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GRAWA needs you ... to become an active committee member

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GRAWA is an acronym for the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys. In order for GRAWA to live up to its mission, we need members to become actively involved. One of the best ways you can become involved quickly is to become a member of one, or better yet, several committees.

Through committees, you can work in an area in which you have a particular interest and you can develop new interests. Committee work also allows you to meet and be seen by lawyers and judges in your community — without question a career enhancing move.

The following is a list of GRAWA's current committees and their descriptions:

Continuing Legal Education Committee —

Develops, implements and organizes CLE events throughout the course of the year on a variety of legal subject areas.

Domestic Violence Committee — Plans and organizes programs and initiatives related to domestic violence.

Judicial Evaluation Committee — Evaluates and rates judicial candidates.

Legislative Committee — Examines bills introduced in Congress, the State Legislature and local government, and makes suggestions or proposals about bills to GRAWA and Women's Bar Association of the State of New York (WBASNY).

Media Committee — Handles GRAWA's public relations, including drafting press releases. Responsible for updating website and sending e-calendar notices to membership.

Membership Committee — In addition to promoting membership and accepting applications, provides new members with information.

Program Committee — Plans, advertises and conducts substantive programs, social events and annual functions such as the New Members Reception, Installation Dinner and Judicial Candidates Luncheon.

Family and Careers Committee — GRAWA's long-standing "Mom's Committee" provides members with a net-

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work, emotional support, and seeks, through its committee work, to educate the legal community about the balance between work and family. Also responsible for the annual Family Friendly Employer Award.

Mentoring Committee — Plans and organizes programs and activities to match newer attorneys with more experienced mentor attorneys.

Non-Traditional Attorneys' Committee — Provides non-practicing members with opportunities to network and stay connected with the legal community, as well as to address areas of concern for those returning to practice or seeking alternatives to traditional practice.

Trust and Estates Committee — A substantive law committee that provides members with legal updates and informal "how to" discussions.

Women's Health Committee — Promotes the awareness of breast cancer and women's health care issues. It is affiliated with the statewide organization, JALBCA (Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert).

Matrimonial and Family Law Committee — Reviews matrimonial and family law issues, including proposed legislation, and makes suggestions and recommendations to GRAWA and WBASNY.

Diversity Committee — Plans and organizes discussions and programs to promote diversity within the bar's membership.

Interested? Contact Wendy Solovay, chair of the Membership Committee ([585]-385-6474 or wsolovay@hotmail.com), and she will ensure you get into the loop of committee membership.

Not a member of GRAWA? Wendy can help you with that, too, or you can also check our website, www.grawa.org. GRAWA welcomes both women **and** men as full members both in the organization and on committees. Hope we can count on you!

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