

WORD FOR WORD

SUPER LAWYERS

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THE WOMEN'S LAW NETWORK

It is hard to express just how rewarding it is to have 1,200 women in every area of the law and legal community available on speed dial. Whether you need a referral, a case citation or a shoulder to lean on, there is always someone accessible.

I have found that there is a common belief among the members of WLALA that women must help other women in order for us to progress and achieve equal footing in the legal community. While doors have been thrown open and paths have been forged by those before us, it is imperative that we are not complacent with simply being tolerated within the practice. We have to consistently step up into leadership roles so that we have a voice that is heard in the negotiations that affect the practice of law, and society in general, now and in the future.

I believe that a common aspiration of the women lawyers' community is that one day we don't have to be recognized on separate lists or in supplements, but that we are such an integral part of the community that it once again can be referred to as simply the 'legal community.' How I look forward to one day being asked, 'What's it like to be a lawyer in LA?'

