



FAWL's Outstanding Chapter Award Nomination Form **Deadline March 3, 2014**

FAWL's mission is to actively promote gender equality and the leadership roles of FAWL's members in the legal profession, judiciary, and community at large. To achieve these goals, FAWL will uphold the highest standards of integrity, honor, and courtesy in the legal profession; promote reform in law; and facilitate the administration of justice. FAWL's Outstanding Chapter Award is presented to a chapter that actively promotes gender equality according to the mission through its initiatives, programs, and activities.

Criteria for Selection:

This award is presented annually to the FAWL chapter that has most effectively (1) created new programs, events, or services and/or expanded on traditional programs, events, or services that further FAWL's mission; (2) provided programs, events, or services that encourage and assist members to become leaders in the profession and in the community; (3) sought and gained exposure and recognition in both the legal community and the community as a whole; (4) promoted diversity in the workplace, the practice of law and/or in the community; (5) successfully recruited and retained members; and (6) consistently participated in the state FAWL organization by paying dues in a timely manner, having an active chapter representative, attending meetings and functions, encouraging volunteers for committees and offices, working well with other local chapters, and assisting with FAWL projects.

Chapter Nomination Eligibility:

Each chapter is eligible and encouraged to nominate a local chapter for this award.

Award Recipient:

The award recipient will receive a five-hundred dollar (\$500.00) cash award.

Nomination Documentation:

Please provide the biographical information on this nomination form in the space provided. Please attach a statement of nomination and the supporting materials to the nomination form.

I. Chapter Information:

Nominated Chapter: Central Florida Association for Women Lawyers

Nominated Chapter's Contact Person: Gennifer Bridges **Telephone:** (407) 761-4854

Nominated Chapter's Address: P.O. Box 3351, Orlando, FL 32802

II. Statement of Nomination:

Succinctly describe and explain the reasons for the nomination, namely, a brief summary of why this chapter deserves the award. Limit is 250 words.

III. Supporting Material:

Please attach the supporting materials. Supporting materials are limited to a total of five (5) pages.

Please double check to make sure you have included:

I. Nomination Form II. Statement of Nomination (250 word limit) III. Supporting Materials (5 page limit)

PLEASE NOTE: The information submitted for this nomination may be used for publication. The only information that will be considered for this award is the nomination form, the statement of nomination, and the supporting materials. If the nomination documentation rules are not followed the nominee will be immediately disqualified.

FAWL's Outstanding Chapter Award will be announced at FAWL's Annual Meeting held in June 2014. **Nominations must be submitted as one (1) pdf document via e-mail to admin@fawl.org or faxed to 866-830-5536 by 5:00 p.m. EST March 3, 2014.**

FAWL's Outstanding Chapter Award
Statement of Nomination for Central Florida Women Lawyers
(250 word limit, excluding title)

During 2013-2014, CFAWL offered its members new and traditional programs, events and services ("Programming"). Exhibit A is a summary of CFAWL's 2013-2014 Programming.

CFAWL created a Board of Editors to manage CFAWL's flow of information and to present a uniform voice for the organization, as well as a Strategic Planning Committee to provide input on CFAWL's future growth. CFAWL also began the Developing Distinction in Women program, a networking and development program open to young lawyers, professionals, and students. In addition, CFAWL supported numerous charities and community groups including A Place for Children, Rock Lake Elementary School, and the BETA Center.

CFAWL had a total membership of 500, with 209 new members.

CFAWL's Chapter Representative, President, and other members have participated in FAWL events and attended its meetings. Also, a CFAWL member serves as member of the FAWL Legislative committee and Captain of the North Region of the FAWL Membership Committee. CFAWL co-sponsored FAWL's "A Seat at the Table" mentoring program at the Florida Bar Midyear Meeting and NAWL's annual meeting in New York City. FAWL's president will be speaking at CFAWL's monthly luncheon on March 7, 2014 on the benefits of FAWL membership and FAWL's lobbying efforts.

Numerous CFAWL members attended the Florida Bar YLS Affiliate Outreach Conference and presented on a partnership project with PACE Center for Girls. CFAWL won two awards at that conference – the Best Grant Application Award and the Gold Award.

For these reasons, CFAWL believes it deserves FAWL's Outstanding Chapter Award for 2013-2014.

**CFAWL – Nomination for FAWL's 2013-2014 Outstanding Chapter Award
Exhibit "A" – Supplemental Materials (limit 5 pages)**

CFAWL Programming (May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014) is annotated to identify new events in bold, events encouraging leadership in italics, and events promoting diversity underlined.

May 1, 2013 – Bar Study Scholarship – CFAWL’s Board selected two recipients for its Bar Study Scholarship from funds raised during Runaway for Justice.

May 4, 2013 – Table for Eight – A Kentucky Derby Table for Eight was hosted by Amanda Green. Participants wore their favorite hat, ate Southern fare, drank mint juleps and bet on their favorites.

May 5, 2013 – Tea with the Judiciary – CFAWL members and the judiciary met on Sunday at 11 a.m. for a traditional British Tea at the Dickens Tea Room in Lake Mary.

May 6, 2013 – Learning lunch – Diana Tennis presented a free learning lunch on advanced trial techniques at the OCBA Building. Pointers were provided on the admission of evidence admitted and techniques for convincing a jury or judge about your case.

May 10, 2013 – Monthly luncheon – The monthly membership luncheon was held at the Citrus Club. It was the Annual Members Meeting luncheon, during which CFAWL members provided input on CFAWL's future, cast votes for the Executive Board, and learn about opportunities provided by CFAWL.

May 18, 2013 – Special program – CFAWL’s Young Lawyers Committee presented its “Developing Distinction in Women: Progressing as a Professional, Networking, and Staying Safe, Healthy and Sane Along the Way!” program from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Orange County Bar Association Office. Attendees enjoyed speakers, panels and "how-to's" on professional development and networking, as well as interactive workshops on health, safety and mental health for today's young professional women.

June 19, 2013 – Wine Toasting and Tasting event – CFAWL hosted a toast to the outgoing and incoming Board of Directors and a wine-tasting event at The Wine Room in Winter Park.

June 21, 2013 – Monthly luncheon – CFAWL hosted its monthly luncheon at the Citrus Club. The luncheon honored CFAWL's past presidents, recognized the 2012-2013 Leadership Team, and featured the swearing in of the 2013-2014 Board of Directors and other members of the incoming Leadership Team.

June 26, 2013 – Board dinner – Members of CFAWL's 2013-2014 Executive Board attended FAWL's Reception Honoring Gwynne Young at the Florida Bar Convention and enjoyed one another's company afterward at Rebel House in Boca Raton, Florida.

July 12, 2013 – Monthly luncheon – CFAWL hosted its monthly luncheon at the Citrus Club. The luncheon featured Rosanna Catalano, a career expert at Florida State University, who shared important tips about the significance of personal branding for attorneys and how to make your own personal brand.

July 13, 2013 – Board of Editors retreat – The 12 members of CFAWL's new Board of Editors met for a half-day retreat. During the retreat, the Board of Editors learned about the responsibilities of each position and discussed ways to promote CFAWL among its membership and in the community as a whole.

July 20, 2013 – Virtual shooting experience – CFAWL hosted an event at the Shooting Academy in Lake Mary, where participants utilized simulators and lasers for target practice.

July 25, 2013 – NAWL meeting – CFAWL co-sponsored the National Association of Women Lawyers'

Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City. Approximately 1,000 lawyers from across the country attended.

July 27, 2013 – Leadership Team retreat – CFAWL's 2013-2014 Leadership Team, consisting of 30 of CFAWL's members, met for a half-day retreat and orientation, during which time the team got to know one another and brainstormed about implementing CFAWL's theme for the year – empowerment.

August 2, 2013 – Monthly luncheon – CFAWL hosted its monthly luncheon at the Citrus Club. The luncheon featured Past Florida Bar President Mayanne Downs, who shared important tips on the topic "Your Personal Empowerment Plan—Happiness and Success Through Full Engagement."

August 6, 2013 – Happy hour – CFAWL and the OCBA YLS hosted a happy hour to raise money for the Backpack Project benefiting the students of Rock Lake Elementary School at Urban Flats.

August 13, 2013 – Backpack Project – As part of its annual Backpack Project to benefit the students of Rock Lake Elementary School, CFAWL stuffed backpacks at A Gift for Teaching.

August 21, 2013 – Food Packaging Program – CFAWL participated in a food packaging program with Feeding Children Everywhere. We were part of a team hand-packaging 20,000 healthy meals that were distributed to Orange County School children and their families through the Love Pantry Project.

September 6, 2013 – Monthly luncheon – CFAWL hosted its monthly luncheon at the Citrus Club, during which Mary Ann Morgan, Nancy Weber, and Mayanne Downs discussed getting involved in the Florida Bar, voluntary bars, and practice area bars. Almost 100 people attended the luncheon.

September 11, 2013 – C.H.I.C. Reception (formerly "New Members Reception") – CFAWL Honored Its Cherished Members at our annual membership celebration. All new and current CFAWL members were invited for an evening of fun and refreshments. Over 150 members and guests RSVPed, and over 160 attended this event—it was CFAWL's largest New Member Reception to date.

September 12, 2013 – Brown Bag Luncheon – CFAWL members attended Judge John Kest's Brown Bag Luncheon on "Exhibits and Demonstrative Aids: Proper Use and Suggestions."

September 17, 2013 – Table for Eight – Member Patricia Strowbridge hosted a Table for Eight event and offered Italian food, wine, and networking at Buca Di Beppo in Maitland.

September 18, 2013 – Cooking at BETA Center – CFAWL members cooked with the residents of the BETA Center, a center for young mothers, to provide them with quick and easy recipes to add to their personal collections.

September 21, 2013 – Joint Beach Day with BCAWL – CFAWL joined the Brevard County Association for Women Lawyers at the BiCentennial Park in Indian Harbor Beach for a fun day of sand, surf, and beach volleyball.

September 21, 2013 – Diversity Mentoring Picnic – CFAWL co-hosted a table with FAWL for the Diversity Mentoring Picnic at FAMU College of Law.

September 26, 2013 – Table for Eight – Member Diana Tennis hosted a Table for Eight event at which she offered homemade sangria and tapas at her home.

October 3, 2013 – Young Lawyers Roundtable – CFAWL hosted its first Relevant Round Table at the Hangar in Orlando regarding important practice and life skills in a session called Confidence – Tips for

Interacting During Interviews, at Practice, and in Life.

October 4, 2013 – Monthly Luncheon -- CFAWL hosted its monthly luncheon at the Citrus Club. Members wore pink in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Chris Gilpin of the National Crime Stop Program offered insight on identity theft protection.

October 8, 2013 – **Mentoring Kickoff** – CFAWL's mentoring program for 2013-2014 kicked off on **October 8 at Grace Hopper Hall in Baldwin Park. Members learned which mentoring "families" and "big sisters" they were paired with for the first time.**

October 9, 2013 – Table for Eight – Member Hon. Bob LeBlanc hosted an Organic Table for Eight at his home, where he offered whole, simple and delicious chemical free foods and wine.

October 9, 2013 – *Strategic Planning Committee meeting – the first meeting of the CFAWL Strategic Planning Committee was held at the offices of Rush Marshall.*

October 10, 2013 – Table for Eight – Member Patricia Broussard hosted a New Orleans Table for Eight and offered the authentic taste of southern cuisine.

October 10, 2013 – Judicial Brown Bag Lunch – Members attended Judge John Kest's Brown Bag Lunch on the topic of "Real Life Professionalism and Ethics Encounters."

October 16, 2013 – Fall Festival – CFAWL hosted its annual Fall Festival at Palmer's Nursery from 6:00-7:30 p.m., where CFAWL members and their friends and families enjoyed 4Rivers BBQ, fall treats, cider, refreshments, and fun fall activities. Before the event, the Young Lawyers met for a Pumpkin Pre-Party at the Red-Light Red-Light Beer Parlour. Over 150 people attended the Fall Festival.

November 1, 2013 – Monthly Luncheon – CFAWL hosted its monthly luncheon at the Citrus Club. Our speaker was Peggy Hoyt, of Hoyt & Bryan and author of *Thank Everybody for Everything*, who spoke on the importance of gratitude and how to express it. Over 120 people attended the luncheon.

November 5, 2013 – **Dodgeball Spirit Party** – CFAWL's Young Lawyers held a Spirit Night in support of CFAWL's Dodgeball Team. Attendees decorated posters for the OCBA YLS Dodgeball Tournament, which was held on November 14, and toasted the team. Fourteen members attended.

November 7, 2013 – Breakfast of Champions – CFAWL sponsored two tables (20 spots total) at the Legal Aid Society's 6th Annual Breakfast of Champions, which supports Legal Aid's efforts in continuing to enhance and empower lives by providing free legal services to the working poor, elderly, and abused and neglected children in the community.

November 12, 2013 – Judicial Reception – CFAWL hosted its annual Judicial Reception, during which time CFAWL members had an opportunity to celebrate and network with our local judiciary. The theme this year was "A Taste of the Far East." Approximately 220 people attended.

November 14, 2013 – Dodgeball Tournament – CFAWL participated in the OCBA-YLS Fourth Annual Dodgeball Tournament at the First Presbyterian Church in Downtown Orlando at 6:00 p.m.

November 14, 2013 – Table for Eight – Mary Ann Morgan hosted an "Attitude for Gratitude" Table for Eight at her Winter Park home, where guests created their Top 10 Reasons to be grateful.

November 19, 2013 – Chocolate Making Party – CFAWL enjoyed its annual Chocolate Making Party at Farris & Foster's in Baldwin Park from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Attendees had the chance to combine white, milk and

dark chocolate with an array of gourmet fillings and mix-ins.

November 21, 2013 – Table for Eight – Mary Walter and Charity Johnson presented a "Young Lawyers' Table for Eight" at Charity's College Park home, where they served Thanksgiving and fall appetizers.

December 5, 2013 – Table for Eight – Jamie Billotte Moses hosted a Table for Eight at her Maitland home, where she provided a festive feast for her guests.

December 6, 2013 – Monthly Luncheon – CFAWL hosted its monthly luncheon at the Citrus Club. This was our annual holiday luncheon, where we were serenaded with holiday carols by the Rock Lake Elementary Chorus. Local vendors were also present so that members could get started on their holiday shopping, and part of the proceeds went to the OCBA Legal Aid Society. Over 120 people attended.

December 10, 2013 – Holiday Party – CFAWL hosted its annual Holiday Party for members on the balcony of Rush Marshall. 150 people were in attendance.

December 18, 2013 – Angel Tree – CFAWL members met for a Bag & Tag Party to prepare gifts and clothes to give to students of Rock Lake Elementary as part of the Angel Tree program.

December 20, 2013 – Angel Tree – CFAWL donated and gave out over \$7700 in gifts and clothes to children at Rock Lake Elementary as part of the Angel Tree project.

January 9, 2014 – Judicial Brown Bag Lunch – Members attended Judge John Kest's monthly Brown Bag on the topic of "Bench Trials: How to Keep the Judge's Attention."

January 10, 2014 – Monthly Luncheon – CFAWL hosted its annual Networking Luncheon at the Citrus Club, during which senior CFAWL members hosted roundtable networking discussions at each table. Luncheon attendees had the opportunity to share tips and got to know fellow attendees in a "Table for Eight"-type setting. 85 people attended.

January 14, 2014 – Table for Eight – Barry Law Career Services Team and CFAWL Members Kelli Murray and Sonja Hayes hosted a Dinner, Drinks and Diversions Table for Eight at Caddy Shanks in Baldwin Park at 6:30 pm. Guests ate, drank, and played some trivia, golf, ping-pong, and pool.

January 18, 2014 – Skeet Shooting – CFAWL members enjoyed a unique and fun experience at Mission Inn Resort & Club at Howey-in-the-Hills, FL from 10 am – 12 pm. Members participated in a skeet shooting class at which Mission Inn provided games and prizes. 10 people attended.

January 21, 2014 – Zumba Class – CFAWL members enjoyed a Zumba class at the Wade View Community Center from 6:00-7:00 p.m. 15 people attended.

January 22, 2014 – Table for Eight – Member Heather Hozlowski hosted a New Year's Resolution/Goal Setting Table for Eight in Maitland.

January 28, 2014 – Bar Mixer – CFAWL, GOAABA, the Young Lawyers Section of the Orange County Bar Association, and the Hispanic Bar Association of Central Florida co-hosted the 5th Annual Holidays All Year Long Bar Mixer to raise funds for four wonderful organizations: Arnold Palmer Pediatric Oncology Wing, United Cerebral Palsy of Central Florida, Boys and Girls Club of Central Florida, and One Heart for Women & Children. The event was at KASA Tapas & Raw Bar in downtown Orlando, and guests enjoyed unlimited wine, beer, and appetizers, and a silent auction and live entertainment from Phillip Bonanno.

January 29, 2014 – Table for Eight – Member Sherry Lambson-Eisele hosted a Table for Eight at 6:30 pm

at Marco Dino's in Magnolia Square in downtown Sanford, where "Old School Italian" fare was offered.

February 6, 2014 – Table for Eight – Kimberly Lorenz hosted a Table for Eight at Café Tu Tu Tango.

February 7, 2014 – Monthly Luncheon – CFAWL held its monthly membership luncheon this month at the Citrus Club. We were joined by Patti Savitz, Bar Counsel with the Orlando Branch of The Florida Bar, who offered insight on Ethics and Basic Trust Accounting. 110 people attended.

February 8, 2014 – **Boat Tour** – CFAWL participated in the Scenic Winter Park Boat Tour on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Members and their guests were invited to enjoy time with their friends, scenery, and refreshments (including champagne!). 25 people attended.

February 13, 2014 – Brown Bag Luncheon – Members of CFAWL attended the Brown Bag Luncheon hosted by Judge John Kest on the topic of "Pretrials: Uses, Requirements, and Expectations."

February 23, 2014 – Table for Eight – Ashley Winship and Rachael Crews hosted a Table for Eight at Rachael's home in Winter Park with pastries, homemade breakfast dishes, and more.

March 7, 2014 – Monthly luncheon – CFAWL will hold its monthly membership luncheon at the Citrus Club. We will be joined by FAWL president Brittany Maxey, who will speak to us about FAWL's lobbying efforts and the benefits of FAWL membership.

March 10, 2014 – Mentoring event – CFAWL's Mentoring Program, in conjunction with Barry Law's Women Lawyers Association and the Career Services Office, will present Great Expectations for Female Lawyers: Conversations about Women in the Law at Barry Law School. There will be an in-depth discussion about issues facing women lawyers and the advantages we have as practitioners.

March 12, 2014 – Table for Eight – "From Chaos to the Caribbean": This noontime Table for Eight with Judge Faye Allen is a taste of Caribbean fare while learning to manage a busy lifestyle in such a fashion that attendees will feel they have made it to a Caribbean Island.

March 13-14, 2014 – Lobby Days – Members of CFAWL will participate in FAWL's Lobby Days, where they will lobby to pass bills recognizing that the protected class of gender includes pregnancy.

March 19, 2014 – **Second Harvest Food Bank** – Members of CFAWL will volunteer at the Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. We will sort donations to be distributed throughout the state.

April 10, 2014 – Runway for Justice – CFAWL's annual fashion show fundraiser for A Place for Children, the free daycare center in the Orange County Courthouse, will be held at Macy's Fashion Square.