

Women's Bar Association of Maryland

# 2026 Annual Meeting

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FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026 – SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026  
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# WBA 2026 Annual Meeting Agenda

## Friday April 10

5:30 PM Welcome Cocktail Reception & Recognition of Past Presidents

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6:30 PM Dinner Program and Keynote Speaker:  
**Traci Feit Love**  
*Founder and Executive Director of Lawyers for Good Government (L4GG)  
and the L4GG Action Fund*

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## Saturday April 11

7:00 AM Morning Yoga Led by Tracy Miller  
*Tracy Miller Law, LLC*

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8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Breakfast

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9:00 AM Justice in the Margins: Reframing Contract Redlining as Collaborative  
Advocacy and Client Education  
(1 hour ethics and technology credit)  
*Natasha Nazareth and Ginny Bonifacino  
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10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Notes from Our Sponsors  
Chapter Reports  
Business Meeting and Election of the 2026-2027 Officers

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12:00 PM Program Concludes

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# Traci Feit Love

Traci Feit Love is the Founder and Executive Director of Lawyers for Good Government (L4GG) and the L4GG Action Fund, a pioneering organization she established in 2016 to mobilize the legal profession to defend democracy and the rule of law, protect civil and human rights, and advance environmental justice. Under her visionary leadership, L4GG has grown from a grassroots social media community into a nationally recognized legal advocacy organization that has mobilized over 125,000 lawyers and delivered more than \$100 million worth of pro bono legal services to underserved communities.

Known for her innovative approach to large-scale legal mobilization, Traci has revolutionized the field of remote pro bono programming. She has built and scaled comprehensive legal response systems that rapidly deploy thousands of attorneys to address critical civil rights challenges, from immigration crises to reproductive justice to climate advocacy. Her strategic leadership has enabled L4GG to provide over 55,000 pro bono hours valued at more than \$32.4 million in 2024 alone.

Traci's impact-oriented approach has resulted in groundbreaking initiatives that address some of the most pressing legal challenges of our time. She spearheaded Project Corazon, L4GG's immigrants' rights program, which has defended the human rights of over 10,000 asylum seekers and helped secure life-saving parole for thousands of vulnerable individuals. From L4GG's founding response to the Muslim Ban, where hundreds of attorneys were deployed to airports nationwide, to the organization's comprehensive COVID-19 Small Business Remote Legal Clinic that assisted over 2,149 small businesses through 932 volunteer lawyers, Traci has consistently demonstrated the power of coordinated legal action to protect vulnerable communities and advance justice.

Traci is recognized as one of the nation's foremost experts on designing and scaling pro bono programs in partnership with large law firms, in-house legal teams, and legal services organizations. She frequently speaks on the intersection of pro bono work and artificial intelligence, legal leadership in crisis response, rapid mobilization strategies, and protecting the rule of law and democratic institutions. Her innovative approaches to legal technology and remote service delivery have become models for organizations nationwide.

A sought-after commentator on legal and policy issues, Traci's work and insights have been featured in major media outlets including The New York Times, Newsweek, Bloomberg, The Boston Globe, ABA Journal, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and Common Dreams. Traci holds a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Delaware. Through her eight years of leadership at L4GG, she has proven that strategic coordination of the legal community can deliver unprecedented results in advancing civil rights, protecting democratic institutions, and ensuring equal justice under law for all Americans.

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## *A Letter from Our Incoming President*

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### **Kristina Badalian**

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#### **Welcome to the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Women's Bar Association of Maryland!**

I am very proud to become the next President of the Women's Bar Association for the 2026–2027 year. This bar association means so much to me. It was members of this association who took the time to meet with me when I was a baby lawyer, and nurture and mentor me when I needed it the most. The women of this organization gave me opportunities for leadership and saw something in me that I did not even see in myself. I am here today because of those women, many of whom are past presidents and many of whom are in attendance tonight.

It was this organization that introduced me to the judicial selections process, which has become a passion of mine in terms of bar involvement. It was members of this organization who taught me how important the judicial selections process was, how to properly vet judicial applicants, and how we could contribute to that process in a meaningful way.

And now is the time when women in Maryland need the Women's Bar more than ever. We are facing extraordinary risks to our Judiciary, to our professions, to our law firms, to our individual bodies and to our civil rights. At no time has it been more important for women to support each other, particularly women lawyers. And it's not simply the women that are members of this association, but the women that are members of all of our specialty bars. We as the Women's Bar need to create, nurture and strengthen the relationships that we have with other women in the specialty bars, and I intend to do so. We need to lift each other up, and not just with our words. The members of the Women's Bar need to show our allyship and our support with our time, with our actions and with our presence. There's no time that is more important than now, as bar associations need to come together, to work together, to educate, to advocate and to have fun.

In this year, we will also begin to implement our long-term planning that many members of this association came together and diligently prepared, and I'm excited to start that process.

What is special about our organization is that we have the ability to reach across to people of different backgrounds and to lawyers from all kinds of different practice areas, to find each other, to educate, and to nurture future leaders.

I am proud and very excited to be a part of this organization, to be your President and to be one of many women who have led this organization in support of our mission.

*Women's Bar Association of Maryland*

# 2026–2027 CALENDAR

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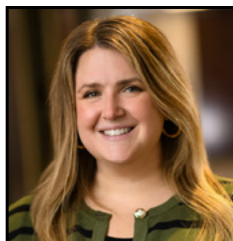


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## **THANK YOU TO THE BOARD MEMBERS OF 2025-2026**

I wish to express my personal thanks to the Executive Board and the Committee Chairs this year who have given so much of their time and effort to the Women's Bar Association, both stepping up and pitching in when needed.

From Judicial Selections across the State to laying the groundwork for an extensive Long Range Planning effort with the ABA, to presenting position papers on issues affecting our members and the world in general, we have accomplished a lot this year. We have extended our realm of influence in collaboration with other Bar Associations, civic and practice organizations, as well as benefited countless individuals that we have assisted, both as clients and as our community partners.

Thank you also to Maria Twigg, our Executive Director, without whose assistance, historical knowledge and resources we could not function.

**With best wishes for a great 2026-2027 year ahead!**

*Jane Canter*



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Our members represent all areas of the state, and form 12 local chapters:

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The WBA recognizes women who have advanced women’s rights and women in the legal profession through its prestigious Rita C. Davidson annual award. In addition, the WBA promotes its esteemed members in its nominations for state and national awards.

## WBA STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Women’s Bar Association of Maryland (“WBA”) is an organization of women and men committed to the full and equal participation of women in the legal profession and in a just society. The WBA believes that a strong community of women in the legal profession is essential to the administration of justice.

The mission and goals of the WBA are to:

Promote and assist women to obtain positions of influence and leadership within their workplace, the legal profession, the judiciary, and the community;	Promote and effect diversity, equality, and justice under the law and within the legal system;	Collaborate with other individuals and organizations to improve the status of women;
Raise awareness of and fight biases against women within the community at large, the legal profession, and under the law;	Support women in the legal profession in their personal and professional lives;	Celebrate the individual and collective achievements of women in the legal profession; and
	Provide opportunities for volunteerism and advocacy on issues affecting women;	Promote full and equal participation of women in society by eliminating all forms of discrimination.

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*The Women’s Bar Association of Maryland, Inc. has several Standing Committees. If anyone is interested in serving on any of these Committees please contact Maria Twigg at [info@wbamd.org](mailto:info@wbamd.org).*

# Women's Bar Association of Maryland

## Strategic Plan: Building a Stronger Future for Women in Law

2025–2028



### Priority 1 – Ensure Long-Term Organizational Sustainability

**Why it matters:** A strong foundation ensures WBA-MD thrives for generations.

**Key Actions:**

- Encourage creativity by institutionalizing standard operating procedures.
- Strengthen financial security through streamlined fundraising and dues collection.
- Engage new leaders at state and chapter levels.

**Success Benchmarks:** Increased membership, more volunteer leaders, revenue-neutral budget.



### Priority 2 – Support Chapters for Membership Growth & Engagement

**Why it matters:** Vibrant chapters create a connected, empowered community.

**Key Actions:**

- Enhance chapter resources via WBA-MD website.
- Foster chapter-to-chapter learning and mentorship.
- Integrate chapter leaders into statewide activities.

**Success Benchmarks:** Active chapters, increased collaboration, growth in chapter membership.



### Priority 3 – Engage the Next Generation of Women Lawyers

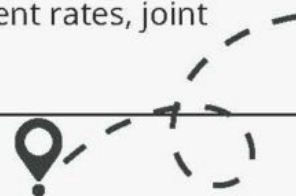
**Why it matters:** Future leaders strengthen our voice and impact.

**Key Actions:**

- Demonstrate WBA-MD's relevance and value.
- Improve communications and branding for stronger engagement.
- Collaborate with law schools and other bar associations.

**Success Benchmarks:** Greater recognition, higher engagement rates, joint initiatives with other organizations.

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