



shortage facing California and the nation. Promoting opportunities for women in skilled labor fields will help build that workforce and provide women who pursue such employment with increased wages, retirement security, and better health care and other benefits.

SB 951 (Durazo)

Increases the weekly wage replacement rate for Paid Family Leave (PFL) and state disability insurance (SDI), to up to 90%, in order to them accessible and affordable to all of California's families. California's PFL and SDI programs allow workers to receive income when they cannot work because they are caring for a new child or seriously ill family

member, or when they are temporarily unable to work because of their own health condition, including pregnancy. By raising the wage replacement rate, this bill helps ensure all California workers, especially pregnant and parenting workers and family caregivers – predominately women – can access PFL and SDI and to care for themselves and their loved ones.

AB 1947 (Ting & Bloom)

Addresses the rising tide of hate crimes faced by minority groups, women, and the disability community since at least 2016 by focusing on better policing. This bill requires local law enforcement to adopt a hate crimes policy that defines

“protected characteristics” and requires law enforcement to report its hate crime policies to the Department of Justice. It also requires that law enforcement personnel receive training on recognizing hate crimes.

AB 1041 (Wicks)

Ensures that California workers are able to be there to care for their loved ones by expanding the definition of “family member” for purposes of family caregiving leave and paid sick leave to allow workers to take time off to care for family members who are related by blood or affinity.

AB 2182 (Wicks)

Protects California workers by prohibiting discrimination against employees because of their family responsibilities and ensures working families have access to reasonable accommodations to deal with unforeseen closures of schools and other care facilities. It also makes it an unlawful employment practice for an employer to refuse to hire or employ a person because of various personal characteristics, conditions, or traits.

SB 1017 (Eggman)

Expands California’s existing eviction protections under Code of Civil Procedure §1161.3 for survivors of abuse to include survivors of violent crime. It also strengthens eviction protections for domestic violence survivors by closing loopholes, increasing survivors’ documentation options, and increasing the situations when survivors can utilize this crucial protection to avoid eviction and homelessness.

SB 975 (Min)

Protects survivors from the negative impacts of debts taken out in their name through coercion or without their knowledge or consent by preventing debt collection against survivors when they can demonstrate that the debt was incurred as a result of coercion. It also establishes the type of documentation that can be provided to demonstrate the source of the debt. SB 975 protects survivors’ economic well-being by preventing them from having to pay the costs of these debts and protecting their credit report and credit score from being damaged as a result of the debt.

AB 92 (Reyes)

This bill alleviates the burdens that families face in paying for child care by creating an equitable sliding scale for family fees and waiving family fees until October 31, 2023. It reduces the minimum fee for preschool, childcare and development services from 10% of monthly income to 1%.

If you are interested in getting involved or making your voice heard on important issues affecting women and families in California, contact Legislative Committee Co-Chairs Melissa Gardner and Jaimi Groothuis at legislative@cwl.org.



Jaimi Groothuis serves on the CWL Board of Governors as a District 7 Governor, representing Los Angeles County. She is a partner at the law firm Bentley & More, LLP, providing aggressive legal representation to consumers and employees across California in personal injury and workers compensation matters.



Melissa Gardner serves on the CWL Board of Governors as a District 4 Governor, representing San Francisco and Marin Counties. She is a partner at the law firm Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP, representing plaintiffs in complex litigation.

1 (2022, March 28) Top 5 Reasons why the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization Matters. <https://reproductiverights.org/top-5-reason-why-dobbs-jwho-matters-us-supreme-court-case/>.



Judge Lucy H. Koh Receives the 2022 Rose Bird Memorial Award

BY STERLING ELMORE

Each year, California Women Lawyers recognizes a Northern California judge who embodies the qualities of Justice Rose Bird, the first female justice of the California Supreme Court. Justice Bird was a courageous, compassionate, and brilliant jurist who was elevated to the bench after working as a public defender, Stanford Law School professor, and the California Secretary of Agriculture. She was a trailblazer who succeeded in the face of adversity and remains an inspiration to women lawyers throughout California and the nation. CWL honors the memory and legacy of Justice Bird by highlighting a jurist who shares her commitment to public service and many other inspirational characteristics.

California Women Lawyers is honored to present the 2022 Rose Board Memorial Award to Judge Lucy H. Koh. As women throughout the country celebrate Judge Koh's recent elevation to Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, CWL relishes the opportunity to also celebrate her many accomplishments.

Judge Koh is a trailblazing jurist who has demonstrated a commitment to public service throughout her legal career. After Harvard Law School, Judge Koh practiced in various capacities for the federal government, serving as the Woman's Law and Public Policy Fellow for the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General and Legislative Affairs Special Counsel for the Department of Justice, and an Assistant U.S. Attorney. In 2008, following several distinguished years in private practice, Judge Koh was appointed to the Santa Clara County Superior Court. Two years later, Judge Koh was appointed and confirmed to the Northern District of California, where



she served until she was appointed this past December to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge Koh's impressive service on the bench also marks several firsts. Judge Koh was the first Korean American female appellate judge in the United States, the first Korean American district judge in the United States, the first Asian American district judge in the Northern District of California, the first Korean American female judge in the Bay Area, and the first Korean American judge in Santa Clara County.

During the past fourteen years she has served on the bench,



Judge Koh has developed a reputation as a courageous, thoughtful, and brilliant jurist who emphasizes fairness and integrity. She has never been afraid to tackle complex and controversial cases, including many high-profile cases in the tech industry that required a superior degree of technical proficiency. Judge Koh is known for her thorough, fair, and well-reasoned decisions in every court she has served.

Outside of the courtroom, Judge Koh is a mentor and role model who always finds time to give back to the Northern California legal community and beyond. She is actively involved in the Asian American Bar Association and has been an active member of the California Asian Pacific American Judges Association for 14 years. Judge Koh is invested in uplifting other lawyers, regularly judging moot court competitions, sitting on legal education panels, and individually

mentoring law students and young lawyers.

Judge Koh's achievements in the legal field are unparalleled, as exemplified by her track record of judicial excellence and her nomination for this award by the California Asian Pacific American Judges Association. California Women Lawyers looks forward to presenting Judge Koh with the Rose Bird Memorial Award at its Annual Dinner on September 9, 2022 in Oakland, CA.



Sterling Elmore is a staff attorney for Oakland Unified School District in Oakland, CA. She is the Affiliate Governor for Women Lawyers of Alameda County and currently serves as WLAC's President and CWL's Awards Committee Chair.



CWL's First In-Person Conference Since the Pandemic was a Day to Thrive Together

BY ANA M. STOREY

We gathered in Oakland on Friday, April 8, for our “Thriving Together: A Blueprint for Growth” conference, an event designed to address the issues women lawyers are facing today. After three years of unrelenting change and challenge, lawyers from across California came together to learn to maximize our health and well-being. Expert panelists gave us useful tools to cultivate strengths and we had an opportunity to craft a personal blueprint for growth with actionable steps to take post-conference. The timing for this themed event couldn't have been better, with Mental Health Awareness Month following in May, and [Well-Being Week in Law](#) kicking off on Monday, May 2. If we want to be the best lawyers we can be, maximizing our and our colleagues' health and well-being is a great place to start.

We are so thankful to our sponsors, including Title Sponsor, Union Bank, whose Managing Director and Deputy General Counsel Teryl Murabayashi joined me, CWL Founding Mother Drucilla Stender Ramey and Women Lawyers of Alameda County President Sterling Elmore in the opening welcome.

Across three sessions, we explored why talented and skilled women are leaving the legal profession and what we need to improve so that women can stay and thrive, on their own terms. Over 20 attendees left with refreshed headshots thanks to exhibitor, Classic Kids in Burlingame. Kristen Verrastro from SingleSprout was on hand to give on-the-spot feedback on resumes and LinkedIn profiles.

CWL board member Tracy Schimelfenig moderated the opening panel focused on wellness. The experienced leaders on the panel discussed prac-



tices and tools participants could use to maximize their mental health and well-being, including how to identify when and why they or those around them are struggling, communicating with compassion and confidence to help themselves while still supporting those around them, and emphasizing that prioritizing wellness is a critical component of professional competence and achievement.

We built on that in Session Two, using a case study approach to walk through a mid-career lawyer's circumstance, and exploring the realities, rights, remedies, and options that many women lawyers face in the workplace, including useful tools and approaches to employ when deciding whether to stay or leave.

Session Three opened with accomplished women lawyers from different sectors sharing their paths, including the personal challenges and barriers they overcame. The session closed with CWL President-Elect Mika Domingo and Second Vice-President Tracy Hughes engaging participants in tools and resources to evaluate their current situations and to map out a plan for change, whatever that might be.

We were honored to present Congresswoman Jackie Speier with our 2022 Judith Soley Lawyer as Citizen Award during the lunch reception. Introduced by CWL Past President Jessica Rowe, Congresswoman Speier discussed some of the legislative and political challenges we face now, and she shared her thoughts on how we can work together to address them.

We ended the day with a reception honoring the life and achievements of Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, a CWL Past President. CWL Foundation President Naomi Dewey opened the reception, followed by colleagues from DA



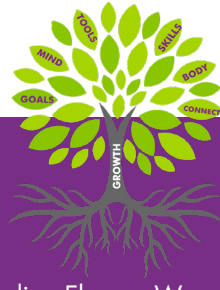
O'Malley's office who shared the impact she has made in Alameda County and in their lives, bringing needed attention and resources to the fight against violence against women and girls and the scourge of human trafficking.

My heartfelt thanks to our Annual Conference Committee members and California Advocates Management Services, our association management firm, who worked so hard to bring about that day of education, inspiration, and community. Much thanks to all our sponsors and exhibitors for supporting the mission of California Women Lawyers, and to our panelists and moderators for sharing their time and talent, and for providing such a meaningful educational experience for our attendees.



Ana M. Storey is the CWL President. She is executive director of the nonprofit law firm LevittQuinn Family Law Center in Los Angeles.





Welcome

Ana M. Storey, CWL President | Sterling Elmore, Women Lawyers of Alameda County President | Drucilla Ramey, CWL Founding Mother | Teryl Murabayashi, Managing Director, Deputy General Counsel, MUFG Americas Legal Department

Session 1: Filling Your Cup First

Stacey Dana, JD, MS, LMTFT, Counseling & Consulting | Anne J. Kepner, Partner, Needham Kepner & Fish | Shauna Madison, Managing Partner, Medina Orthwein | Moderator: Tracy Schimelfenig, Chief Legal Officer, TruEvolution





Presentation of the 2022 Judith Soley Lawyer as Citizen Award to Congresswoman Jackie Speier by CWL Past President, Jessica Rowe.



Session 2: Cultivating Your Strengths

Jay Kim, Partner in In-House Counsel Recruiting, Major, Lindsey & Africa | Jen Grondahl Lee, Founder, Jen Lee Law | Jessica Stender, Policy Director & Deputy Legal Director, Equal Rights Advocates | Moderator: Ana M. Storey, CWL President

Session 3: Your Personal Blueprint for Growth

April Madison-Ramsey, Senior University Counsel, Stanford University | Dianne Jackson McLean, Partner, Goldbard & Lipman, LLP | Alexandra Stathopoulos, Partner, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP | Moderators: Mika Domingo, Domingo Law Group | Tracy Hughes, Office of the County Counsel, Los Angeles County





Reception honoring of the life and achievements of Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley, a CWL Past President, presented by Naomi Dewey, CWL Foundation President, with remarks by colleagues from DA O'Malley's office.





CWL Endorses Commissioner Myrlys Stockdale Coleman for Judge of the Sacramento Superior Court

BY NICOLE CABALETTE

CWL is proud to announce its endorsement of Commissioner Myrlys Stockdale Coleman for judge of the Superior Court of Sacramento County. Commissioner Myrlys (pronounced “meer-liss”) Stockdale Coleman currently serves as Commissioner assigned to the Family and Children Department of the Superior Court of Sacramento County, and has served as a judicial officer since her appointment as a Commissioner for the Superior Court of Napa County in 2019. She began serving the courts in 2013, as a Temporary Judge in Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer and Contra Costa County Superior Courts, and has presided over thousands of hearings and hundreds of trials in matters related to family law, juvenile justice, child welfare, small claims, restraining orders and truancy. She also currently serves as an Adjunct Professor of Law at University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, and provides instruction to new commissioners on the topic of family law and child support.



Prior to serving as a Commissioner, Myrlys served as Assistant Chief Counsel for the Department of Consumer Affairs, and as a Special Assistant Inspector General for the Office of the Inspector General. In 2003, after graduating from Lincoln Law School of Sacramento, she opened Stockdale Law Firm, Inc., a boutique law firm specializing in family law, and spent the next twelve years growing the business to a thriving, multi-attorney law firm. During that time, she became a Certified Family Law Specialist, certified by the State Bar of California’s Board of Legal Specialization, and served as a court-appointed Minor’s Counsel, a court-approved Special Master, a mediator and as a collaborative divorce practitioner, along with serving as a Temporary Judge.

Myrlys was a single mother of two during law school, which she attended in the evenings while working during the day. Before becoming a lawyer she worked for almost 20 years as a public servant for the State of California in a variety of departments, including the Water Resources Control Board, the Contractors State License Board, and the California State Treasurer’s Office. Prior to that, and after graduating from Howard University, she was a reporter for the Sacramento Bee.

Myrlys has dedicated most of her legal career to insuring the court system protects children and families and has an outstanding record of community service and leadership. In addition to her law practice, she mentors law students, speaks to youth groups about education and career opportunities, and has served on the board of directors of the Sacramento Children’s Fund, California Court Commissioners Association, Wiley W. Manuel Bar Association, Women Lawyers of Sacramento, and the Association of African American California Judicial Officers.

CWL joins retiring Judge Jerilyn Borack and more than 60 other judges in endorsing Commissioner Myrlys Stockdale Coleman. Her legal career reflects a commitment to public service and promoting access to justice for children and families, and we are proud to endorse her as a candidate for judge of the Superior Court of Sacramento County.



Nicole Cabalette serves on the CWL Board of Governors as an Affiliate Governor representing Marin County Women Lawyers. She is a partner with Keegin Harrison, LLP in San Rafael.

CWL Files Second Amicus Brief Supporting Statute Requiring Women on Corporate Boards

BY JODI CLEESATTLE

California Women Lawyers filed its [second amicus brief](#) supporting a state law that requires publicly held corporations to include women on their boards of directors, drafting and filing an amicus brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in the case, *Meland v. Weber*.

CWL's amicus brief, filed April 6, supports the State of California in a challenge to SB 826, the statute signed into law in 2018 that requires all publicly held corporations headquartered in California to have a minimum number of women on their boards of directors.

CWL previously filed an [amicus brief](#) Oct. 8, 2021, arguing for denial of a preliminary injunction against SB 826. The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California denied the preliminary injunction in an [order](#) issued Dec. 27, 2021, and the plaintiff appealed.

The plaintiff in the case challenges the constitutionality of SB 826 on the ground that it requires corporate shareholders to discriminate on the basis of sex when exercising their voting rights. The plaintiff argued that the law could not withstand the "intermediate scrutiny" applied to classifications based on gender, while the state argued that SB 826 passes the test because it remedies past discrimination and advances diversity on public boards. The District Court held that a preliminary injunction was not warranted because the state established that SB 826 was substantially related to the important government interest in remedying past discrimination against women.

CWL's second amicus brief again provides context on the discriminatory structural barriers that lead corporations to exclude women from their boardrooms, explains the need for governmental action to halt this discrimination against women at the highest levels of business leadership, and highlights the many experienced and well-qualified women who are willing and able to serve on public company boards.

The amicus brief, which was drafted for CWL by San Diego appellate specialists Johanna Schiavoni and Melanie Gold, was joined by 12 organizations: Bar Association of the Bay Area – Queen's Bench, California Association of Black Lawyers, Latina Lawyers Bar Association, Lawyers Club of San Diego, Marin County Women Lawyers, Mexican American Bar Association of Los Angeles, National Conference of Women's Bar Associations, National Women's Law Center, Orange County Women Lawyers Association, Women's Bar Association of the State of New York, Santa Barbara Women Lawyers, and Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles.

Copies of all amici briefs that CWL joins or files can be found on the CWL [website](#) shortly after they have been filed.

CWL considers opportunities to file or join amicus briefs in cases that support CWL's mission of bettering the position of women in society, eliminating gender inequality, advancing women in the law, and improving the administration of justice. CWL also supports intersectionality and is committed to eliminating discrimination against people of color and LGBTQ individuals. CWL partners with organizations such as the National Women's Law Center to evaluate opportunities to join amicus briefs.

If you would like to join CWL's Amicus Committee, or you'd like CWL to consider drafting or signing onto an amicus brief, please contact us at amicus@cw.org.



Jodi Cleesattle is CWL First Vice President, District 9 Governor, and chair of CWL's Amicus Committee. She is a Supervising Deputy Attorney General for the California Department of Justice, where she works in the Employment and Administrative Mandate Section in San Diego.



Queen's Bench Celebrates Centennial!

BY PAULINE FARMER-KOPPENOL

On Wednesday, April 20, 2021, Queen's Bench, an affiliate of CWL, celebrated its centennial at The Green Room at the San Francisco War Memorial. The event had been postponed twice due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the ability to finally go forward contributed to the festive atmosphere. More than 25 of Queen's Bench's Past Presidents were in attendance among about 200 hundred guests.

The evening was overseen by Mistress of Ceremonies, Drucilla Stender Ramey. The first speaker on the program was the keynote address by Chief Justice Tani Gorre Cantil-Sakauye of the California Supreme Court. She gave the audience a summary of how far women have come in the California judiciary and pointed to the newly created judicial positions as potential for even more women on the bench in the state.

As part of preparing for the centennial, Queen's Bench's Oral History Committee recorded interviews with twelve long-time Queen's Bench members, eleven of whom are Past Presidents. After Queen's Bench current president Beverly Brand welcomed the guests, an excerpt of several of those in-

terviews was shown. Amongst those excerpts was a portion of the interview with Queen's Bench's 1975 President, Jettie Pierce Selvig, who sadly passed away before our celebration.

As part of the honors portion of the evening, Queen's Bench recognized Past President from 1989, Hon. Angela M. Bradstreet (Ret.) on her retirement from the San Francisco Superior Court. Just some highlights from Judge Bradstreet's career include being one of the first LGBTQ managing partners in the Bay Area, California State Labor Commissioner for three years, and San Francisco Trial Lawyers' Judge of the Year in 2017.

Pauline Farmer-Koppenol is a Queen's Bench Past President.

Photographs taken by Jim Block.





Meet CWL Member, Kathleen Kehoe Greeson

Which living person do you most admire?

We are starting with a tough question. There are a lot of people I admire. I'd have to say Bev Landers - a leader, an educator and a coach - and my good friend and mentor. She models a balance of vision and drive with kindness and connection. She gets stuff done but always has time for a person in need, I think she is a remarkable person.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Unlimited perfect weather days on a beach with my family and books to read.

What is your current state of mind?

Hopeful. I'm a big fan of springtime and renewal, the brighter days are always welcome after the dreary days of winter!

What is the quality you most admire in a person?

Integrity - it takes courage to refuse to compromise your values.

Which talent would you most like to have?

Athleticism. Physical coordination is not one of my gifts. I am in awe of elite athletes and the capability of the human body.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Professionally, serving as counsel to the County's disaster recovery teams has been an experience I am deeply grateful for. I have been able to work with talented County leaders to enable residents to rebuild the community and promote economic recovery.

If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what would it be?

I'm not sure - I hope it would be useful and a comfort to others - a cashmere wrap?

Where would you most like to live?

Chico,



Kathleen Kehoe Greeson is the District 1 Governor, representing Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba Counties. She is a Chief Deputy County Counsel in the Butte County Counsel's Office in Oroville, where she represents County departments, elected officials and special districts in transactional and litigation matters. Her work currently focuses on health and human services and disaster recovery. Until 2007, Greeson was an associate at Fenwick & West LLP, where she represented corporate clients in the technology sector.

Currently, Greeson serves as a member of the Executive Committee, Judicial Committee and Membership Committee as well as Co-Chair of the Governance Committee for CWL.

California - where I live right now! I grew up in NYC and have lived in a number of places in the US. Chico has been our home since 2008 and it's been good to us.

What brings you joy? Community. I love talking and laughing with good friends and family with good food and music.

What do you most value in your friends? Trust. The way true friends can know and love you in a deep friendship can help weather the roughest of life's storms.

What is it that you most dislike? In the business context, cruelty. It is never the right answer to a challenging situation and is usually an indication of a power imbalance.

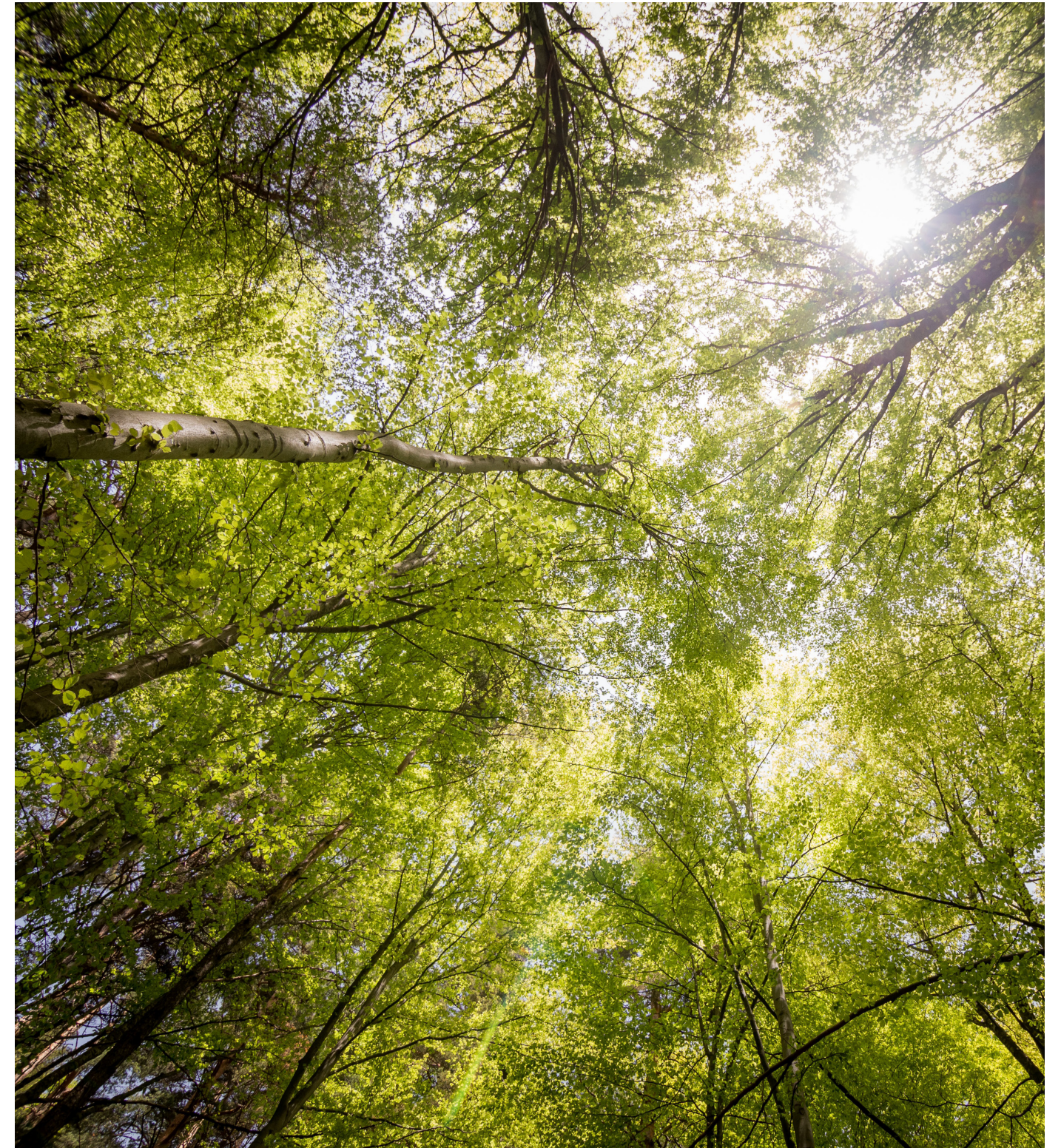
What is your greatest regret? In high school I had the opportunity to attend the Democratic National Convention. I didn't go because I wanted to study for an exam. It was a priceless learning opportunity and life experience and I missed it for what now seems like a trivial reason.



How did you get involved in CWL? I was chatting with a judge who mentioned CWL programming and suggested I look into leadership opportunities for attorneys. I took a look at the website and became a member. When District 1 was available for Governor elections, I submitted a candidate nomination packet and was elected.

What is your favorite thing about CWL? I love building relationships and partnering with smart, passionate and driven attorneys in interesting and meaningful projects, including judicial appointment evaluations and governor training program development.

What have you learned from CWL? I've learned so much from members and past and current Board members about showing up and standing up for each other and the position of women in society and the law.





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