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# Growing older means having better ties to senior lawyers

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The annual meeting of the ABA Senior Lawyers Division once again demonstrated the commitment of the SLD to the advancement of women in the profession. Held in San Francisco from July 30 to Aug. 4, it coincided with the NAWL annual meeting.

The leadership of the SLD was represented by immediate past chair Victor Futter of New York, outgoing chair John H. Pickering of Washington, D.C., and incoming chair Leigh B. Middleditch, Jr. of Virginia.

Victor Futter, who first proposed the appointment of a NAWL liaison to the SLD, will continue his commitment to the advancement of women lawyers as SLD liaison to the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession.

John Pickering dedicated his President's Message in the newsletter of December 1996 to diversity and the role of women in the SLD, expressing his high regard for their contributions to this division and to the profession, and urging even greater participation.

Leigh Middleditch, SLD's 1997-98 chair, says in praise of women lawyers, "I have worked with several wonderful women, a number of whom are now my partners. We in the Senior Lawyers Division are also blessed by our women lawyers, many of whom are taking leadership positions. In our division there is no 'glass ceiling' and gender difference is irrelevant."

This background of support for women lawyers led to the SLD's first time participation as a sponsor of NAWL's "Celebration of Diversity" luncheon during the annual meeting.

NAWL members are increasingly prominent in SLD positions:

Constance K. Putzel of Maryland is a member of the governing council, and of the nominating committee. She serves as chair of the committee on family issues, and is vice-chair of the diversity committee. She is also a member of the editorial board of *Experience*, the SLD's quarterly magazine.

The Hon. Margie M. Meacham of Wyoming is a council member, and is also the outgoing chair of the diversity committee. She is vice-chair of the joint committee of the ABA Judicial Division and Senior Lawyers Division on Retired and Senior Judges.

Lizabeth A. Moody of Florida is a new

member of the council and is vice-chair of both the continuing legal education and professionalism committees.

NAWL members mentioned previously in this series (January '97) hold new and continuing positions:

The Hon. Mary S. Parker of Los Angeles begins another two-year term as NAWL's delegate in the ABA House of Delegates. The Hon. Mattie Belle Davis of Florida continues as vice-chair of the judiciary committee. She is a past president of NAWL. Virginia



From left, John Pickering, Leigh Middleditch, Selma Moidel Smith and Victor Futter.

Mueller of California, another NAWL past president, is the incoming chair of the diversity committee. Clara Weiner Dworsky of Houston continues as the long-time chair of the Social Security law and practice committee.

Mary Pat Toups of California is secretary of the council, chair of the pro bono committee, and vice-chair of both the technology and continuing legal education committees. She was elected recently as one of two delegates in the ABA House of Delegates from her 6,000-member Orange County Bar Association.

The Senior Lawyers Division invites to its membership all lawyers who have attained the age of 55 or more, whether active or retired. "As chair," says Middleditch, "I look forward to welcoming new women lawyers. We need you and we look forward to your active participation."

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