



March 4, 2025
Mid-Year Report from District 1
Honorable Amy Lyn Blake

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

BOSTON 2025



District One is looking forward to hosting the annual conference October 23-25, 2025, at the Boston Park Plaza. We have some exciting speakers, panels, and entertainment in store. Look for registration details in the coming months.

FAMILY TREATMENT COURT

Congratulations to **Judge Carol Shaw** and her team at the Family Treatment Court. This specialty court provides specialized services and support to parents whose children have been removed from their care due to substance abuse.



(Judge Carol Shaw)

NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

National Adoption Day was celebrated throughout Massachusetts on November 22, 2024. This is an annual event that raises awareness of children in State foster care who are in need of adoptive homes. This year 116 adoptions were finalized.



(Judge Joanna Rodriguez presiding over an adoption in Lowell)

CONGRATULATIONS

Judge Amy Blake was ceremonially sworn in as the eighth Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court and the first woman to hold that position. Many NAWJ members were in attendance including past presidents **Justices Nan Duffly and Amy Nechtem** and current NAWJ President **Judge Michelle Rick** of the Michigan Court of Appeals.



(Judges Amy Nechtem, Amy Blake, Nan Duffly and Michelle Rick & Amy Blake)

NEW MEMBERS

District One is proud to welcome the following new members:

Judges **Jennifer Allen, Jennifer Bingham, Jessica Dubin, Sarah Hamilton, Mikalen Howe, Keren Goldenberg, Julie Green, Sarah Kim, Caryn Mitchell-Munevar, Polly Phillips, Lauren Reznick** and law student **Aneesa Feero**.

Hon. Amy Lyn Blake
District One Director