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Report from District One
Honorable Amy Lyn Blake

Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island

Access to Justice Appointment

Congratulations to **Judge Valerie Yarashus** who was named the co-chair of the Access to Justice Commission by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

Lavender Law Conference

Justice Vickie Henry attended the Lavender Law Conference sponsored by the LGBTQ+ Bar in Washington D.C.



(NAWJ President **Karen Sage**, NAWJ Executive Director **Laurie Denham**, California Judge **Vicky Kolakowski**, Massachusetts Appeals Court Judge **Vickie Henry**)

Roundtable Report

Congratulations to Supreme Judicial Court **Justice Geraldine Hines** (ret.) and Federal District Court **Judge Angel Kelley** who serve on the Roundtable on Racial Disparities in the Massachusetts Criminal Courts, a program in the Harvard Kennedy School Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy. The Roundtable recently released a report entitled: "This is What Thriving Communities Look Like: Insights from Residents of Four Boston Neighborhoods." The report can be found

here:

<https://www.hks.harvard.edu/centers/wiener/programs/criminaljustice/research-publications/roundtable-racial-disparities-ma-criminal-courts/this-is-what-thriving-communities-look-like#:~:text=To%20thrive%2C%20they%20underscored%2C%20means,robust%20physical%20infrastructure%20and%20green>

Continuing Education

Judge Janine Rivers served as a panelist on MCLE's Mandatory Training for Fee Generated Appointments.

Judge Christine Anthony will be on MCLE's panel: Drafting Persuasive Findings of Fact, Rationale & Proposed Judgments in Domestic Relations Cases.

Judge Diane Rubin will be a panelist on MCLE's Meet the Land Court Judicial Forum 2024.

Judge Lee Peterson will be a panelist on the Social Law Library's Special Education Impacts & Strategies for Divorce Lawyers and Guardianship & Conservatorship Lawyers.

Judge Valerie Yarashus will be a panelist on MCLE's Superior Court Judicial Colloquy 2024: A Conversation with the Bench.

Respectfully submitted:

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