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**16th Annual Conference  
Luncheon Program**



***Successful Women — Successful Places***



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16th Annual Conference:  
“SUCCESSFUL WOMEN – SUCCESSFUL PLACES”  
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Welcome

Luncheon

Keynote Speaker..... Dee Dee Myers,  
Contributing Editor, *Vanity Fair*

Anne X. Alpern Award.....Justice Cynthia A. Baldwin,  
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Lynette Norton Award .....Mary Sue Ramsden,  
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Presentation of New WIP Officers

Closing Remarks

**2009 Anne X. Alpern Award Recipient  
Justice Cynthia A. Baldwin**



The PBA Commission on Women in the Profession Committee will present the Anne X. Alpern Award to retired Pennsylvania Supreme Court Justice Cynthia A. Baldwin.

The Alpern Award is presented annually to a female lawyer or judge who demonstrates excellence in the legal profession and who makes a significant professional impact on women in the law. Established in 1994, the award was named for Anne X. Alpern, Pennsylvania's attorney general in 1959 and the first woman state attorney general in the nation.

Baldwin is currently a partner at Duane Morris L.L.P. in the trial practice group, which she joined following her retirement from the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in January 2008.

Previously, she served on the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas for more than 16 years in the civil, family and juvenile divisions. Baldwin also worked in private practice and served as attorney-in-charge for the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection.

From 1989 to 1991, Baldwin served as president of Penn State's Alumni Association. She was elected chair of the Penn State Board of Trustees in January 2004 and served until January 2007. She is a member-emerita of the board of directors at Duquesne University and past president of its Law Alumni Board. Last May, she was elected chair of the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities, which is located in Washington D.C.

Baldwin is a guest scholar at the Woldfensohn Center of the Brookings Institution, which works on anti-corruption projects in developing nations. She was chosen as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Zimbabwe in 1994, and she has taught on teams who went to China, Guinea, Malawi, Tanzania and Uganda.

Baldwin is active with the International Women's Forum and the International Association of Women Judges. She is a former member of the PBA Board of Governors and is a member of the PBA Commission on Women in the Profession Committee, the PBA Minority Bar Committee and a variety of other PBA committees. She also serves as a director of the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation. Among her numerous awards and honors is the 2006 A. Leon Higginbotham Award presented by the PBA Minority Attorney Committee. She has received honorary doctorates from Carlow University, Chatham University, Duquesne University, Point Park College and Widener University School of Law.

**2009 Honor Roll of Legal Organizations  
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This year, the Commission on Women in the Profession chose to establish an Honor Roll of legal organizations welcoming women professionals. Nominations were accepted for Pennsylvania firms, corporate law departments or other organizations of lawyers providing legal services, either public or private. The Honor Roll honors these organizations that have instituted programs or initiatives that have resulted in helping women lawyers continue and advance in their professional careers.

It is the Commissions' hope that highlighting successful programs will inspire other legal organizations to recognize the importance of and implement similar programs.

Each of the Honor Role members has recognized the value of retaining and promoting women legal professionals and has provided women attorneys with the tools they need to advance in their professional careers while maintaining balance. Whether through flexible work schedules, backup child care, or networking events for women attorneys and clients, these organizations are seeking innovative solutions to promote and retain women attorneys.



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**2009 Lynette Norton Award Recipient**  
**Mary Sue Ramsden**



The PBA Commission on Women in the Profession Committee will present the Lynette Norton Award to Pittsburgh lawyer Mary Sue Ramsden.

The Norton Award was created in memory of Lynette Norton, a founding member of the PBA Commission on Women in the Profession who died in 2002. Norton was an advocate for young women in the legal profession and worked to promote literacy and women's rights. The award is designed to recognize and encourage female attorneys who excel in litigation skills and who are devoted to mentoring female lawyers.

Ramsden is a principal at Pittsburgh's Raphael, Ramsden and Behers P.C. She has lectured and served as a seminar panelist on a range of topics, including custody issues, child welfare and family law. She is a former editor of the Child Protective Services Quarterly.

Actively engaged in efforts by the organized bar, Ramsden is a member of the PBA and its Commission on Women in the Profession Committee's Executive Council. She also serves as a Zone 12 delegate in the PBA House of Delegates.

Ramsden is a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association. She served on the ACBA Board of Governors from 2004 to 2006, as ACBA secretary from 2004 to 2006 and as treasurer of the ACBA Family Law Section from 2002 to 2004. She also has been a member of numerous committees and sections of the ACBA, including the Court Relations Committee, Judiciary Committee, Probate and Trust Section, Professionalism Committee, Mentor Committee and Women in the Law Committee. Ramsden is a charter fellow of the Allegheny County Bar Foundation.

In addition, Ramsden was co-president of the Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania from 1998-2000 and secretary of the association from 1996 to 1998. She was a member of the American Inn of Court from 1993 to 1995, president of the Matrimonial Chapter from 1995 to 1997, master from 1997 to 1999 and master emeritus from 1998 to 2004.

Ramsden is a recipient of a YWCA Tribute to Women Award and received the Susan B. Anthony Award from the Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania.

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*this year's recipient of*  
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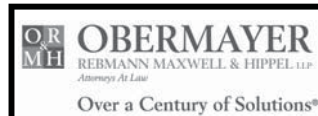
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