



DALLAS WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION'S 2017 LEADERSHIP CLASS

Application Deadline: April 10, 2017 by 5 p.m.

DWLA Leadership Class is a DWLA initiative created to further its mission of elevating the standing of women in the legal profession. The leadership class will benefit women law students by providing students with the tools to develop the professional skills necessary for success and leadership positions in law, business, government, the nonprofit sector, and the judiciary.

The 2017 Leadership Class will meet for a **mandatory Leadership Retreat from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on May 13, 2017**. A series of two workshops will follow (one lunch and one evening workshop), featuring local and state leaders speaking on their personal experiences of women in leadership positions and their advice on developing the professional skills required to become and support women in leadership. Participation in the Leadership Class will greatly enhance your business contacts, equip you with the tools necessary for professional development, and will generally provide opportunities that would not have existed otherwise. At the completion of the program, the class will organize a community-service project that achieves the purpose of elevating the standing of women in the legal profession. **Applicants who attend school outside Dallas-Fort Worth understand that signing this application represents a commitment to assist the Class members with the planning and preparation of the service project and to return to DFW for completion of the service project in the Fall semester of 2017.**

Applicants will be chosen based on their demonstrated commitment to elevating the standing of women in the legal profession. Each year DWLA will select approximately 12 (twelve) applicants to join its Leadership Class. The only eligibility requirements are: (1) that the applicant is in her first or second year of law school; and (2) either attends law school at SMU, TAMU, or UNT Dallas or has accepted an internship, externship, or clerkship in Dallas for the summer of 2017.

Name: _____

Law School and Classification (1L, 2L, etc): _____

Summer internship, externship, or clerkship: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Are you a DWLA member? ___Yes ___No Can you attend the mandatory retreat as noted above? ___Yes ___No

How did you hear about the Leadership Class? _____

I. Attach your résumé, which shall include education, student organizations, and civic activities in which you have participated. List any awards or special recognitions you have received. Also, separately attach (preferably via email) a professional photo that can be used in class materials.

II. On a separate sheet of paper, briefly describe: (a) what leadership means to you; (b) why you wish to participate in this program; and (c) how you expect to use your experience in this program.

III. Please provide a letter of recommendation from someone who has known you for at least two years.

IV. Applicants are requested, but not required, to provide the following information. Please indicate which of the following categories utilized by the EEOC best describes you (circle one):

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| Asian | Black or African American | Hispanic or Latino | American Indian or Alaskan Native |
| White | Two or More Races | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | |

V. I represent that the information provided herein and on the attached pages is true and correct. Also, by signing below, I acknowledge that the DWLA Leadership Class will require a substantial time commitment and participation on my part. I will be an active participant of the 2017 Leadership Class, which includes attending the retreat, attending two workshops, and active participation in the planning and execution of the class project.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Mail, fax, or email this application to: Lindsey Wyrick, Cobb Martinez Woodard, DWLA VP Leadership Class

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