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Diane Yu Appointed Chair of American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession

CHICAGO, Dec. 5, 2002 - Diane C. Yu, chief of staff and deputy to the president of New York University, has been appointed chair of the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession. She is the first woman of color to chair the commission, which spearheads efforts to increase opportunities for and remove barriers to the advancement of

women in the law.

Yu has been a state, local and national bar leader for many years. In 2000 she was elected chair of the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, the first woman of color to chair the section and the first Asian American to head any section or division in the history of the ABA. She has

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The ABA Commission on Women To Hold Hearings

In 1988 and 1995, the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession held hearings for women to relay their positive and negative experiences in the legal profession. The testimony was recorded and reported to the ABA House of Delegates. Fifteen years later, the Commission would like to explore the extent to which barriers have or have not been eliminated since the Commission's first report in 1988.

If you are interested in sharing your experiences in the legal profession, the ABA is looking for you! The Commission on Women will conduct a series of hearings on the status of women in the legal profession

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served on many other ABA entities. She is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, was elected to the American Law Institute, and sits on the boards of the American Corporate Counsel Association and White House Fellows Association. The founding president of the Missouri Asian American Bar Association, she helped found the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association in 1988 and is a member of the Leadership Advisory Council of NAPABA and on the board of the Asian American Bar Association of New York. She chaired the California Committee of Bar Examiners and served on the Multistate Bar Examination Committee of the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Prior to her affiliation with New York University, Yu was associate general counsel at Monsanto Company. Previously, she was general



Grapevine

Congratulations to **Lauren Barros**, formerly of Cohne,

Rappaport & Segal, who recently started her own practice. She will office at 261 East Broadway (300 South), Suite 300 in Salt Lake City. You can reach her at lrp@laurenbarroslaw.com.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Bowman has also started her own firm, E. A. Bowman & Assoc., LC. She will office at 8 East Broadway, Suite 413, in Salt Lake City. Congratulations to Betsy!

Abby Jones, formerly of Holme Roberts & Owen, LLP, has joined Questar Corporation's legal department. Congratulations Abby!

Congratulations to **Ali Levin**

ABA Commission (Continued from page 1) throughout 2003. We would like to hear testimony on obstacles women face and strategies for overcoming them. Testimony should include such obstacles as gender bias, sexual harassment, career barriers, and balancing career and family.

The first hearing will be held on February 6, 2003 in Seattle at the ABA midyear meeting. Other hearings will follow in Miami in March, Chicago in April, and San Francisco in August. If you are not able to attend one of these

WLU Retreat a Smashing Success

On October 18th and 19th, 2002, WLU held its Annual Fall Retreat at the Chateaux at Silver Lake in Deer Valley.

The attendees enjoyed dinner while speaker Kate Kendall, engagingly about integrating feminist values into the law. After dinner, many attendees retired to the WLU hospitality suite.

The breakfast panel engaged in a candid discussion about the challenges of starting your own law firm. They provided a great deal of useful information about networking, resources and the nuts and bolts of running your own firm. Vicky Fitlow, Laura Gray, Kris Rodgers and Marsha Thomas participated in the panel. WLU President Dianna Cannon

Upcoming Events

This years **Banter with the Bench** will be held **March 5th** at the Matheson Courthouse, Rm W19-A.. This informal luncheon with female members of Utah's Bench is a great networking opportunity and an all-around good time. The cost is \$15.00 and includes lunch

Keep Connected!

If you know any members of WLU who are missing out on our newsletter, mailed or e-mailed announcements, contact WLU President, Dianna Cannon. We'll be sure

Attend the Judge School!

The Utah State Bar, together with WLU and the Minority Bar are planning a seminar entitled "Utah Judicial Selection: State and Federal Courts." The seminar will provide information about the Judicial Selection Process, applying for judgeships and information about the day-to-day activities of different types of judges through-out the state. If you have an interest in becoming a judge, or are just curious about how those judges got to be where they are today, plan to attend. The

WLU Members Invited to San Francisco Summit

The National Conference of Women's Bar Associations will hold its annual Summit meeting on Friday, August 8, 2003, in San Francisco, California. NCWBA will hold seminars on marketing, business development and