



2026-2027

Partnership Kit

Faoi scáth a chéile a mhairimid — we live in each other's shelter.

About the WBAI



The Women's Bar Association of Illinois, one of the oldest and largest bar associations in the state of Illinois, was first established in 1914 by nine women lawyers practicing in the Chicago Metropolitan area. It was founded to promote the interests and welfare of women lawyers and also to aid in the enactment of legislation for the common good and in the administration of justice. Its activities have always been divided between burning controversial social and political issues and the practical need to help its members gain employment.

Incoming President's Message

I grew up on a small, windswept island off the northwest coast of Ireland, in a community of less than 500 people that shaped who I am. At my tiny high school, the motto was an Irish proverb that has stayed with me ever since: ***Faoi scáth a chéile a mhairimid***, which means **"We live in each other's shelter."** It taught me the value of community, support, and standing together, and it guides my vision for the Women's Bar Association of Illinois in 2026–2027.

For more than a century, the WBAI has been a shelter for women lawyers: a place of mentorship, leadership, and connection. The WBAI was founded by just nine women. Though their numbers were small, they had a clear vision and recognized the need to support one another. They had the foresight to understand that they were stronger together, and that spirit became the grassroots of this organization. My hope this year is to honor those founding values and revisit the principles that made the WBAI both important and necessary.

At the WBAI, everyone deserves a seat at the table. And if the table is not yet long enough or fully representative, we must build it longer, we must build it stronger, and we must add more seats.

I realize that, for some, the WBAI may have seemed like an organization that wasn't "a fit for them." Truthfully, when I first moved here, that is exactly how I felt. I did not know a single person in the legal community. I was unsure where to begin and questioned whether I would belong. But I was wrong. The night I walked into my first WBAI event—nervous and alone—I discovered something incredible. I found my table. I found my community. I found mentors, allies, and lifelong friends. This organization welcomed me with open arms and an open heart. It has made all the difference in my life, and it is part of the reason I now call Chicago my *home away from home*.

As President, my vision is to expand the WBAI table across Illinois. Through membership-driven events, CLE programming, collar county initiatives, and our signature Cook County gatherings, I hope to strengthen our presence far beyond Cook County. My goal is to welcome new voices, support emerging leaders, and ensure the next generation of women lawyers finds a space where they are supported, empowered, and able to thrive.

My hope for this year is simple: that more women lawyers across Illinois will discover what I found here—a community to call their own, a network that lifts them up, and opportunities they never imagined. And perhaps someone will look at me and think, *If she can do it, so can I*.

Because when we make room for one another, when we build a longer table and lift each other higher, we live the wisdom of that Irish proverb:

***Faoi scáth a chéile a mhairimid* - We live in each other's shelter.**

As we embark on this year together, I invite each of you to take a seat at the WBAI table—whether it is your first time or your hundredth. Let us welcome new voices, embrace diversity, and commit to building a stronger, more inclusive organization. Together, we will ensure that the WBAI continues to be a place where every woman lawyer can find support, connection, and the opportunity to thrive.

This is our table, and there will always be room for one more.

Le Meas (With Respect & Gratitude),



Caroleann Gallagher

President, Women's Bar Association of Illinois (2026–2027)



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WBAI’s Yearly Impact

The Women’s Bar Association of Illinois connects with members and non-members through diverse channels and a wide range of events, reaching thousands annually. Our robust communications—spanning social media, email, and web—drive meaningful engagement and community building.

April 2025 - March 2026 Events & Communications

2,400+
Total Event Attendees

27
WBAI Events to Educate, Advocate, & Provide Networking Opportunities

12
Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Events

555,853
Social Media Content Reach

2,192
Emails & Social Posts Published to Promote Events, Newsletters, & Other Membership Opportunities

58,143
Website Views

Social Media

in	LinkedIn	2,092 followers
@	Instagram	1,587 followers
f	Facebook	2,775 followers

Follower counts as of March 2026

Partnership Levels

The WBAI offers three levels of Sustaining Partnership, designed to provide meaningful visibility, engagement, and alignment with our mission.

Powered by a strong community and committed partners, the WBAI delivers impactful events, CLE programming, advocacy, and connection across Illinois. Our Sustaining Partners make this work possible—helping us expand opportunities and strengthen a more connected legal community.



Premiere Sustaining Partner

\$75,000

Only 1 partnership at this level available per year



Elite Sustaining Partner

\$50,000

Only 3 partnerships at this level available per year



Prestige Sustaining Partner

\$30,000

Unlimited partnerships at this level available per year

Partners are encouraged to take an active role in our educational programming, with opportunities to serve as speakers, moderators, or collaborators on CLE events—sharing expertise while engaging directly with our membership.

We invite firms and organizations committed to advancing women in the legal profession to join us as Sustaining Partners. Together, we can expand the WBAI's impact and create meaningful opportunities for connection, education, and advocacy.

Explore partnership levels and benefits on the following page.



Partnership Levels

Sustaining Partner Benefits	Premiere \$75,000	Elite \$50,000	Prestige \$30,000
Number of Partnerships Available	1	3	Unlimited
WBAI Annual Memberships Included	10	7	5
Top Acknowledgement and Preferred Exhibit Space at Four Major Events: Judicial Reception, Annual Installation Dinner, Annual Golf Outing, and Top Women Lawyers & Legislators in Leadership	•	•	•
Tickets to Judicial Reception	20	15	10
Tickets to Annual Installation Dinner	20	15	10
Tickets to Top Women Lawyers & Legislators in Leadership Awards	20	15	10
Foursomes at WBAI's Annual Golf Outing	2	2	1
Tickets to WBAI Hosted Events	4	3	2
Acknowledgement at Sponsored WBAI Events Including Membership Events and CLEs	•	•	•
Dedicated Special Mention on Website With Link to Your Website	•	•	•
Ad With Preferred Placement in All 3 Tri-Annual Newsletters	1 Full Page	1 Full Page	1 Half Page
Ongoing Recognition Across WBAI Social Media Channels for WBAI Hosted Events and Programs Throughout the Year <i>Historical average of 18 posts per month per platform acknowledging Partner Sponsors</i>	•	•	•
Recognition on Signage at In-Person Events	•	•	•
Inclusion in Year-End Thank You Email to Membership	•	•	•
Inclusion in Thank You in All 3 Tri-Annual Newsletters	•	•	•
Opportunities for WBAI Members and Partners to Present and/or Moderate at CLEs and Other Events	•	•	•
Press Release With Multi-Media Distribution via PR Newswire, Targeted to All Major News Outlets and Publications in Chicago, the Greater Chicagoland Area, and Across Illinois, With Accompanying Blog Post on WBAI Website	•		
Full Page Ad Announcing Partnership in Chicago Daily Law Bulletin	•		
Exclusive Feature Announcing Partnership on WBAI Social Media Channels	•		
Exclusive Sponsorship and Recognition Opportunities That May Arise	•		

2026-2027 Partnership Contract

Contact Name

Organization

Title

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

If the invoice should be sent to another email address, please note that here.

We/I commit to the WBAI's Partnership at the level checked below and agree to pay the amount indicated below:

☐ Premiere (\$75,000)

☐ Elite (\$50,000)

☐ Prestige (\$30,000)

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Signature

Date

Logo

In order to ensure the highest display quality of your company logo, please follow the below guidelines.

- File type should be vector format (ai, .eps or .pdf) only
- Fonts must be converted to outlines

Upon signing of contract, please email your logo to team@view-marketing.com.

Advertisement Specs

Please submit your ad for the newsletter by emailing a high-resolution PDF file to team@view-marketing.com.

¼ Page: 4 ¼" x 5 ½"

½ Page: 8 ½" x 5 ½"

Full Page: 8 ½" x 11"

Keep live matter ¼" from trim on each side.

Advertisement Deadlines

Advertisement submission deadlines are published at www.wbaillinois.org/resources/newsletter/

Questions

If you have any questions, please call the WBAI office: 312-341-8530.

Submit Your Form

Please return this form to the WBAI office via email at wbai@wbaillinois.org.

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2026-2027 Major Events:

Annual Installation Dinner	June 11, 2026
Annual Golf Outing	Aug. 14, 2026
Top Women Lawyers, Legislators, and Legal Employers in Leadership Awards	TBD
Judicial Reception	March 4, 2027