



IOWA ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN ATTORNEYS - MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Overall, the I.O.W.A. provides an excellent opportunity to network with other lawyers throughout the state and have an impact on issues affecting women and the legal profession. See <http://www.iowawomenattorneys.org> for full details and to join!

Leadership Opportunities

New and seasoned members are welcome to participate in the I.O.W.A. leadership as an executive officer, a representative from their judicial district in Iowa, or committee chairperson.

I.O.W.A. CLEs

Low-cost continuing legal education conferences are offered on timely and important legal topics, and are presented by experienced Iowa attorneys. The annual CLE series currently consists of four accredited one-hour telephonic programs that take place during the first five months of the calendar year.

District Events and Contacts

The I.O.W.A. has a representative from each judicial district to act as a liaison, a resource for I.O.W.A. inquiries, and an organizer of local I.O.W.A. gatherings. The district representative structure provides excellent opportunities for networking and social events within local districts.

I.O.W.A. Listserv

Keep up with news and other information of interest to women attorneys and law students through the I.O.W.A. e-mail listserv: iowaorgwomenattys@npogroups.org.

Membership Directory

Be a part of and access a robust membership directory of I.O.W.A. members for networking, mentoring, and other I.O.W.A. purposes.

Annual Meeting Invitation

All I.O.W.A. members are invited to its annual meeting. I.O.W.A. holds its annual meeting in conjunction with the Iowa Bar Association's annual meeting in June. I.O.W.A. members elect officers and hear speakers address topics of interest to its members.

Awards

Each year, I.O.W.A. gives two awards, the Arabella Mansfield Award and the Gertrude Rush Award. Arabella Mansfield, also commonly known as Belle Babb Mansfield, was the first woman lawyer admitted to the practice of law in the United States. Gertrude Rush was the first African-American woman to be admitted to the practice of law in Iowa in 1918.

Judicial Nomination

I.O.W.A. advocates for more women on the bench and in leadership positions in other bar associations. The group monitors vacancies in those positions and encourages its members to apply for judicial positions and to support qualified women candidates.

A Service Project to Help Iowa's Youth

I.O.W.A. sponsors a mentorship program with the Iowa Juvenile Home & Training Center (IJH) in Tama-Toledo, Iowa. The IJH is "home" to dozens of young teenage Iowans, almost half of whom are children in need of assistance or are otherwise in need of a stable home.

Lorman CLEs

I.O.W.A. has partnered with Lorman Education Services to provide continuing legal education at a discount. Members receive a 15% discount on all orders. See <http://www.lorman.com/training/IOWA>.