Mary Leonard Law Society
2012 Essay Contest

Prize: $250 Willamette Gift Card
(Redeemable anywhere on campus!)

Justice Betty Roberts has long been recognized in Oregon for her contribution to women in the profession. She served in the Oregon Legislature and was the first woman judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals. In 1982 she became the first woman to serve as a justice on the state Supreme Court. In 2006, Roberts was recognized for her outstanding accomplishments when she received a Margaret Brent Women Lawyers of Achievement Award from the ABA Commission on Women. Her many accomplishments can be found in detail in her autobiography, “With Grit and By Grace, Breaking Trails in Politics and Law, A Memoir.”

Looking at how Justice Roberts paved the career path for women lawyers, what are the challenges that women leaders in the political and legal profession still face today?

To enter, write an essay of no more than five double-spaced pages and submit in PDF format no later than 11:59 PST on Friday August 17, 2012 to maryleonardlawsoociety@gmail.com.

This contest is open to ALL incoming first-year law students at Willamette University College of Law. MLLS members may not participate. MLLS reserves the right not to award a prize.

The Mary Leonard Law Society is the Marion County chapter of Oregon Women Lawyers. MLLS meetings are held monthly on Willamette University campus, and all students are welcome! The OWLS mission is to transform the practice of law and ensure justice and equality by advancing women and minorities in the legal profession.