

Women Lawyers at Patterson

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Women Lawyers at Patterson is a forum, an affinity group for women at Patterson, where we address issues of importance to women at the firm, such as professional development, networking, mentoring and issues that may have arisen at the firm.

WLAP organizes informal and formal meetings for women.

We have a committee composed of associates, counsel and partners and together we set an agenda for WLAP.

We've had speakers from the government sector, the not-for-profit sector and others who've shared their experiences as attorneys.

We've also invited speakers who address issues of importance to women's professional development, such as how to be a better developer of business, self-agency issues, how to be better at presentation issues.

Patterson has been a great place for me as a woman.

I've been at Patterson for 20 years and I feel that I've developed here professionally and personally.

I was mentored by some wonderful women attorneys, made counsel after I went part-time following the birth of my first child, and made partner while I was on maternity leave with my second child.

Having had a meaningful mentoring experience at the firm makes me aware of how important it is that we provide mentoring to women at the firm and that we provide a forum like the Women Lawyers at Patterson.