

# 2012 Women's Legislative Briefing

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## PROGRAM

- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. **Pre-Briefing Networking for Co-sponsor Leaders** . . . . . *Gaithersburg Room*
- 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. **REGISTRATION** . . . . . *Multipurpose Room Lobby, Building II*
- 1:00 – 1:30 p.m. **OPENING PLENARY SESSION** . . . . . *Multipurpose Room*
- **Vanessa E. Atterbeary**, President, Montgomery County Commission for Women
  - **Jennifer Jones-Peoples**, President, Prince George's County Commission for Women
  - **Wilma Holmes**, Chair, 2012 Women's Legislative Briefing
- WELCOME**
- **The Honorable Isiah Leggett**, Montgomery County Executive
  - **The Honorable Rushern Baker**, Prince George's County Executive
  - **The Honorable Susan Lee**, President, Women Legislators of Maryland
  - **Marilyn Kawamura**, President,  
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States
  - **Estella M. Hyde**, Ph.D., AARP
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **PANEL DISCUSSION: WOMEN'S ISSUES IN THE U.S. CONGRESS**
- **The Honorable Benjamin Cardin**, U.S. Senate
  - **The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen**, U.S. House of Representatives
  - **The Honorable Donna Edwards**, U.S. House of Representatives
- Moderator: Catherine Leggett, Esq., Senior Vice President, Human Resources, ICMA - Retirement Corporation*
- 2:45 – 4:00 p.m. **SEMINAR SERIES I**
- **Effective Legislative Advocacy** . . . . . *Auditorium, Building I*
  - **Health Care and Health Care Reform for Women** . . . . . *Gaithersburg Room*
  - **Advocating for Older Women's Issues** . . . . . *Bethesda Room*
  - **Victories for Women in the 2011 Maryland General Assembly** . . . . . *Room 3032*
- 4:00 – 4:15 p.m. **BREAK**
- 4:15 – 5:30 p.m. **SEMINAR SERIES II**
- **Women in the Public Realm** . . . . . *Auditorium, Building I*
  - **Work and Women** . . . . . *Gaithersburg Room*
  - **Women, Families and Poverty** . . . . . *Bethesda Room*
  - **Safety, Justice and Human Rights** . . . . . *Room 3032*
- 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. **RECEPTION WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS** . . . . . *Multipurpose Room*

# SEMINAR SERIES I

2:45 - 4:00 PM

## Effective Legislative Advocacy

Introduction to the Budget and Legislative Process

- **The Honorable Richard S. Madaleno, Jr.**,  
Maryland Senate  
(District 18, Montgomery County)
- **The Honorable Bonnie L. Cullison**,  
Maryland House of Delegates  
(District 19, Montgomery County)
- **Vincent DeMarco**, President,  
Maryland Citizen's Health Initiative
- **The Honorable Kirill Reznick**  
Maryland House of Delegates  
(District 39, Montgomery County)

*Moderator*

**Leticia Mederos**, Chief of Staff,  
U.S. Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro

*Auditorium, Building I*

## Advocating for Older Women's Issues

Social Security, Pension Reform,  
Economic Security

- **Deborah Chalfie**, Senior Legislative Representative, Financial Security & Consumer Affairs, AARP
- **Terry O'Neill**, President,  
National Organization for Women, and  
Co-Chair, Older Women's Economic Security Task Force, NCWO
- **Jeffrey Hayes**, Ph.D.,  
Senior Research Associate,  
Institute for Women's Policy Research

*Moderator*

**The Honorable Nancy Floreen**,  
Montgomery County Council

*Bethesda Room*

## Health Care/Health Care Reform for Women

Health Care Reform/Health Benefits Exchange,  
Reproductive Health, Tobacco Tax for  
Health Care

- **Leni Preston**, Chair, Maryland Women's  
Coalition for Health Care
- **Rebecca Pearce**, Executive Director,  
Maryland Health Benefit Exchange
- **The Honorable Ariana B. Kelly**,  
Maryland House of Delegates  
(District 16, Montgomery County)

*Moderator*

**Susan Fiorella**, Managing Director,  
Strategy and Communications  
Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group

*Gaithersburg Room*

## Victories for Women in the 2011 Maryland General Assembly

Successful Legislation Supported by  
Advocates for Women

- **The Honorable Nancy J. King**,  
Vice Chair, Montgomery County  
Senate Delegation, and Assistant Deputy  
Majority Whip, Maryland Senate
- **Laure Ruth**, Esq., Legal Director,  
Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc.
- **The Honorable Heather R. Mizeur**,  
Maryland House of Delegates  
(District 20, Montgomery County)

*Moderator*

**Vanita Taylor**, Esq.,  
J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association

*Room 3032*

# SEMINAR SERIES II

4:15 - 5:30 PM

## Women in the Public Realm

Encouraging Women Candidates for Positions Where They Can Influence Legislation, Harriet Tubman National Statue Project

- **The Honorable Nancy Navarro**, Vice President, Montgomery County Council
- **The Honorable Nancy Jacobs**, Maryland Senate (District 34, Cecil and Harford Counties)
- **The Honorable Susan C. Lee**, Maryland House of Delegates (District 16, Montgomery County), and President, Women Legislators of Maryland

*Moderator*

**Meredith Wellington**, Chair,  
Montgomery Women

*Auditorium, Building I*

## Women, Families and Poverty

Housing and Income Discrimination, Job Creation, Unemployment Insurance, Child Support Enforcement, Child Custody

- **Antonia Fasanelli**, Executive Director, Homeless Persons Representation Project, Maryland Home Act Coalition
- **Lisa Maatz**, Director of Public Policy and Government Relations, American Association of University Women
- **Julie E. Squire**, Assistant Secretary, Division of Unemployment Insurance, Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
- **The Honorable Kathleen M. Dumais**, Maryland House of Delegates (District 15, Montgomery County)

*Moderator*

**The Honorable Valerie Ervin**,  
Montgomery County Council

*Bethesda Room*

## Work and Women

Workplace Flexibility, Paid Sick and Family Leave, Pay Equity

- **Vicki Shabo**, Director of Work & Family Programs, National Partnership for Women & Families
- **The Honorable Catherine E. Pugh**, Maryland Senate (District 40, Baltimore City)
- **Susan Rees**, Director of Federal Policy, Wider Opportunities for Women
- **Emily Martin**, Vice President and General Counsel, National Women's Law Center

*Moderator*

**Manar Morales**, Esq., Executive Director,  
Project for Attorney Retention,  
U.C. Hastings and First Vice President,  
Montgomery County Commission for Women

*Gaithersburg Room*

## Safety, Justice and Human Rights

Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Cyber Bullying, Human Trafficking, Adoption Reform

- **Cynthia Lifson**, Esq., Legislative Counsel, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence
- **Lisae C. Jordan**, Esq., General Counsel and Director, Sexual Assault Legal Institute, Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- **The Honorable Jennie M. Forehand**, Maryland Senate (District 17, Montgomery County)
- **Erin Prangle**, Associate Director, Government Relations, American Association of University Women
- **Elizabeth J. Samuels**, Esq., Professor of Law, University of Baltimore

*Moderator*

**Chandra Walker Holloway**, Esq.,  
Montgomery County Commission for Women

*Room 3032*

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