The PBA Commission on Women in the Profession will hold a full commission meeting on Friday, Nov. 6, via Zoom Conference.

The meeting will kick off with a greeting from PBA President David Schwager, followed by the presentation of the 2020 Anne X. Alpern Award, the 2020 Lynette Norton Award and the 2020 H. Robert Fiebach Promotion of Women in the Law Awards.

The Full Commission business meeting will follow the awards ceremony. The day will conclude with a book group discussion and happy hour.

Program Schedule

3:00 p.m. Welcome from WIP Co-chairs
Melissa Leininger & Stephanie Latimore

3:10 p.m. Remarks from PBA President David E. Schwager

3:20 p.m. Presentation of 2020 WIP Awards:
• Anne X. Alpern Award: Elizabeth C. “Lisa” Detwiler, Esq.
• Lynette Norton Award: Maraleen D. Shields, Esq.
• H. Robert Fiebach Promotion of Women in the Law Awards:
  - Berner Klaw & Watson LLP
  - Lanard & Associates PC

4:00 p.m. Full Commission Business Meeting

5:00 p.m. Happy Hour/Book Group Discussion led by Book Group Co-chairs
Judge Stephanie Domitrovich & Liana Walters

The Book Group has chosen America's First Woman Lawyer: The Biography of Myra Bradwell by Jane M. Friedman as the discussion topic. A special message from book group co-chairs Judge Stephanie Domitrovich and Liana Walters is featured below.

Join us for the fall book group discussion & happy hour

After the WIP Full Commission meeting, we are giving attendees two options from which to choose to participate at the happy hour. Our overall topic is the first woman lawyer, Myra Bradwell, who lived in the age of Susan B. Anthony, which is consistent with our prior theme about suffragettes.

- **Book discussion:** This book is titled, America's First Woman Lawyer: The Biography of Myra Bradwell, by Jane M. Friedman. Despite successfully passing the bar exam, Myra Bradwell was not able to be barred as an attorney; she was viewed as not qualified to practice law because she had a marital disability. A married woman could not enter into a contract due to her marital status because of the doctrine of coverture wherein a married woman was one, so to speak, with her husband, and a married woman's legal existence was suspended under the law.

- **Podcast:** For those who cannot find time to read books for pleasure, we also have a related podcast featuring Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Janet Reno participating in a moot court in attorney and chief justice roles respectively in Bradwell v. Illinois. NPR's Nina Totenberg moderates as if she is traveling back to the past. The link to the podcast is: [https://www.c-span.org/video/?103281-1/bradwell-v-illinois](https://www.c-span.org/video/?103281-1/bradwell-v-illinois)

Participants can view the hour or so podcast and/or read portions of the book -- even just the first chapter is worth reading! Please join us for an interactive and lively exchange!

Registration Information

Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance here: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qcuGqqj8pHtEAltxS5xeJ5K9rBlfUsuOeH](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qcuGqqj8pHtEAltxS5xeJ5K9rBlfUsuOeH)