

After a year-long hiatus, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund's electronic newsletter, *LAF Express*, is back to keep our states and branches informed on all the latest LAF activities, deadlines, and programming resources. If your branch or state has LAF news you would like to share, please e-mail Holly Kearn at kearlh@aauw.org.

LAF Case Support

Information about LAF's expanded case support program is available on the [AAUW website](#). If you would like to make a case recommendation, please contact laf@aauw.org to receive a Case Recommendation form. Forms are accepted on a rolling basis. If the case meets the initial criteria, applicants will receive a more thorough application to complete and submit. The LAF review process will determine the case's suitability for support.

Amicus Brief Victories

In 2008, AAUW signed amicus curiae, or "friend of the court", briefs in support of Vicky Crawford in her sexual harassment case, *Crawford v. Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County*, and in support of the Fitzgerald family in their Title IX case, *Fitzgerald v. Barnstable School Committee*. Both cases were heard before the U.S. Supreme Court in fall 2008. In January 2009, the court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs in both cases. To learn more, read the blog entry "[Two Good Rulings from the Court](#)" co-written by LAF and public policy staff. These are major victories in the fight against sex discrimination, and AAUW's involvement shows the respect the organization receives by decision makers.

Campus Outreach

The AAUW Gresham Area (OR) Branch will be holding a Campus Outreach Program at Mt. Hood Community College in late February as part of a "Herstory" series. Their event, Women Taking the Lead: In Salary Negotiation, includes a workshop on the pay gap and salary negotiations followed by negotiation role playing/practicing.

If you are interested in receiving funding for a campus outreach program in your community, please fill out the form found in the second paragraph on the [Campus Outreach page](#) and send it to laf@aauw.org. California and New York have funds available specifically for campus outreach in their respective states. If you need ideas for programming, contact laf@aauw.org.

LAF Online

For the latest LAF news, visit the website. The [LAF landing page](#) is updated several times a week to include links to news articles on relevant LAF issues, like sexual harassment, pregnancy discrimination, and Title IX. The LAF staff also regularly contributes to the blog, [AAUW Dialog](#).

LAF Pins

2009 LAF Pins are available for those who donate \$100 or more to LAF. Our development staff sends the pins after the donations are received, but if you need additional pins for conventions or other events, you can contact development@aauw.org.

LAF Brochure

A new LAF brochure is currently in production and will be available in late March. LAF liaisons will receive several copies so please make sure your contact information is up to date with the Membership Department. If you need additional copies for your state conventions, please contact laf@aauw.org with your contact information and the number of copies you require.

LAF Update

LAF Update Winter 2009 was mailed in early February and is [accessible online](#). Highlights include articles about the latest pregnancy discrimination research, the impact of the economy on women, and case updates.