Ada Sawyer Centennial Celebration Memorial Project

The Rhode Island Bar Association is celebrating the 100th anniversary of Ada Sawyer sitting for and passing the bar exam. Ada was the first woman ever to do so in our state, and she paved the way for future women in the legal profession.

Our event, originally scheduled for October 2020, has been postponed to October 14, 2021 at Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet. This gives the Ada Sawyer Centennial Planning Committee plenty of time to develop a digital memorial booklet to honor Ada's accomplishments and show how her courageous actions changed the future of the profession in our state.

We are asking Bar members who may have known or been influenced by Ada, or who may have had doors opened as a result of her actions, to submit a short piece detailing how you were affected.

Please keep your submissions to 500 words or less so we can accommodate as many as possible. The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2020.

Attorney's name and bar number:

Please explain how you were personally and/or professionally affected by Ms. Sawyer or her actions. (You may instead return a separate document)

Thank you for your participation in this exciting project! Please return this form to Kathleen Bridge at kbridge@ribar.com. If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Kathleen M. Bridge at the Rhode Island Bar Association at (401) 421-5740 or kbridge@ribar.com.