Why a Leadership Institute for Women?

Often times, law firms and corporations do not invest money in leadership training for attorneys. Even if the firm or corporation does provide leadership training, such training is unlikely to focus on the particular challenges that women face on their career path. The Leadership Institute is designed to lend a hand and to help women who are emerging leaders with practical knowledge and strategies on business development so as to attain significant leadership roles.

Our Mission

The mission of the Leadership Institute is to advance inclusiveness within the legal profession and supplement the professional skills of women lawyers by enhancing their leadership, business development, and communication skills for the benefit of the diverse communities in which they work, live, and serve.

The Program

Participants will receive between 20-24 hours of CLE credit (pending). All sessions and commitments will take place on session dates between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All sessions will be held in Central Ohio. For the convenience of those applying, below are the dates of the sessions. **Candidates are required to attend all sessions.**

Diversity Scholarship

To support the OWBF’s mission and to ensure that the Leadership Institute continues to build a diverse membership, in partnership with Perez & Morris, the OWBF is offering a Diversity Scholarship for its 2019-2020 class. The scholarship will offer full tuition to a qualified candidate of diverse background, and ensure the participation of a woman lawyer who may otherwise not had the ability to participate. This may include government lawyers, solo-practitioners, minorities, and members of other under-represented groups.

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**Session Topics**

- Rainmaking and Business Development Strategies
- Executive Coaching, Branding and Career Strategy
- Public Speaking
- Effective Communication
- Negotiation and Professional Branding
- Effective Leadership

*Session topics are subject to change*

Cost: $1,500
Class size: 16-20 members
Requirements: 5+ years in practice & OWBA member

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