



2024

Sponsorship Opportunities



Queen's Bench
Bar Association

Representing the Interests of San Francisco Bay Area Women Since 1921

Queen's Bench Bar Association of the San Francisco Bay Area has represented the interests of Bay Area women in the legal profession since 1921.

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For more than a century, Queen's Bench has promoted the inclusion of women in the legal profession. Queen's Bench Bar Association of the San Francisco Bay Area was formed in 1921 by a group of women lawyers frustrated by the resistance of male lawyers to their participation in the local bar association.

Since its founding, Queen's Bench has helped numerous Bay Area women attorneys achieve in the profession and has been a force to build a more diverse and inclusive bench.

Queen's Bench organization includes sixteen committees that organize and host programs to eliminate gender bias in the legal community, support women lawyers in assuming positions of leadership, advocate for women's rights, and encourage adoption of legislative and judicial reforms. The committees also sponsor periodic employment surveys, work to increase the representation of women on the bench, and write amicus briefs on major issues affecting women. Queen's Bench plans ongoing events and meetings geared towards meeting the professional needs of women lawyers, judges, and law students. Queen's Bench also supports numerous community projects, and sponsorship of scholarships for promising law students at University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, and University of San Francisco law schools.



Whether it is helping new practitioners expand their client base or assisting experienced attorneys in securing positions on the bench, Queen's Bench is an invaluable resource for the professional advancement of women lawyers.





Annual Induction Ceremony

Generally held in the spring of the year, this is an annual champagne reception held in honor of our incoming Board of Directors and new admittees to the State Bar of California. Numerous members of the Northern California judiciary attend this event. The 2024 Induction Ceremony will be held in late February.

Platinum Sponsorship (\$1,000)

Includes 10 tickets to the reception, name recognition in the event program and during the induction ceremony

Gold Sponsorship (\$500)

Includes 5 tickets to the reception, name recognition in the event program and during the induction ceremony

Past Presidents' Dinner

Generally held in the fall of the year, the Past Presidents' Dinner celebrates our bar association's rich history and traditions while honoring our Past Presidents. As one of the oldest women's bar association in the United States, During this dinner, our former leadership and experienced members impart wisdom and guidance to our membership. This year, the Past President's Dinner will be held in late spring.

In addition to reflecting on our history and leadership, awards are presented to current members. Awards presented include the Lifetime Achievement or Merit Award to a Queen's Bench member whose work in furthering the interests of women is above and beyond the expected and ordinary; the Service Award to a member demonstrating exemplary service to the Bay Area community; and the Rookie Award to a member within their first year of membership who demonstrates promising talent and dedication to the bar association.

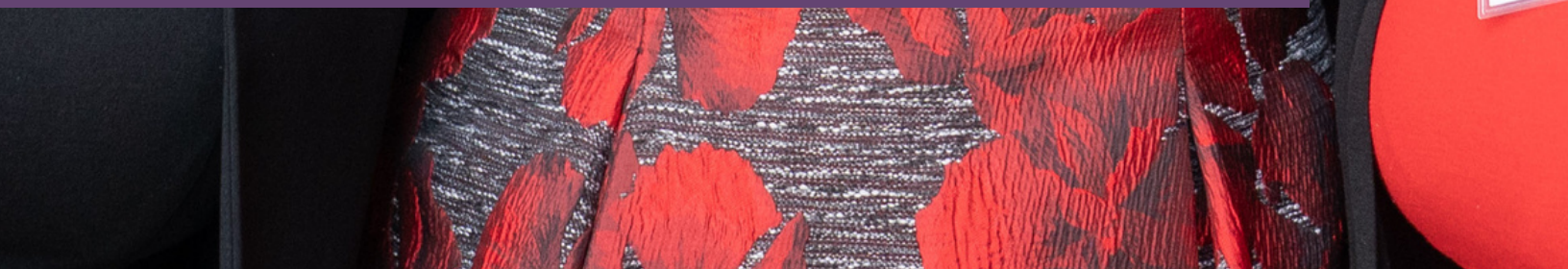
Table Sponsorship (\$2,000)

Includes ten seats at a reserved table, name recognition in the event program and a mention during the opening remarks of the dinner.





Queen's Bench Past Presidents have acted as a driving force behind the bar association's continued presence and stature in the San Francisco Bay Area legal community.





LEAADD Annual Reception

In the early 1930's, members of the Women's Physicians of San Francisco invited women lawyers from Queen's Bench to a luncheon to discuss issues common to both professions. This gathering became an annual tradition and is now expanded to include engineers, architects, accountants, dentists and women from all other professions. Throughout the years, the LEAADD annual meetings featured outstanding speakers addressing topics of current interest to women. Notable speakers include former Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court, Rose Bird; author, Jessica Mitford; former State Treasurer, Kathleen Brown; former National Organization for Women President, Ginny Foat; Chez Panisse; and Alice Waters. Last year's keynote speaker was author, television and radio journalist Belva Davis.

Sponsorship (\$1,250)

Wine or food sponsorship includes name recognition at the event program and in advertising materials, as well as a mention during the opening remarks of the dinner.



Annual Judges' Dinner

Each year, Queen's Bench hosts this evening event to provide a forum for the outstanding women of our time to address our membership and the local judiciary. Various members of the Bay Area legal community, California Supreme Court and courts of appeal, trial court judges, and political officials at the state and local level gather at our largest event of the year. The event is hallmarked by a keynote speaker, always a woman of substance and stature, who speaks on contemporary issues of interest and importance to women in general and women attorneys in particular.

Previous speakers for this event include California Supreme Court Justices Joyce Kennard (a lifetime Queen's Bench member) and Kathryn Werdegar; U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer; former Planned Parenthood president, Faye Wattleton; author Susan Faludi; attorney Sarah Weddington, who argued *Roe v. Wade* before the United States Supreme Court; Roberta Achtenberg, Commissioner of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; and renowned feminist, teacher, attorney and activist Catharine MacKinnon. Last year's keynote speaker was the Honorable Lucy Koh of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, pictured on the previous page with 2023 President Kimiko Akiya.

Diamond Underwriter Sponsorship (\$4,000)

- Full-page display ad in the program with logo
- Company banner prominently displayed
- One year of inclusion of company logo on Queen's Bench website, in newsletter, and in weekly email digest
- Acknowledgement during the dinner
- One table (up to 10 guests, including a hosted judge)

Platinum Sponsorship (\$3,500)

- Full-page display ad in the program with logo
- Company banner prominently displayed
- Acknowledgement during the dinner
- One table (up to 10 guests, including a hosted judge)

Gold Sponsorship \$3,000

- Half-page display ad in the program with logo
- Acknowledgement during the dinner
- One table (up to 10 guests, including a hosted judge)

Silver Sponsorship (\$2,000)

- Half-page display ad in the program with logo
- Acknowledgement during the dinner
- Half-table (up to 5 guests, including a hosted judge)

Bronze Sponsorship (\$1,500)

- Quarter-page display ad in the program with logo
- Acknowledgement during the dinner
- 2 guests at a table with a hosted judge

Wine Sponsorship (\$750)

- Quarter-page display ad in the program with logo
- Acknowledgement during the dinner

Friend Sponsorship (\$500)

- 1 ticket
- Quarter-page display ad in the program with logo

**Banners must be delivered one week prior to the event date*



Queen's Bench members have become esteemed members of the California judiciary while continuing to mentor and inspire younger lawyers.



**Queen's Bench Bar Association
of the San Francisco Bay Area**
Building Bridges for Women Lawyers through Networking
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Website Project

Beginning in 2023, Queen's Bench initiated its inaugural website modernization project to revise the bar association's website and contents. The project was prompted by Queen's Bench's recent celebration of our centennial anniversary -- which reflected upon our members' accomplishments in the past century and future success over the next century. Our Centennial Celebration committee is featured on the next page.

Since the start of the campaign and due to sponsors' generosity, the bar association was able to engage a website designer and moved our existing webpage, www.queensbench.org to a new platform in January 2024 to enhance content and ease of use for members and the public. Additional work will be done on the website to bring additional, interactive content to viewers.

Platinum Sponsorship (\$6,000)

Includes name recognition on each page of the Queen's Bench website for two years and name recognition at the Queen's Bench Judge's Dinner.

Gold Sponsorship (\$3,000)

Includes name recognition on the home page of the new Queen's website for two year

Silver Sponsorship (\$1,000)

Includes name recognition on the home page of the new Queen's Bench website for one year



Centennial History Preservation Project

Queen's Bench has undertaken the task of preserving the photos, videos and documents that detail the history of our fantastic organization. The work involved in this Herculean project will consist of digitizing photos and documents for proper storage; creating a history page on the Queen's Bench website to showcase relevant information, curating and adding to the oral history interviews captured for the Queen's Bench centennial (100th) and diamond (75th) anniversary celebrations.

Platinum Sponsorship (\$5,000)

Includes permanent name recognition on the Queen's Bench website's history page and on all subsequent Queen's Bench oral history videos produced under the sponsorship

Oral History Video Sponsorship (\$2,500)

Includes permanent name recognition on a Queen's Bench oral history video, in addition to our website's history page

Publicity Sponsorship (\$1,000)

Includes permanent name recognition on the Queen's Bench website's history page





Our continued commitment to hosting events for the Bay Area community has provided an opportunity for our members to forge long-lasting, meaningful relationships and friendships with their colleagues.

Scholarships

A cornerstone of the bar association's initiatives is to support the interests of Bay Area women and members of other underrepresented groups as they enter the legal profession. To further this objective, Queen's Bench welcomes your support for our scholarship funds which raise money for Bay Area law students with financial need. Queen's Bench welcomes your support of these scholarship funds or submission of a general donation to otherwise support Bay Area students aspiring to become lawyers. Examples of our ongoing scholarship programs are below.

Mildred W. Levin Scholarship

This scholarship was established in honor of the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly Hastings) alumna. The scholarship is awarded to second or third year students at UC Law SF with financial need who exemplify the ideals represented by Mildred Levin; intellect, determination, compassion and integrity. Recipients are selected by the Queen's Bench Scholarship Committee.



Agnes O'Brien Smith Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Dr. Philip Smith in honor of his mother. The Agnes O'Brien Scholarship is awarded to second and third-year law students at the University of San Francisco School of Law based on financial need, academic scholarship, leadership, and community service. Agnes O'Brien Smith, Class of 1941, was an admired jurist and lawyer and the first woman named to the American Board of Trial Advocates. O'Brien Smith also served as president of the Queen's Bench, which administers the scholarship and selects the scholarship award recipients.

Pictured to the left are the 2023 Agnes O'Brien scholarship recipients (from left to right) Bailee Magee, Thao "Annie" Le, and Kad Smith (Jessica Dimas not pictured).

Marjorie B. Anderson Scholarship

This scholarship is partially funded and, once fully endowed, will be awarded to second and third year law students at Golden Gate University School of Law based on financial need, academic scholarship, leadership and community service.



Due to the mentorship and generosity of our members and sponsors, law students have been able to obtain mentorship, seek meaningful work opportunities, and begin their legal careers with a stable support network.



Queen's Bench invites you to contribute to our various initiatives and continue to support the comraderie, success, and achievements of women lawyers in the San Francisco Bay Area.





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- Judges' Dinner Wine Sponsorship (\$750)
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- Past Presidents' Dinner Table Sponsorship (\$2,000)
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