



WOMEN'S LAW ASSOCIATION
Harvard Law School



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Welcome 1L's!

We could not be more excited that you are joining the Harvard Law School community and are interested in becoming involved in the Women's Law Association.

The WLA is an organization of and for women at Harvard Law School. Our goal is to provide a community for the women of the Law School in academic, professional, and personal respects. From career development to advice and support for first year students to social, volunteer, and sports activities, the WLA strives to be a positive force for all students at Harvard Law School.

Our program to welcome you to the Law School begins with a long standing tradition of the WLA: **the Big Sister – Little Sister Mentoring Program**. More than one hundred 2L and 3L women have signed up to be matched with incoming 1L's to answer questions, give advice, and offer a friendly face on campus. To be matched with your own big sister, fill out our survey at: <http://poll.icommons.harvard.edu/poll/taker/pollTaker.jsp?poll=1-7822-60388> or e-mail our 1L Committee Chairs, Kim Atura (katura@jd10.law.harvard.edu) or Maura Whelan (mwhelan@jd10.law.harvard.edu).

We'll also be hosting two fantastic events at the start of school just for 1L's. The **WLA's annual Pub Crawl** through Cambridge will be held on Friday, September 5th. More than one hundred and fifty people attended last year, so this is not to be missed. Look for more information as the school year starts or e-mail our Social & Volunteer Chairs, Alexis Chernak (achernak@gmail.com) or Ariella Rosenberg (arosenberg@law.harvard.edu), for more information. On Sunday, September 14th from 4:30 – 6:30, on the Hark Patio, the WLA will host its annual **Welcome Dessert Party**. This is a great chance to meet your Big Sister or just to come out for wine, dessert, and good conversation with other 1L's and officers of the WLA.

Hopefully you'll be able to join us for some the events we've planned. And keep an eye out for our table at the Student Activities Fair, our opening meeting in mid-September, and our 1L programming, including our fantastic series on "Demystifying the 1L Year". The WLA is for everyone: we have 1L's who join our board, work on committees, and others who come to events whenever something strikes their interest or who join us for our annual conference in February. If you'd like to join the WLA e-mail list, e-mail wla@law.harvard.edu. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of our officers, including our President, Kate Reilly (kreilly@law.harvard.edu). We're all looking forward to meeting you!

Best,

The WLA Board