

**Kim Raymond, Esq.**, Senior Citizen Advocacy Project Coordinator, received the **Kay Young Spirit of Women in Advocacy Award** at the 19<sup>th</sup> annual **Georgia Women's Assembly conference on November 13**. Ms. Young, who passed away in 1997, was an attorney who lobbied for progressive causes at the Georgia General Assembly and represented numerous non-profits including Georgia Equality, Women's Policy Group, the Task Force for the Homeless and many others. She worked to help pass Georgia's first hate crimes law, fought against the Boy Scouts protection bills, worked to ensure fairness in placing troubled children in alternative schools, worked to create a standby guardianship for children of terminally ill parents, fought to protect the separation of church and state in public schools, and helped victims of domestic violence gain easier access to the courts.

Kim had the opportunity to sit with Lilly Ledbetter, the keynote speaker, at the luncheon. Ms. Ledbetter told her story of how she was paid less than her male counterparts at Goodyear Tire Company in Alabama and how she became the plaintiff in a pay discrimination lawsuit that reached the U.S. Supreme Court. Her persistent advocacy spurred passage of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, the first bill President Obama signed into law, which changed the landscape for pay discrimination.