

March 2009 ~ New Information

Amicus Briefs

In late February, AAUW joined the National Women's Law Center in signing an amicus brief in support of an appeal by LAF-supported plaintiffs in [Mansourian, et al. v. Regents of the University of California, et al.](#) The brief focuses on how the district court erred in applying the actual notice/deliberate indifference standard required in Title IX sexual harassment cases to the athletics context. Lawyer for the case and AAUW ally Kristen Galles will argue that this standard has no place in the athletics context, in which the school itself decides how many opportunities, benefits, and services to provide to its students.

- **Related:** Galles, with former gold medalist Olympian Nancy Hogshead-Makar, cofounded the Legal Institute for Gender Equity in Justice, a nonprofit that trains lawyers to effectively argue Title IX cases. They will speak about Title IX at the AAUW of Florida state convention through a [Plaintiff Travel Grant](#).

Campus Outreach

The AAUW Gresham Area (OR) Branch held an LAF Campus Outreach Program at Mt. Hood Community College on salary negotiation. Read the [guest blog post](#) about the event by AAUW member Tricia Aynes.

- **Related:** In early March, AAUW signed an agreement with the [Wage Project](#) to partner with them on campus negotiation trainings.

Online Resource Library

A recent PBS special, [Is Your Daughter Safe at Work?](#) investigated the vastly underreported crime of workplace teen sexual harassment. The full episode is available [online](#). Visit the [Sexual Harassment in the Workplace](#) section of the online LAF Resource Library to find several new resources on this topic and visit the [AAUW Dialog post](#) to share your experiences and views in the comments section.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- Visit the LAF online Resource Library section on [Sexual Assault on Campus](#) for statistics, legal background, strategies, and resources for addressing sexual assault on college and university campuses.
- The [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#) has extensive resources for activism in April under the 2009 theme of [Prevent Sexual Violence ... in our workplaces](#).
- [AAUW Community Action Grant](#) recipient SAFER is building a [database of campus sexual assault policies](#) nationwide and has many [resources](#) on what makes a good policy and how to create one on your local campus. They also have information specifically for [faculty](#) and for [students](#).

Reminders

Case Support: If you would like to make a case recommendation, please contact laf@aauw.org. Forms are accepted on a rolling basis.

Campus Outreach: If you would like to receive funding for an LAF Campus Outreach Program in your community, please fill out the form in the second paragraph on the [Campus Outreach page](#) and send it to laf@aauw.org.

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. The LAF staff also regularly contributes to [AAUW Dialog](#).

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 events, contact development@aauw.org.

Brochure: A new LAF brochure will be available in late March. LAF liaisons will receive copies. If you need to update your contact information, send it to connect@aauw.org.

Please consider making a [tax-deductible donation to LAF](#) to help balance the scales of justice for women.