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Re: A Message from SCWLA

Dear Diane:

For the first time in many years, the South Carolina Women Lawyers Association ("SCWLA") is unable to attend the NCWBA Annual Leadership Summit. As you know, historic flooding last fall adversely affected SCWLA members, their families and their friends. SCWLA itself was forced to cancel its 20th Anniversary Convention.

SCWLA and its members learned many lessons from this tragedy and, at the appropriate moment, we will share those with our NCWBA colleagues. For now, we simply want to say "thank you" -- by sending South Carolina custom-ground "grits" -- to the NCWBA members who lent a helping hand. Because, if we learned one thing last year, it is simply this: "In hard times, and in good times, it boils down to having resilience . . . and grit."

Very truly yours,

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