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for Maryland Women and Families

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019 | 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM
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25 Years of Advocacy for Women's and Family Issues

MLAW is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2019. It was established to **harness the collective power of women** and to **create a statewide, non-partisan, independent coalition of groups and individuals to advocate for progressive legislative initiatives that promote and protect the well-being of women and their families in Maryland.**

This call to action for legislative change has resulted in a coalition almost unique in the United States. The annual legislative conference and other activities have energized thousands of women - and male allies - to become engaged in advocacy for important issues affecting Maryland women and families.

The annual Legislative Agenda has included a broad diversity of issues and the organization's advocacy and collaborative efforts have resulted in the **passage of 90 pieces of legislation enacted by the Maryland General Assembly in the last 25 years.**

This extraordinary success has made a **significant difference for women and families. It has established MLAW as a powerful voice for women and their priorities in Maryland.**

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 25 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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- Recommend methods of overcoming discrimination
- Recognize women's accomplishments and contributions
- Provide informed advice to the executive and legislative branches of government on the issues concerning the women of our state, and
- Direct attention to critical problems confronting women

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- Maryland Women of Tomorrow Awards
- Policy and Legislative Advocacy
- Status of Women in Maryland (SWIM) Research Initiative
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2019 MLAW FALL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Looking Back, Moving Forward

AGENDA

<p>9:00 – 9:30am</p> <p>9:30 – 10:00am</p> <p>10:00 – 10:30am</p> <p>10:30 – 11:30am</p> <p>11:30am – 12:30pm</p> <p>12:30pm – 2:00pm</p> <p>2:00 – 2:15pm</p> <p>2:15 – 2:30pm</p> <p>2:30 – 4:30pm</p>	<p>Networking and continental breakfast</p> <p>Welcoming remarks Michael Cohen, President, MLAW Delegate Trent Kittleman, President, Women Legislators of Maryland</p> <p>25th Anniversary History and Accomplishments Recognition of MLAW Champions</p> <p>A conversation with Speaker Adrienne Jones</p> <p>Lunch break and networking</p> <p>Presentation of Legislative Proposals</p> <p>Wrap-up and closing remarks</p> <p>Break</p> <p>Breakout sessions: - Advocacy 101 - Maryland Commission for Women</p>
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Speaker Bio



SPEAKER ADRIENNE A. JONES

Maryland House of Delegates, 10th Legislative District

Speaker Adrienne A. Jones shattered two glass ceilings when she was unanimously elected by the full House of Delegates to serve as the first African-American and the first woman Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates in history.

Prior to being Speaker, Speaker Jones also held the distinction of being the first African American woman to serve as Speaker Pro Tem in the Maryland House

of Delegates, serving in that capacity under Speaker Mike Busch for 16 years. Speaker Jones served on the House Appropriations Committee, and was Chair of the Capital Budget and Education, and Economic Development Subcommittees. She has been a delegate since 1997.

Speaker Jones has long been known by her colleagues for her steadfast leadership and no-nonsense approach to legislating. She has focused on education policy and funding issues, most notably school construction, during her tenure in the legislature. She has also made significant advances in ensuring diversity and fair treatment of State employees.

In February, 2019, Speaker Jones received the Casper R. Taylor, Jr. Founder's Award, the highest award given to a member of the House of Delegates, recognizing her steadfast service. She has three times been named to the "Top 100 Women in Maryland" by the Daily Record, and was inducted into the Circle of Excellence for Sustained Achievement. Most recently she was selected along with 25 female legislators for Governing Magazine's Women in Government Leadership Program Class of 2016. As the first Executive Director of the Baltimore County Office of Fair Practices and Community Affairs, she faithfully served the citizens of the County for over 37 years. She served as Deputy Director of the Baltimore County Office of Human Resources until her retirement from service in Baltimore County Government on June 30, 2014. During her civil service career, she worked with diverse populations of the County with dedication and sensitivity, providing a listening "ear" to individual citizens, business owners, religious leaders, and elected officials. She is the Founder of the Annual Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival, now in its 21st year.

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Speaker Bio (continued)

Speaker Jones was born in Cowdensville, Maryland, a historic African-American community located near Arbutus in Southwest Baltimore County. She attended Baltimore County Public Schools, graduating from Lansdowne High School and is a proud alumna of the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) where she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology. She attended The National Security Seminar, U.S. Army War College in 2007. In 2008, she received an Honorary Doctor of Law Degree from Goucher College in Towson, Maryland. She is the mother of two adult sons and proud grandmother of two wonderful grandchildren, Jalen and Janelle Jones.



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