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Report from District One Honorable Amy Lyn Blake
Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island

Innovation Grant

Congratulations to Juvenile Court **Judge Gloria Tan**. Judge Tan and her team at the Cambridge Juvenile Court received a Trial Court Innovation Grant and used the funds to install artwork created by the Department of Youth Services and court-involved youth as well as students from the Community Charter School of Cambridge. Judge Tan also used the funds to set up a trauma-informed, family-friendly area in the courthouse where young children can sit, read, play games, color, and the like. A reception to recognize the artists and showcase the artwork was held on May 28, 2024.



Color of Justice

Once again, under the leadership of **Chief Justice Stacey Fortes**, a successful Color of Justice Program was held on May 21, 2024, at the Lowell Justice Center. Participants included District One members: **Judges Catherine Ham and Joanna Rodriguez.**

Fifty-three students from three middle schools heard from judges, attorneys, and court staff, toured the Justice Center, and enjoyed a view from the bench in a black robe!

Here is a sampling of photographs from this wonderful event, including **Chief Justice Fortes** and Future NAWJ members!



Portrait Ceremony

Members of the Hampden County Bar and Judiciary gathered in Springfield to celebrate the portrait unveiling for Probate & Family Court **Judge Anne M. Geoffrion (ret.)**.



NAWJ Webinar

Justice Vickie Henry did a stellar job as moderator of a fantastic webinar: "Microaggressions 2: When the Judge Commits the Microaggression." And thank you to **Judge Arose Nielsen** for her work on the planning committee! The recording and additional resources for the webinar is now available for viewing, [click here](#) for access.



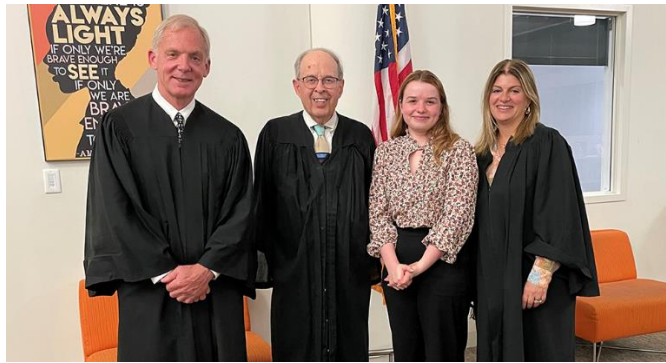
In The News

Chief Justice Margaret Marshall (ret.) reflected on the groundbreaking marriage equality decision (*Goodridge v. Department of Public Health*, 440 Mass. 309 (2023)) as part of a twenty-year anniversary reflection in *The Boston Globe*. Read the article here: [How Margaret Marshall's same-sex marriage decision changed the US \(bostonglobe.com\)](https://www.bostonglobe.com/story/how-margaret-marshall-same-sex-marriage-decision-changed-the-us-2023-07-14)



Moot Court Finals

Judge Lynn Rooney was among the judges who presented the Justice Martha Sosman Award for Best Student Advocate at the Concord-Carlisle High School Moot Court Finals.



Continuing Education

Judge Marylou Muirhead (ret.) was a panelist for a Massachusetts Bar Association continuing education program entitled "Mediation 101: A Primer on the Process."

Judge Janet Bostwick was a panelist on the Boston Bar Association's "34th Annual Bankruptcy Meets Bench Conference."

Judge Catherine Ham was a panelist on the Social Library's "Homicide Trial Program: Jury Issues."

Justice Marguerite Grant was a panelist on the Social Library's "Homicide Trial Program: Discovery & Evidentiary Issues."

Judge Randy Kaplan (ret.) was a panelist on MCLE's "Preparing Rule 401 Financial Statements."

Judges Lee Peterson, Nan Sauer, and Christine Anthony were panelists on MCLE's "Family Court Judicial Forum 2024."

Judges Valerie Yarashus and Catherine Ham were panelists on MCLE's "26th Annual Personal Injury Conference 2023."

Respectfully Submitted,
Hon. Amy Lyn Blake, District One Director