

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES DISTRICT 14 (CALIFORNIA & NEVADA) E-NEWS!

District 14 E-BLAST

FEBRUARY 2016



Greetings from the Director

With 2016 well underway, I am pleased to have so much to share from our District! Our conventions are waiting for all of you to register and we truly hope that you will be part of both our international convention in May and our annual convention in October. Stellar programs, events and extras will be part of both! Please read on for activities, events and honors from since our December newsletter.



Congratulations to the Honorable M. Margaret McKeown Justice, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit!

On January 29, 2016, Justice McKeown of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals gave the Justice Ronald George memorial lecture in San Francisco in a conversation moderated by Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuellar. Justice McKeown highlighted how the Ninth Circuit sees some of the most significant technology related cases and how evolving technology challenges the existing law.

Justice McKeown has taught and lectured extensively on intellectual property, international law, human rights law, litigation, ethics, judicial administration and constitutional law in Latin America, Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

Justice McKeown was appointed to the 9th Circuit in 1998. She is the immediate past President of the Federal Judges Association and currently the Chair of the ABA Rule of Law Initiative Board. She serves on the Council of the American Law Institute, the Executive Council for the American Society of International Law, the editorial board of Litigation Journal, and our very own managerial board of the International Association of Women Judges.

Justice McKeown received the Robert Drinan Award for public service from the Georgetown University Law Center. Congratulations and thank you Justice McKeown for all that you do!

Color of Justice and Mentor Jet Programs Soar Triumphantly in San Diego once again!



Crawford High School Students Receiving their NAWJ Certificates of Completion at the end of the program from Hon. Tamila E. Ipema, the program

Judge Tamila E. Ipema chaired sixth Color of Justice and Mentor Jet Programs in San Diego Superior Court on November 4, 2015. The program was presented in collaboration with the San Diego Superior Court, Iranian-American Bar Association and the Pan-Asian Bar Association of San Diego. The participation of more than 45 judicial officers and attorneys as mentors made this program a huge success. The program matched bench and bar mentors with 35 high school students

The program is designed to encourage high school students to consider pursuing careers in the law and to inspire and excite them about the study of law.

Judge Randa Trapp moderated a panel discussion “Justice System as a Career: Preparing the Way; Attorneys and Judges Making a Difference.” The panel members included Honorable Irma Gonzalez (ret.) of the United States District Court, Ms. Summer Stephan, Chief Deputy District Attorney for San Diego County, Ms. Lizzette Herrera, Asst. Director of Public Service and Diversity at University of San Diego School of Law, and Ms. Safora Nowrouzi, third year law student at California Western School of Law. Ms. Julie Myers, Senior Administrative Analyst for the San Diego Superior Court moderated the Mentor Jet portion of the program.

Many thanks goes to the Color of Justice Program Chair, Hon. Tamila E. Ipema, Ms. Julie Myers, Ms. Amoreena Urbeck, Ms. Deanna Blanchard, Deputy Sheriff Scot Parriott, Justice Corps Students, and everyone else who worked so hard behind the scenes to make this program a great success.



Moderator: Hon. Randa Trap



Color of Justice Panel

Mentor Jet Portion of the program



San Diego NAWJ Celebrate Black History Month



On February 16, 2016, in conjunction with Black History Month, NAWJ members (seated left to right) Judge Sharon Majors Lewis, Judge Tina Littlejohn, Ret., Judge Elizabeth Riggs, Ret., Judge Tilisha Martin, and Judge Randa Trapp, (not pictured) were panelists in the Journey to Justice Speaker Series: "Achieving Judicial Diversity in San Diego." The event was held at the Institute of the Americas at University of California, at San Diego.

The event honored the legacies of the first African-American U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Judge Earl B. Gilliam, San Diego's first African-American Superior Court Judge and first District Court Judge, and NAWJ member Judge Elizabeth Riggs, Ret., San Diego's first African American woman judge. NAWJ Vice President-Districts, Judge Tamila Ipema attended the event in support of NAWJ members.

Kudos to Judge Joan P. Weber!

Recipient of the 2015 American Bar Association Torts and Insurance Practice Section Pursuit of Justice Award

Congratulations are in order for Judge Joan P. Weber on her selection by the American Bar Association Torts and Insurance Practice Section to receive the Pursuit of Justice Award. This prestigious award recognizes lawyers and judges who have shown outstanding merit and who excel in providing access to justice for all. The Pursuit of Justice Award has been given annually for the last fifteen years.

Judge Weber received the award at the ABA Mid-Year Meeting in San Diego on February 6, 2016. There was a lovely reception in Judge Weber's honor followed by the awards ceremony at the Manchester Grand Hyatt.



During Judge Weber's term as President of the California Judges Association, Judge Weber played an instrumental role in significant legislative reform and modernization of civil law and motion practice. These contributions to civil litigation will enhance access to timely civil justice and thus Judge Weber's selection for the award is particularly well deserved.

Welcome to NAWJ Judge Bowen!

Welcome to our new member, Judge Christopher Bowen. Judge Bowen was appointed to the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa, in 2010. He is a 1993 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Law. From 1993 through 2010 he worked in the Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office, where he handled every type of assignment, including juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency, and adult criminal matters ranging from misdemeanor offenses through capital murder cases. He began his judicial tenure in a criminal assignment but since 2013 he has been assigned to family law and is currently the supervising the family law unit in Contra Costa County. No only did Judge Bowen join our ranks, he is registered and is excited to attend the international convention in May!



And Welcome Back Judge Kristin Rose!

After a short hiatus we are pleased to welcome back Kristin Rose, Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge, California Department of Insurance.

Contact me at asant@contracosta.courts.ca.gov or your regional/state chairs with information about awards, retirements, color of justice, mentor jet or any other NAWJ programs presented in your area.

Anita Santos

Judge, Contra Costa County Superior Court

NAWJ District 14 Director

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ADDRESS CORRECTION FOR DISTRICT 14 DUES:

Please remember to pay your District 14 dues. Our nominal \$25 additional dues payment are for our specific District 14 needs. The \$25 payment should be sent to our **new** NAWJ address, care of Sharon DeCastro: NAWJ, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1138, Washington, D.C. 20036. Please specify that your payment is for “District 14 dues.”


INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

By now we hope you have registered for the 13th Biennial International Conference in Washington, D.C., May 26-29, 2016. This is going to be a once in a life-time experience with more than 800 women judges from around the world participating in this historic conference in Washington, D.C. Do not miss out! The conference will be completely booked so go to www.nawj.org and see the programs, events and tours waiting for you!

***REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE
NAWJ 38TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE that will
take place in beautiful
Seattle, Washington: October 5-9, 2016 at the
Sheraton Seattle Hotel***



Visit the NAWJ website to view the exciting programs and events planned for Seattle!



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More information:

<http://www.lawj.org/BiennialConference2016WashingtonDC.html>

