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Women's Bar Association
FOUNDATION
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



LEVERAGING THE GENEROSITY
OF LAWYERS AND FRIENDS TO
SUPPORT NONPROFITS THAT SERVE
THE LEGAL AND RELATED NEEDS
OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN THE DC
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We are deeply grateful to everyone who has supported the Women's Bar Association Foundation and its critical mission of funding local nonprofits that serve the legal and related needs of women or girls in the DC Metro area. It is my privilege to share with you how everyone in the Foundation community of donors, sponsors, and volunteers have been integral to advancing the Foundation's mission this year.

In October 2025, the Foundation held its premier red-carpet fundraiser, our 23rd Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, themed "Lights, Camera, Action – An Evening of Celebrity Wines." This glamorous and glitzy evening, held in the dazzling new location of the DC offices of Venable LLP, offered a star-studded selection of fabulous wines, with one non-alcoholic option in the cast. With the same dramatic buzz as an awards show, the auction bidding was energetic and enthusiastic, driven by the goal of going home a winner while advancing the Foundation's mission. With the generosity of the event's sponsors, donors, bidders, and registrants, it was a perfectly paired night of "fan"tastic fun and successful fundraising for the Foundation's 2026 grant awards.

This premier Foundation fundraising event also funds the Foundation's annual Founders Fellowship. The fellowship, which rotates among DC's six law schools, supports a law student's summer internship with local legal service providers on projects that benefit women or girls in our community. This year's recipient is **Kasayah Alexis**, a Howard Law School student, who will be interning at the National Women's Law Center. The Foundation's 2025 Founders Fellow was **Yasmin Rosales** from American University Washington College of Law, who interned for Volare, a Foundation Grantee, supporting its Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP). During her internship, Yasmin supported the provision of trauma-informed legal services, particularly for women and girls, through appellate advocacy intended to drive systemic reform.

In March 2026, returning to the impressive offices of Hogan Lovells, we held the Foundation's annual inspiring Grants Awards Ceremony. Before its largest audience ever, the Foundation awarded \$75,000 in grants to the 10 DC metro-based non-profit organizations: **Amara Legal Center, DC Kincare Alliance, First Shift Justice Project, Georgetown University Health Justice Alliance, The Human Trafficking Legal Center, Mother's Outreach Network, Tahirih Justice Center, Volare, Volunteer Legal Advocates**, and the **YWCA National Capitol Area**.

The Foundation's impressive 2026 grantees provide a wide range of critical legal and support services for at-risk women and children. Examples include providing legal services for survivors of domestic abuse, supporting women in low-income jobs to secure basic employment rights, aiding those struggling

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with devastating, family-destructive immigration enforcement, and helping survivors of sex trafficking. These organizations are committed to ensuring that some of the most at-risk members of our DC Metro community, who often may feel like they are not seen, heard, or valued are seen, heard, and know their value. As a result of helping to improve the lives of women and girls in need in our area, Foundation grantees help lift up our community at large! The Foundation is honored to be able to support their critical work and applauds its 2026 awardees. To learn more about the Foundation Grantees and their work, see pages 5-6 of this report.

And I am thrilled to share that, with its 2026 grants, the Foundation's cumulative total of funds given to its worthy grantees over the years now reaches nearly \$1.5 million!

We celebrated more than our grantees during the Grant Awards Ceremony. The Foundation also recognized its first duo of WBAF Champions: **Tracy-Gene Durkin** and her firm, **Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox, PLLC**, represented by managing partner **Byron Pickard**.

The evening concluded with the event's powerful and impactful keynote speaker, Maya Wiley, CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund.

Looking back over this past year, my last as Foundation president, I am filled with profound gratitude for the generosity and commitment of all who have helped the Foundation to fulfill its mission, both with their time and money. This includes the WBA, Foundation sponsors and donors, the Foundation board, management team, and volunteers; and our grantees. It is with your critical support that the Foundation has been able to help fuel meaningful and impactful kindness for the benefit of women and girls in need in the DC Metro area. But we need your assistance to continue advancing the Foundation's mission.

So for those who are new to the Foundation, learning of it for first time by reading this letter, or have long been a part of the Foundation community, please join us or continue to participate in support of the Foundation's mission to change the lives of women and girls in the DC Metro area and to improve our broader community for the better. You can do so in any of the following ways:

- Make a one-time or recurring donation.
- Sponsor either the Wine Tasting and Silent Auction or the Grants Awards Ceremony.
- Follow the Foundation's social media for recurring virtual donation opportunities.
- Include the Foundation in your estate planning, joining the Foundation's Sustaining Legacy Circle, found listed on the Foundation's website.

Details on any and all of these options are available at www.wbadcfoundation.org.

In conclusion, many thanks for your support during the 2025-2026 Foundation year and for your continued support in the years to come.

With gratitude,



Mary Ellen Kleiman

GRANTMAKING PROGRAM AND GRANTEE AWARDS CEREMONY

The first step in our grantmaking process is a request for Letters of Inquiry (LOI). The Foundation received 20 LOIs in August 2025, requesting a total of \$191,414 in support. The Foundation's Grants Committee reviewed the information in each submission and invited 16 of the organizations to submit a full grant application.

The Grants Committee carefully reviewed each proposal received, made a recommendation to the full Board of Directors to fund a total of \$75,000 in grants to 10 organizations (information about the projects funded can be found on pages 5-6). Grantees are required to submit a final report of activities conducted under each grant. These reports are also reviewed by the Grants Committee.



Our 2026 Grant Awards Ceremony was held on March 11, at the offices of Hogan Lovells. Over 160 were in attendance--our largest audience to date--including supporters, Foundation and Association leaders, grantees, and sponsors.

Grant checks were presented to this year's 10 grantees, which provide a wide range of critical legal and support services for at-risk women and children, including providing legal services for survivors of domestic abuse, supporting women in low-income jobs to secure basic employment rights, aiding those struggling with devastating, family-destructive immigration enforcement, and helping survivors of sex trafficking. These organizations are committed to ensuring that some of the most at-risk members of our DC Metro community, who often may feel like they are not seen, heard, or valued are seen, heard, and know their value.



Kirsten Wilkerson, WBA Foundation Immediate Past President (left) presents a grant check to Amy Wilken, Amara Legal Center



Foundation president Mary Ellen Kleiman (center) and WBAF Champions Tracy-Gene Durkin and Byron Pickard of Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox, PLLC

Representatives from each organization were in attendance and were able to network with others to talk about their work and volunteer opportunities within their organizations. The evening included the presentation of the 2026 WBAF Champion Award to **Tracy-Gene Durkin** and her firm, **Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox, PLLC**, represented by Managing Partner, **Byron Pickard**.

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Keynote speaker Maya Wiley addresses attendees

In her remarks, Tracy noted that the Foundation has been an important part of her personal and professional life for more than 20 years. "Its impact is felt throughout our community in big ways and in small. Through its grantmaking, the Foundation has consistently elevated organizations working to address some of our community's most pressing challenges," she said. Acknowledging Sterne Kessler's contributions, she noted "I am especially proud to share this recognition with my law firm, my professional home for the past 37 years, which has long supported the Foundation's work and its values." (You can read more about the Champion Award on page 8 of this report.)

The evening concluded with powerful and impactful keynote remarks from **Maya Wiley**, CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund. Ms. Wiley is a lauded and nationally respected civil rights attorney and policy advocate. During her impressive career, after graduating from Columbia Law School, she served as the first Black woman counsel to the mayor of New York City; was a professor and senior vice president for social justice at the New School University; chaired the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board; worked at the ACLU and the NAACP Legal



Each grantees, like YWCA National Capital Area, share information and make connections with attendees

Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.; and worked in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. Ms. Wiley started her remarks by sharing her concerns about the current environment which poses increased challenges to women and girls, especially those who find themselves at higher risk and with greater needs. She went on to provide thoughtful and motivating comments about the importance of community in general and the work of the Foundation in support of our broader DC community specifically, leaving the attendees feeling hopeful and motivated to continue the Foundation's work.



Members of the Foundation Board with grantee representatives.

Each year, the Grant Awards Ceremony is an empowering event. It showcases the services and successes of our grantees, and brings our supporters together with the organizations that their funds support. Hearing from our Champion and keynote remind us of the importance of the work of the Foundation and how supporting our grant program affects those in our community and we thank everyone who contributes to our work.

Save the date for our 2027 Grant Awards Ceremony: March 3, 2027, at Hogan Lovells.

2026 GRANTEES

The WBA Foundation grants program supports community nonprofit organizations in the DC metropolitan area that serve the legal and related needs of women and girls in the DC Metropolitan community. The Foundation's grant recipients reach and serve some of the most vulnerable members of our community, individuals who are facing challenges ranging from homelessness to domestic violence and workplace discrimination.



AMARA LEGAL CENTER provides free legal services to survivors of sex trafficking and those who have been harmed by the commercial sex industry, whether involvement was by coercion, necessity, choice, or otherwise, in the DC metropolitan area. Amara's attorneys are trained in providing trauma-informed legal services and are devoted to providing comprehensive support, making sure that its clients know they are not navigating their cases alone.

The Foundation grant supports survivors of sex trafficking with legal services, including civil protection orders, child custody, divorce, sealing and vacating criminal records, and victim-witness advocacy.



DC KINCARE ALLIANCE supports the legal, financial, and related service needs of relative caregivers, the majority of whom are women, who step up to raise children in their extended families in times of crisis when the children's parents are not able to care for them. DC KinCare Alliance is the only organization in DC focused solely on serving relative caregivers raising DC's at-risk children.

The Foundation grant supports PROJECT ADOPT, which represents relative caregivers trying to adopt the children they raise, and provides legal help to relative caregivers to obtain the rights, benefits, and services needed to ensure a safe and stable home for children whose parents can no longer care for them.



FIRST SHIFT JUSTICE PROJECT empowers workers to exercise their workplace rights. They represent clients whose rights have been violated. Through partnerships with medical clinics and nonprofits, they educate health care providers about the legal rights of caregivers in the workplace so they can better support their patients at work.

The Foundation grant supports efforts to empower pregnant and caregiving workers in low wage jobs to exercise their rights related to caregiving and parenting.



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HEALTH JUSTICE ALLIANCE believes that an equitable society, where everyone has the opportunity to thrive and contribute to an integrated and supportive community, requires fair access to health and justice resources. They use law as a tool to improve individual health and wellbeing, transform the systems used to deliver healthcare, and advance Georgetown's broader goals for health, justice, and racial equity.

The Foundation grant supports the Perinatal Legal Assistance & Wellbeing (P-LAW) Project to address the health-harming legal needs of pregnant and postpartum patients receiving care at MedStar Washington Hospital Center's Division of Women's and Infants Services.



The **HUMAN TRAFFICKING LEGAL CENTER** connects trafficking survivors with pro bono representation so they can seek justice and thrive. They demand accountability from traffickers, from governments, and from corporations.

The WBAF grant will support the Diplomatic Trafficking Program, which is dedicated to combating the trafficking of domestic workers by diplomats and employees of international organizations.



MOTHER'S OUTREACH NETWORK facilitates the power of Black mothers subject to systems of disempowerment, such as the family regulation and foster system, to upend a socio-economic structure that inadequately addresses their full potential for economic independence. It advances economic security for women and families through social justice education, mutual aid, grassroots mobilization, and legal advocacy, focused on disadvantaged Black women in Washington, DC.

The Foundation grant supports efforts to empower Black mothers currently involved in, and at-risk for, their children's involvement in the child welfare system, with support to achieve economic independence, security, and mobility, and equip them with the skills necessary to navigate DC's complex legal, criminal, and foster care systems.



The **TAHIRIH JUSTICE CENTER** offers legal and social services to immigrant women, girls, and all survivors of gender-based violence. Tahiri's expert staff provide technical assistance and training and engages in systems-change advocacy to both address and prevent violence.

The Foundation grant supports access to justice for immigrant women, girls, and other survivors of domestic and sexual violence living in DC by providing information, referrals, and free legal assistance to achieve outcomes such as stable immigration status, family reunification, and work authorization.



VOLARE creates equitable healing and dignified experiences for survivors of crime by providing free, trauma-informed advocacy, therapeutic, and legal services in conjunction with strategic litigation, policy advocacy, and education to transform existing responses to harm.

The Foundation grant supports DV LEAP, a leader in survivor appellate advocacy; attorneys challenge unjust trial outcomes by litigating appeals, filing Amicus briefs, and fighting for survivor rights all the way to the Supreme Court.



VOLUNTEER LEGAL ADVOCATES (formerly DC Volunteer Lawyers Project) addresses the critical shortage of legal assistance for low-income people in Washington, DC, especially in cases involving domestic violence.

The Foundation grant supports the Domestic Violence Program, which provides comprehensive trauma-informed legal, advocacy, and support services to low-income survivors of domestic violence and other forms of gender-based violence, focusing on Wards 5, 7 & 8.



The mission of the **YWCA NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA** is to eliminate racism, empower women, and to promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Founded in 1905, they dismantle barriers faced by women, girls, and people of color as they work to develop and sustain healthy lives.

The Foundation grant will support for the Empowered Communities Center, which provides legal education, emergency planning, and trusted support in safe, accessible settings for immigrant families in Washington, DC. Workshops help families understand their rights, prepare custodial documents so children are not placed in foster care if a parent is detained, and access individual consultations with immigration attorneys.

FOUNDERS FELLOWSHIP



The WBA Foundation Founders Fellowship was established in 2006 and is awarded annually to one of the six law schools located in Washington, DC. The fellowship is used by the school to support a student who is pursuing a public interest summer internship to advance the legal interests of women and children.

The 2025 WBA Foundation Founders Fellowship, in the amount of \$7,500, was awarded to the American University Washington College of Law, which selected **Yasmin Morales** as the recipient. A 1L, Ms. Morales was a legal intern at Volare, where she worked with the Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP) team, supporting appellate litigation and policy advocacy for survivors of domestic violence in Washington, DC, and beyond.

“At DV LEAP, my primary responsibilities included reviewing trial court records, conducting legal research, drafting memoranda, and supporting the appellate process alongside pro bono partners. One key project examined the definition of ‘family’ under the Intrafamily Offenses Act. In many communities, particularly communities of color, family structures often include grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other caregivers, yet the Act’s narrow definition excludes these configurations, leaving many survivors without protection. My research identified these gaps and helped chart a path for appellate advocacy to ensure legal protections extend to survivors within these less traditional family structures.

While most of my work involved analyzing trial court decisions for appellate filings, one distinct project required quickly assisting a survivor with an emergency appellate filing in a complex agency matter without legal representation. Her resilience under immense pressure was remarkable, and supporting her successfully relied on careful attention to detail and close collaboration with the team.”

The full essay is available on the Foundation [website](#).

WBAF CHAMPION



The WBA Foundation Board of Directors created the WBA Foundation Champion Award in 2022. The purpose of the award is to recognize a devoted WBA Foundation champion. The 2026 recipients of the award were **Tracy-Gene G. Durkin** and **Sterne Kessler Goldstein Fox PLLC**.

Tracy Durkin served on the Foundation Board of Directors from 2007 to 2013. During her tenure as president, from 2010-2012, the Foundation celebrated its 30th anniversary and launched “Uniting for Justice,” a fundraising and visibility campaign designed to deepen the Foundation’s impact and to strengthen the work of grantees.

With Tracy’s advocacy for the Foundation, her firm, Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox PLLC, supported the Foundation both as an event venue and financial benefactor. The Foundation’s annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction event was hosted at the firm from 2014 to 2019, and the annual Grant Awards Ceremony was hosted from 2015 to 2020. For many years, Sterne Kessler’s Charitable Committee selected the Foundation as one of the nonprofit organizations to receive financial support. The firm has provided pro bono services to the Foundation to review and revise its logo and branding guidelines.

Tracy is the practice leader of Sterne Kessler’s Mechanical & Design Practice Group and a member of the Trademark & Brand Protection Practice. With more than 35 years of experience obtaining and enforcing intellectual property rights, Tracy has a well-earned reputation for excellence in design patent law. In addition to her role at Sterne Kessler, she is currently serving as Vice Chair of the United States Patent & Trademark Office Patent Public Advisory Committee.

Sterne Kessler is one of the leading intellectual property law firms, focusing on patent and trademark prosecution and strategic counseling, post-grant proceedings, and litigation in federal district and appellate courts and before the International Trade Commission. For more than 45 years, the firm has been a trusted partner to the world’s most innovative companies and inventors, helping them protect, enforce, and maximize the value of their IP.

WINE TASTING & SILENT AUCTION



The stars truly aligned on October 23, 2025, as the WBA Foundation hosted its highly anticipated annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction. Venable's elegant DC office provided the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable evening, where sponsors, donors, and friends of the Foundation once again came together in support of a great cause.

This year's fundraiser — themed "Lights, Camera, Action: An Evening of Celebrity Wines" — was nothing short of a box office hit! Guests savored the rich, velvety notes of EGOT winner John Legend's Cabernet Sauvignon and toasted with filmmaker Sofia Coppola's crisp Brut Sparkling Rosé. Many couldn't help but wonder why Sarah Jessica Parker's Sauvignon Blanc was so irresistibly good. Meanwhile, Kylie Minogue's alcohol-free Sparkling Blanc had everyone singing its praises well into the night.

Laughter and conversation flowed as freely as the wine while guests bid on an array of coveted items generously donated by WBAF's supporters. Fan favorite auction items included a luxurious beach house getaway, DC United tickets, and a private 12-person wine tasting hosted by longtime WBAF supporter and Master of Wine, Jay Youmans.

With glasses freshly poured and the room buzzing with anticipation, guests turned their attention to the evening's tasting experience. Jay Youmans, MW, Educational Director and Owner of the Capital Wine School, led attendees on an unforgettable journey of flavor and craftsmanship, sharing insights with the group while offering one-on-one guidance as he moved gracefully through the crowd. Jay's impressive credentials include Advanced Sommelier (AS), Certified Wine Educator (CWE), French Wine Scholar (FWS), Italian Wine Professional (IWP), Bordeaux and Burgundy Wine Educator, Certified Specialist of Sherry, and he is Washington, D.C.'s first Master of Wine (MW).



VIP sponsor attendees were treated to a private pre-event tasting of exclusive wines



*Attendees from VIP sponsor
Sanford Heisler Sharp McKnight, LLP*



Wine expert Jay Youmans, Foundation Treasurer Raquel Skinner, Lisa Tavares Bodiford & Foundation Board member Bayliss Fiddiman

We extend a heartfelt thanks to all sponsors, ticket holders, auction donors, and winning bidders for making this year's Wine Tasting and Silent Auction such a remarkable success. Your generosity and enthusiasm proved, once again, that when we come together, no mission is impossible.

Join us at the 2026 Wine Tasting & Silent Auction, October 22, 2026 at Venable.



*l-r: Foundation Board member Susan Stone,
Julie McLaughlin & Nia Lizanna*



*l-r: Estebania Lastra, Foundation Immediate Past President
Kirsten Wilkeson, Candice Canteen & Latasha Mann*

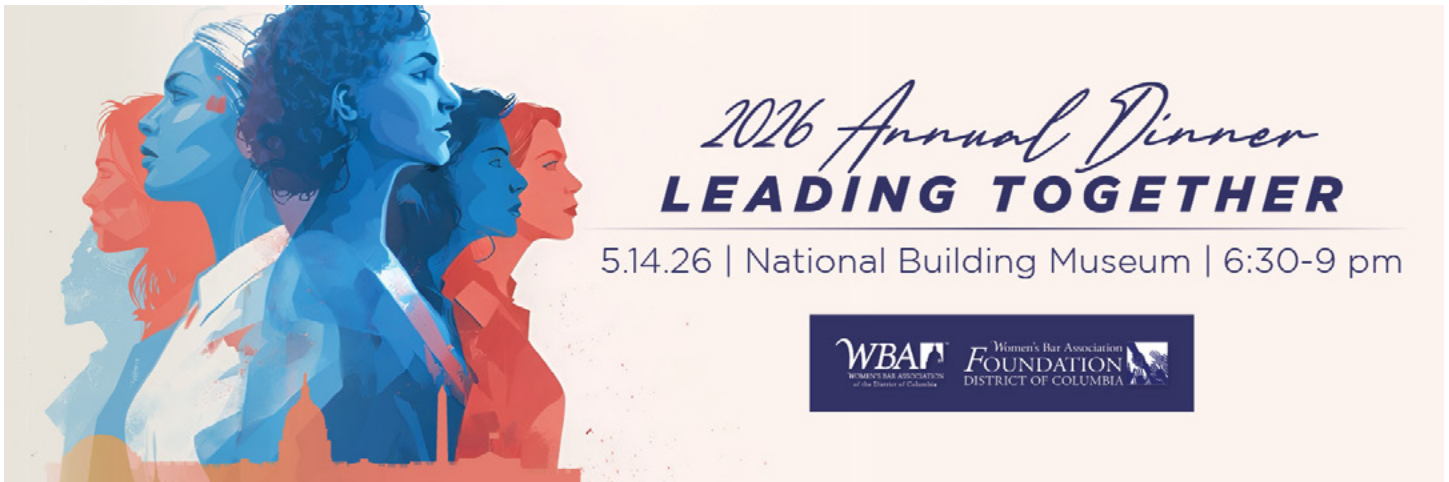


*Attendees had the opportunity to bid on
almost 100 auction items*



*Members of the Foundation Board got
into the red carpet spirit*

WBA/WBA FOUNDATION ANNUAL DINNER



The WBA/WBA Foundation Annual Dinner is one of the largest gatherings of legal professionals in the District. It's also a significant fundraiser for the Foundation, supporting our grant programs and operations. The WBA Foundation and Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia held our 2026 Annual Dinner at the National Building Museum on May 14, 2026. The event was attended by almost 500 legal professionals, including lawyers, judges, law students, industry vendors, Foundation grantees, voluntary bar leaders, and more.

This year's theme, **Leading Together**, reflected an evening centered on courage, mentorship, advocacy, solidarity, and the shared commitment to defending the rule of law. "The WBA Leads Together to be a force and resource for our members and for our community in these consequential times, and we have risen to that challenge through our dynamic programming, our advocacy efforts, and by coming together to build our community through which we can collectively advance our mission," said WBA President, **Jennifer Mammen**.

WBA Foundation President, **Mary Ellen Kleiman** noted that the Foundation has reached a 40-year cumulative total of granting nearly \$1.5 million. She highlighted the impact of the Foundation grantees and attendees viewed the premier of the 2026 grantee video, which showcases the services and impact of our 2026 grantees.

DC Bar President **Sadina Montani** introduced our keynote speaker, **Vanessa Bousardo**, Founder & President, *Bâtonnières du Monde*; Vice President, *Paris Bar* (2024–2025 term). The 2026 Woman Lawyer of the Year Award was presented to **Skye Perryman**, who was introduced by **Brianne Sullivan**, Covington & Burling LLP. Ms. Sullivan noted that Ms. Perryman “is an extraordinary lawyer—one of those rare advocates whose work doesn’t just win cases, but shapes institutions and improves lives. As President and CEO of Democracy Forward, she has led one of the most impactful legal organizations in the country, building a powerhouse team and driving litigation and policy efforts that have protected millions of Americans. Her work spans some of the most consequential issues of our time—civil rights, access to health care, fair wages, and the rule of law itself—and she has approached this work with extraordinary strategic vision and fearless commitment.”

Ms. Perryman’s remarks touched on some powerful takeaways: The legal profession is under direct pressure, and it’s not subtle; Women lawyers are leading; and We must remember our history.

The event closed with remarks from WBA President-Elect, **Rachel Davakis**. Ms. Davakis announced her bar year theme, *Know Your Worth*, noting that “knowing your worth is about more than compensation and titles. It’s refusing to let others define your value for you. It’s knowing the power of your voice and the impact you make.”



Trish Alatorre-Ridings, Foundation Past President Hon. Deb Israel, WBA & Foundation Past President Ellen Jakovic & Hon. Anita Josey-Herring



Members of the Foundation Board at the Annual Dinner (l-r: Katie White, Kate Mueiting, Jen Mika, Anne Collier, Mary Ellen Kleiman, Kirsten Wilkerson, Kerri Castelli, Vickie Robinson, Bayliss Fiddiman)



WBA President Jennifer Mammen recognized Mary Ellen Kleiman’s two years of service as Foundation President



Woman Lawyer of the Year Skye Perryman and Foundation Past President Amy Bess

ONLINE CAMPAIGNS

The Foundation held two online giving campaigns this year: Giving Tuesday and a **Spring Fundraiser**. The campaigns were promoted through social media and board member outreach to their personal networks.



Giving Tuesday is held the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It's a day when people are encouraged to do good and give generously, and we highlighted the Foundation's dedication to helping the most vulnerable in our community. The December 2, 2025 fundraiser raised over \$3,800, from 16 donors.

We launched our spring fundraiser at the Annual Dinner on May 14, and invited donors to support us in a spring fundraising campaign that culminated with a happy hour at Cork Wine Bar in Washington, DC on May 26. The campaign raised over \$3,500 raised from 39 donors, including Cork, which donated 10% of their May 26 sales.



Attendees enjoyed good conversation, food & wine

PLANNED GIVING

To effectively pursue the WBA Foundation's mission of meeting the legal needs of women and girls in the DC area, we must ensure the Foundation's long-term financial vitality. Planned gifts can help support the Foundation and its mission in a significant way in the future without affecting current income or savings. Gifts to the Foundation that cost nothing during your lifetime can be made as part of the legacy you leave behind. Options include:

- Name the WBA Foundation as a beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy, a retirement or investment account, or a charitable annuity;
- Establish a bequest through your will or trust;
- Establish a charitable trust that supports the WBA Foundation and your loved ones.

The growth of the Foundation's endowment depends primarily on gifts from bequests. An attorney or financial planner can help to identify other ways to support the WBA Foundation and provide tax savings while possibly leaving more assets to heirs.

Sustaining Legacy Circle members are incredibly generous supporters who have named the WBA Foundation in their estate planning and/or have already made a bequest to the Foundation.

SUSTAINING LEGACY CIRCLE (as of May 31, 2026)

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THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

It is through the support of committed donors in our community that the WBA Foundation can carry on its important work. The WBA Foundation extends its gratitude to the following donors for their generosity. (Note: this list represents direct donations from those listed; it does not reflect contributions made via event sponsorship, which are listed on pages 17-18.)

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2025 WINE TASTING AND SILENT AUCTION

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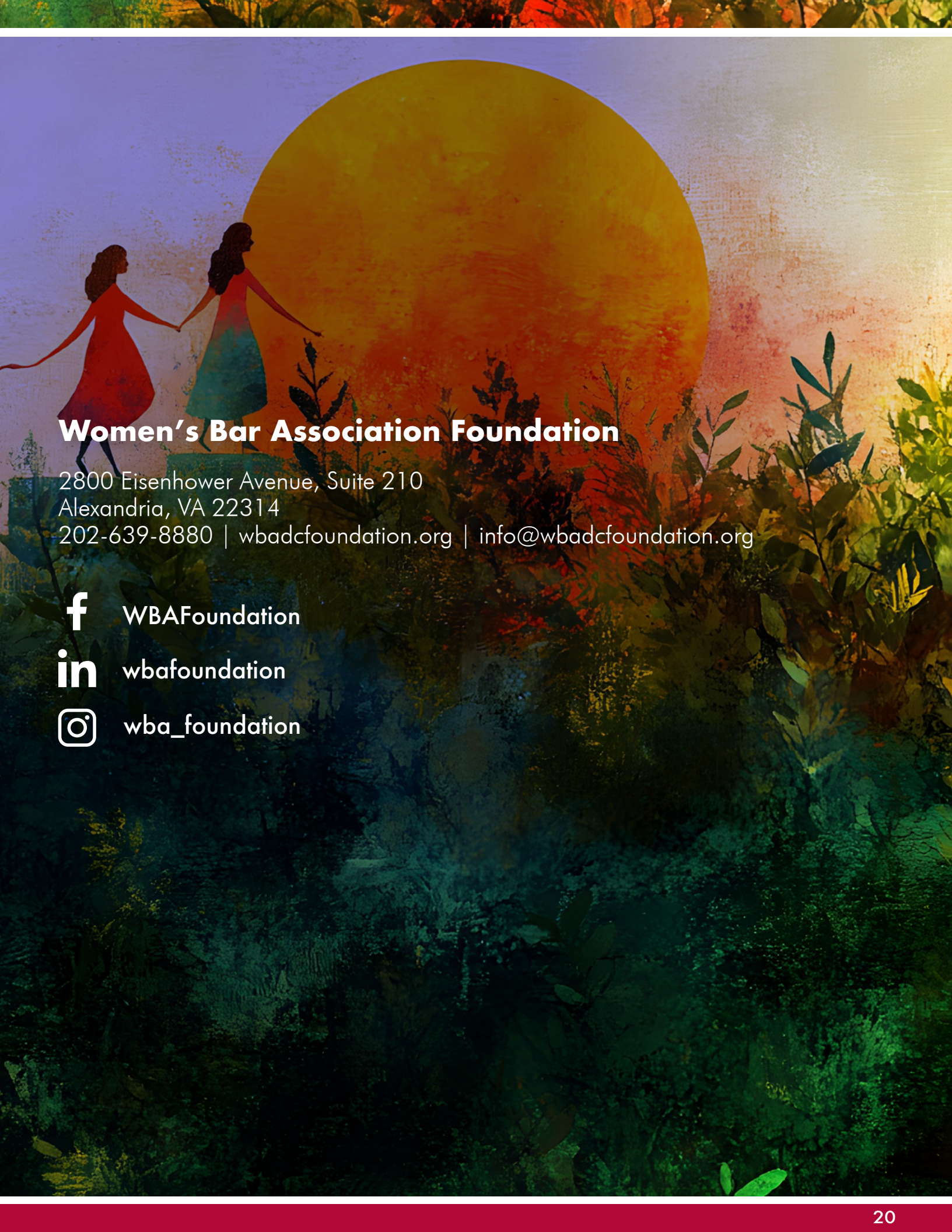
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