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## GAWL and GAWL Foundation Prepare to Conclude Successful Year

by **Pilar Prinz, GAWL President, 2010-2011** & **Rachel Platt, GAWL Foundation President, 2010-2011**

With the board year nearing a close in May, the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers (GAWL) and the GAWL Foundation prepare to celebrate the accomplishments of a great year.

This year, GAWL stepped back into the legislative arena through its sponsorship of HB 200, legislation designed to end the sexual exploitation of children in Georgia. GAWL proudly voted to sponsor this bill and has been actively involved in tracking and advocating for it. Through the support of GAWL and other local organizations' efforts, HB 200 recently passed both the House and the Senate, and is being presented to the Governor to be signed into law.

In conjunction with the sponsorship of HB 200, the GAWL Foundation has partnered with the Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network (GAIN). Through this partnership, the Foundation

trained GAWL members to assist victims of human trafficking in obtaining visas to remain in Georgia once they are released from their captors. The GAWL Foundation also awarded a grant to the Georgia Legal Services to assist them in their Teen Dating Violence Prevention Project.

GAWL furthered relations across organizations, on a statewide level by hosting members of the Multi-Bar Leadership Council to share ideas for future collaboration, and on a national level by joining members of the National Conference of Women's Bar Organizations as part of the ABA meetings in February.

GAWL's Leadership Academy is in full swing. Academy sessions

have been held in Savannah and Callaway Gardens, with the final session and reception scheduled for April 29th at the Margaret Mitchell House.

GAWL and the GAWL Foundation are proud of these projects, and many other efforts this year, to support the welfare and development of women lawyers and to support their interests. Please join us for our two signature events - the Annual Art Auction on April 16, and at our Annual Dinner on May 11 - to raise money for scholarships and to celebrate women lawyers throughout the state!

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## Art in the City!

### GAWL 18TH ANNUAL CHARITY ART AUCTION

Please join us to celebrate the great city of Atlanta and the State of Georgia. The great majority of our items are from local Georgia artists and many feature works which reflect a strong sense of place. Many of our silent auction items are gift certificates and tickets for local venues. However, if you decide you need a break from all that is

Georgia, feel free to bid on a week at a luxury villa in Costa Rica or a weekend getaway to the North Carolina mountains amongst other exciting locations.

This is the signature, annual event for the GAWL foundation, and this event is one of the main sources of funding for the Foundation's activities. While we are currently

growing the Ruth and Ruby Crawford Endowment to eventually provide additional funds, this annual event currently funds 100% of the scholarships that the Foundation awards.

This event will include a live and a silent auction featuring art (paintings, pastels, photographs, sculpture, jewelry, pottery and textiles), vaca-

tion homes and many other luxury items and baskets. The event will also include music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, beverages (including beer, wine and a signature GAWL cocktail), networking and socialization. Valet services will be provided. This is a "can't miss" event!

This event is not just for GAWL members or lawyers.

In addition to the legal community at large, the Foundation invites friend, families and sponsors of GAWL to attend the Auction for a worthy cause.

**Saturday, April 16, 2011**

**Silent Auction begins**

**6:00 p.m**

**Live Auction begins 7:30**

**p.m**

**Art Space International  
1192 Huff Road North-  
west Atlanta, GA 30318-  
4124**

**(404) 351-0549**

**All proceeds benefit  
GAWL Foundation, Inc.**

Tickets purchased in advance are \$50, and \$60 at the door. Public sector and student tickets are \$35. Buy

ten tickets for \$450. Purchase tickets online ([www.gawl.org](http://www.gawl.org)) or send checks made payable to GAWL Foundation, Inc. The mailing address is GAWL Foundation, Inc., Attn: Art Auction, 3855 Spalding Bluff Drive, Norcross, GA 30092.

For details and more information on group discounts, please call 770-446-1517 or email [bng@bngiesler.com](mailto:bng@bngiesler.com).

## Save the Date – GAWL 2011 Annual Dinner

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

**6:00 pm**  
Cocktails

**Park Tavern**  
Under the Piedmont Garden Tent  
500 10th Street  
Atlanta, GA 30309

**7:00 pm**  
Dinner and Kathleen Kessler Award  
(Board installation & awards ceremony will  
take place 4:30 – 6 pm, open to all)

## GAWL's Past Presidents Serve Dinner at the Nicolas House

On Wednesday, March 9, 2011, five of GAWL's Past Presidents had the privilege of serving dinner to the families living at the Nicolas House. Despite a torrential downpour, Past Presidents Rebecca Cummings, Laurie Speed-Dalton, Stephanie Friese Aron, Annette Idalski and Christian Torgrimson brought groceries and their collective charitable spirit to the house to serve 30 plus adults and children. They provided a huge taco bar spread, including chicken donated by Moe's at Ansley Mall, and the residents helped clean up. It was a wonderful opportunity for the past presidents to spend time together, help those in need, and give back to an organization that they all have been a part of for many years.

The Nicolas House is in need of not just dinners, but many items such as paper products and even a little housekeeping and maintenance. GAWL invites you to help. Contact Christina Baugh at [cbaugh@fellab.com](mailto:cbaugh@fellab.com) for more information.

## \*\*It's That Time of Year\*\*

Don't Forget to Renew  
Your GAWL Membership!!

When you renew, join GAWL in celebrating the lives and legacies of Ruth and Ruby Crawford, two of Georgia's most prominent female lawyers. Admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1948 and 1950, Ruth and Ruby Crawford helped pave the way for all women lawyers in Georgia. Donate now to the Ruth and Ruby Crawford Endowment Fund and help GAWL honor these trailblazers. When you renew your annual membership in January 2011, please make a tax-deductible donation of \$19.50 (a tribute to the year of Ruth's admittance) to the Ruth and Ruby Crawford Endowment.

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