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WHAT RIGHTS ARE AT STAKE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL  
AND WHAT MARYLAND CAN DO TO PROTECT THEM



**Maryland Legislative Agenda for W♀men**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018

9:30 AM-4:30 PM

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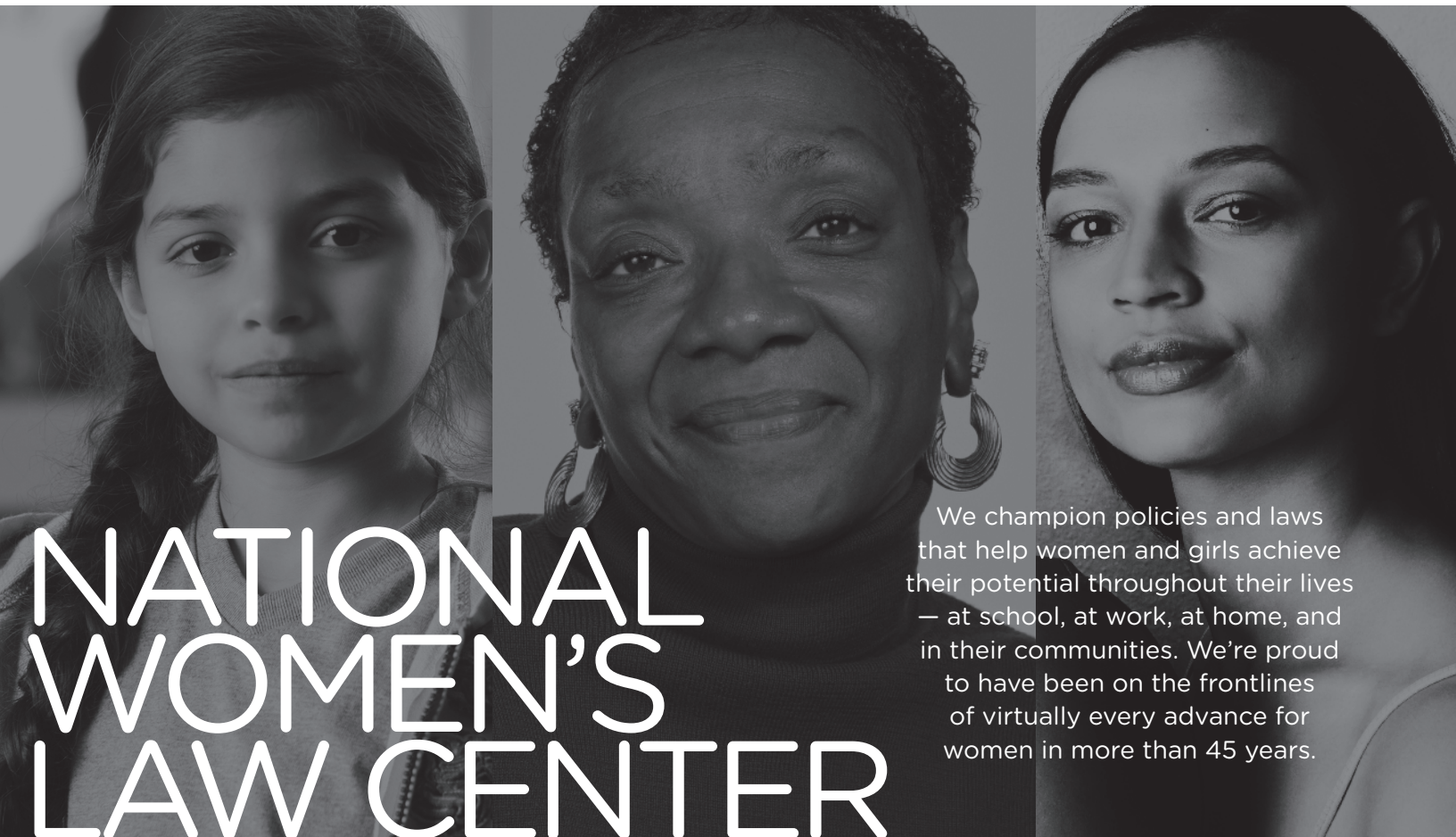
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**MLAW provides visibility for legislation affecting women and families.** The fall conference develops our MLAW Legislative Agenda and a legislative reception in Annapolis during the legislative session introduces the Agenda to advocates and legislators. These events focus legislators' attention on our issues and raise their visibility throughout the state. We distribute the annual Legislative Agenda to every Maryland legislator. In collaboration with our advocacy partners, we submit testimony, advocate for bills, and promote our Agenda through our large e-mail list, website, and Facebook page.

The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women is proud of its achievements during the last 24 years, but there is more to be done. **Join us and help us continue to make a difference for Maryland women and families.**

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A portrait of Erek L. Barron, a Black man with a short beard and mustache, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and blue tie. He is smiling slightly and has his hands clasped in front of him. The background is a solid blue color with a faint, large-scale pattern of the Maryland state flag.

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## 2018 Fall Legislative Agenda Conference

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### Agenda

9:30 – 10:00 am	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast</b> Networking with legislators and advocates
10:00 – 10:30 am	<b>Welcome</b> Michaele Cohen, President, MLAW Dr. Marylou Yam, President, Notre Dame of Maryland University Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes, President, Women Legislators of MD
10:30 – 12:00 pm	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Michelle Siri, Moderator Nikki Thompson, Job Opportunities Task Force Jennie Guilfoyle, American Immigration Council Krish Vignarajah, 2018 Maryland Gubernatorial Candidate Robyn Elliott, Public Policy Partners Ariana Kelly, Maryland House of Delegates
12:00 – 12:45 pm	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>
12:45 – 2:00 pm	<b>Legislation for the 2019 Legislative Session</b> Presentations by Lead Groups Caren Williams, Moderator  <b>MLAW Ballot and Agenda Process</b> Presented by Elizabeth Joyce
2:00 – 2:15 pm	<b>Wrap-Up</b> Agenda sign-on Membership and email sign-up Resource and tip sheets MLAW Legislative Reception
2:15 – 2:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:30 – 4:30 pm	<b>Advocacy 101 Workshop</b>

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### HB 1283

#### Health Insurance - Prescription Contraception Coverage for Single Dispensing

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### HB 1024/SB 986

#### State Employee Health Plan - Contraceptive Coverage

Requires the State Employees Health Plan to extend better contraception coverage to people covered under the State Employee's health plan. The plan will provide the same coverage as the Maryland Contraceptive Equity Act and include coverage of up to 12-months of birth control at a time.

### HB 994/SB 774

#### Medicaid Family Planning Program

Requires same day coverage for the Medicaid Family Planning Program and expands eligibility so more people can be covered. Also requires Medicaid to cover up to 12-months of birth control at a time.





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November 17, 2018

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## Speaker Bios

### **Nikki Thompson, Job Opportunities Task Force**

Nikki Thompson currently serves as the Senior Policy Advocate for Job Opportunities Task Force (JOTF). In this role, she leads the organization's policy team in Annapolis and develops their legislative priorities. She has worked on several efforts, including pretrial services, debt-forgiveness programs for low-wage workers, and reducing the collateral consequences of a criminal record. Prior to joining JOTF, she served in multiple facets of policy, including federal, state, in nonprofits, and trade associations. She previously served as a mayoral appointee to the Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs by Mayor Muriel Bowser, served as a staffer for Senator Chris Van Hollen, and in the Congressional and Public Affairs department of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. She received her law degree from Howard University School of Law and was admitted to the State Bar of Georgia in 2015.

### **Jennie Guilfoyle, Education and Training Attorney, Immigration Justice Campaign**

Jennie Guilfoyle is the Education and Training Attorney for the Immigration Justice Campaign at the American Immigration Council. Before joining the Council, she spent four years as an Attorney Adviser at the State Department in the Bureau of Consular Affairs, working on issues ranging from citizenship to intercountry adoption. Prior to that, she worked for many years as a Senior Training Attorney at the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, designing and leading in-person and online trainings on a wide range of immigration law topics. She also worked at Church World Service, where she trained refugee resettlement programs on immigration law and program management. She began her legal career as an Equal Justice Works fellow at the New York Association for New Americans, where she represented asylum and VAWA applicants. She holds a J.D. from New York University School of Law, and a B.A. in English from Harvard College.

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## *Speaker Bios (continued)*

### **Krish Vignarajah, 2018 Maryland Gubernatorial Candidate**

Krish Vignarajah recently finished serving as Policy Director for Michelle Obama and led the First Lady's signature Let Girls Learn initiative. Before the White House, she served as Senior Advisor at the State Department under Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Secretary of State John Kerry. During the Obama Administration, Krish managed and led White House and State Department programs related to entrepreneurship, private sector investment, infrastructure, women's issues, engagement with youth and religious communities, climate change, and budget development and execution. Before joining the White House, Krish worked at McKinsey & Company, where she consulted for Fortune 100 companies, practiced law at Jenner & Block in Washington, DC, clerked for Chief Judge Michael Boudin on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, and taught at Georgetown University as an adjunct. An advocate of women and girls, Krish has spoken widely on this subject, including to young women at Western High School as well as at Hood College where she recently delivered the commencement address at Hood College, which was recognized by BuzzFeed as the #4 Most Inspiring Speech of 2017.

### **Robyn Elliott, Public Policy Partners**

With over 20 years in the policy advocacy field, Robyn S. Elliott has been a strong and successful advocate for public health providers primarily focused on ensuring increasing funding for health services, expanding health benefits, and ensuring that the regulatory environment allows providers to operate efficiently and effectively. Prior to this, Robyn worked for both the legislative and executive branches, where she spent almost ten years advocating for health care funding and policy priorities within State government. This included three years as the Director of Governmental Affairs for the Maryland Department of Health, where she was responsible for the broadest legislative package of any State agency; and two years in the Department as an advisor to the Secretary and Chief Financial Officer

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## *Speaker Bios (continued)*

on how to advocate for funding priorities. Before her tenure at the Department of Health, Robyn worked with the Maryland General Assembly for three years as a budget analyst. Robyn has represented Planned Parenthood of Maryland and other health care clients for over 10 years.

### **Ariana Kelly, Maryland House of Delegates**

Delegate Ariana Kelly has spent her career advocating for the diverse needs of women and families. In 2010, she was elected to Maryland's House of Delegates representing the 16th District, which includes Bethesda, Chevy Chase and Potomac. As Deputy Majority Whip, Delegate Kelly serves on the legislature's Health and Government Operations Committee, and Chairs the Health Occupations and Long-Term Care Subcommittee and the Montgomery County Delegation Economic Development Committee. She also Chairs the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families and served as the 2018 President of the Women Legislators of Maryland. Delegate Kelly's background in advocacy is extensive, including having served as Executive Director at NARAL Pro-Choice Maryland and Pay Equity Campaign Director at MomsRising. A specialist in women's health and economic security, Delegate Kelly has passed landmark legislation making Maryland first in the nation for access to contraception, as well as legislation requiring parental leave and investing in child care. This past session, she passed legislation to require consent education be included as part of Maryland's sexuality education curriculum, as well as legislation addressing sexual harassment in the Maryland General Assembly.

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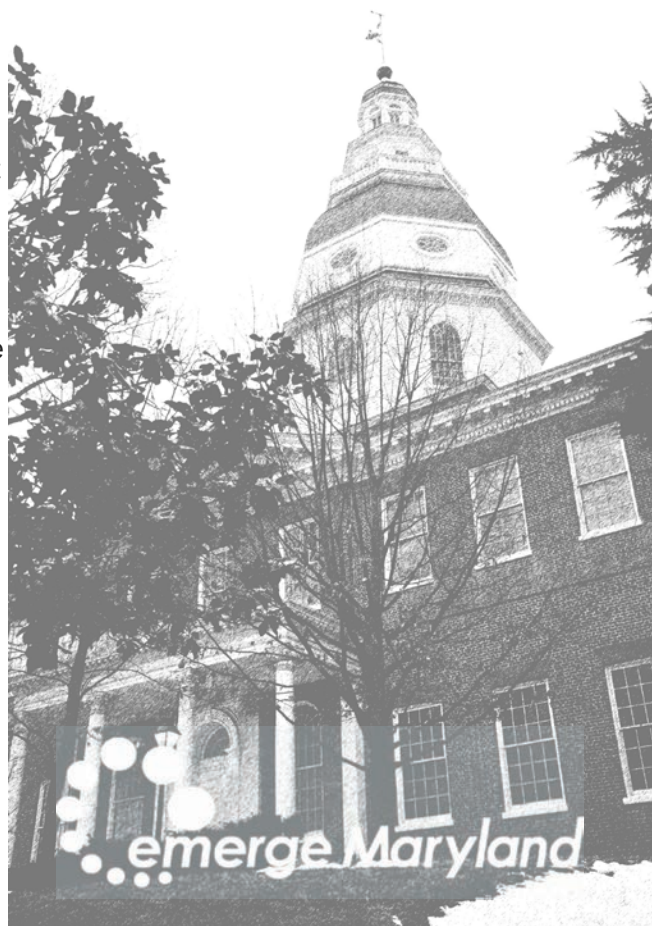
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