



Some of WCDBA members at our 2009 Fundraiser Benefitting Sarah's Circle



Some WCDBA members at our 2009 Installation Dinner



The WCDBA's objectives and purposes include the following:

- **Promote and advance the position of women criminal defense attorneys by supporting and mentoring new defense attorneys and sharing information pertinent to our field.**
- **Encourage active participation among women criminal defense attorneys by hosting monthly meetings, fundraisers and industry events as well as cultivating social relationships among our members.**
- **Provide opportunities for women criminal defense attorneys to expand their knowledge and practice by exchanging information, sponsoring a referral service, hosting various legal presentations and sponsoring CLE training.**
- **Give assistance to those in need, especially women and children through direct legal support and fundraising to meet their needs.**



Women's Criminal Defense Bar Association

About Our Organization

Founded in 2005, the Women's Criminal Bar Association is one of the few women's criminal defense bar associations in the United States. The Association's voluntary membership consists mostly of criminal defense lawyers, former prosecutors and public defenders from Cook County and the Chicago land area.

Membership is open to all lawyers and law students, male or female, who want to take advantage of the Association's many membership services and benefits.



Our past outreach efforts include fundraising events benefitting the following organizations:

Sarah's Circle in 2009

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois in 2008

The Enterprising Kitchen in 2007

Deborah's Closet in 2006

GET INVOLVED IN OUR STANDING COMMITTEES:

Social and Fundraising Committee

CLE Planning Committee

Attorney Referral Committee

Veterans Assistance Program

Mentoring Program



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In furtherance of our purposes the WCDBA is active in the following ways:

- CLE Accreditation: Our organization conducts monthly meetings and host noteworthy speakers on relevant legal topics in our industry, such as Changes in DUI Law, Immigration Law and the Cook County Sheriff's Women's Justice Services.
- In August, 2009 the we sponsored an Amicus Brief in the United States Supreme Court case of Anita Alvarez v. Chermame Smith, et. al. The issue presented was whether State and Local Government entities must provide a probable cause hearing prior to a judicial forfeiture proceeding in order to comport with the Due Process Clause.
- WCDBA Professional Affiliations: Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). WCDBA membership provides advantages with these organizations.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME:

NAME OF FIRM:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

PRIMARY AREAS OF PRACTICE:

ARDC#:

Membership Categories:

Lifetime membership () \$1,000.00

Annual Membership:

Yrs. Admitted to practice

5 or more years () \$100.00

3-5 years () \$75.00

<3 years () \$50.00

Law Students () \$25.00

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