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Dear Colleague:

The Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers (HAWL) invites you to renew your membership or become a new member for the 2011-2012 membership year. HAWL's mission is to promote gender equality in the legal profession and under the law. As always, members of HAWL enjoy concurrent membership in the Florida Association for Women Lawyers, monthly membership luncheons from September to May, and an annual judicial reception in January.

In addition to continuing to offer the events that our membership has come to expect and look forward to, HAWL will be presenting a CLE/Networking event focusing on identifying concrete steps that law firms can take to create more gender and diversity friendly work places with the goal of securing the commitment of law firms to implement such steps, creating a young lawyers mentoring program to help our new lawyer members in the transition from law school to practice, assisting our members in professional development by providing networking opportunities and luncheon programs that are relevant, helpful and interesting, assisting the community, and in particular young at risk girls, with access to positive role models, and, increasing the profile of HAWL by having a HAWL member attend JNC open meetings and by providing information from political and judicial candidates to assist our members in making informed decisions as they relate to the political and judicial selection process.

The cost of membership in HAWL is only \$165.00. Membership dues include all lunches (with the exception of the January joint luncheon with the HCBA), the judicial reception and many more HAWL activities and events. Reduced membership dues are available to law students and government or legal services lawyers in their first five years of practice. In addition, scholarships are available on a limited basis to those who qualify. Sustaining memberships are also available for \$235.00 and provide those members with special recognition on HAWL's website.

HAWL membership is open to all lawyers and law students. Affiliate memberships are now, for the first time, available to others who demonstrate a commitment to HAWL's mission.

There are many exciting events planned for this year that we hope will provide you with professional and personal development.

I hope you will join HAWL for the first time or renew your membership with us! Enclosed you will find our membership application, our meeting dates, and other important information about the upcoming year. If you have any questions at all, please contact Melissa Register, VP of Membership at mregister@slk-law.com or 813-221-7156.

Best Regards,
Marielle Westerman,
President