

REPORT OF NAWJ PRESIDENT
Joan Churchill
For the 2013 Midyear Board Meeting

Prepared April 24, 2013

The first half of my term has been chock full for NAWJ and for your President. One of my first responsibilities was to appoint the Committee Chairs and members of the Committees. They are all now in place. Our Districts and Committees are humming with activity. The number of programs --and they are top-notch programs -- being planned around the country is higher than ever. We have a new exciting project underway to educate voters on Judicial Elections. We have taken positions on pending legislative matters: from judicial appointments and reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, at the Federal level, to a Maryland bill calling for restrictions on the shackling of pregnant inmates. Copies of our position statements are in the Appendix. We have prepared a proposal offering to host the 2016 IAWJ Biennial, which is awaiting consideration by the IAWJ Board of Directors. We are engaged in collaborative relationships with multiple organizations. NAWJ representatives have attended or are committed to attend meetings of numerous partner organizations. On the membership front, we have enthusiastic efforts underway to attract more male judges and more Tribal judges. Your President is engaged in an ambitious schedule of travel in order to attend events throughout the Districts, in different parts of the country. We have distributed and are working on a variety of publications including monthly email updates, Counterbalance, the 2013 Membership Directory, and an updated Board Member Manual.

We gather to meet in beautiful Washington DC for what promises to be a spectacular Midyear Leadership Conference. Registration for the Midyear, which is open to all our members, has been so high that we find we are at capacity for our events.

It is an honor, a privilege and a pleasure to serve as President of an organization with such a high level of enthusiasm by the members. The involvement of all of you on the Board has been fantastic. Thank you for your support of the organization. We all owe tremendous thanks to our incredibly dedicated staff, Executive Director Marie Komisar, Director of Finance and Administration Craig Evans, Senior Program and Publications Manager Lavinia Cousin, and Conference Manager Mary-Kathleen Todd. I had the good fortune to take the helm of NAWJ following the outstanding year of our Immediate Past President, Judge Amy Nechtem, who left NAWJ in a strong position. Building on that strength, we have gone forward to adopt numerous new initiatives.

New Initiatives

1. New Projects

a. Particularly exciting is the new project recently approved by the Board, the Judicial Elections-Smart Voter, referenced above. Drafted by our member Judge Joan Irion, it is designed to educate voters in states which elect judges, about the role of a judge and the relevant criteria for selection of a fair, impartial and independent state judiciary.

b. A data base of members here and judges in other countries willing to participate in judicial exchanges/visits is being prepared by the Projects Committee, under the leadership of Judge Sue Yang, who also chairs a new Subcommittee of the International Outreach Committee on International Exchanges & Visits.

2. Committees

a. To assure that the committees are running smoothly and to provide a liaison to keep abreast of what they are doing, we created a new position of Committee Chairs Coordinator. Judge Sandra Robinson is graciously filling that role. She has scheduled a meeting of the Committee Chairs during the Midyear.

b. New Committees created are:

- the 2016 IAWJ Biennial Proposal Special Committee, chaired by Judge Jane Craney, which prepared a proposal for hosting the 2016 IAWJ Biennial in Washington DC. The proposal was approved by the NAWJ Executive Committee and submitted to the IAWJ Board of Directors in February.
- four subcommittees of the International Outreach Committee: a subcommittee on International Courts chaired by Col. Linda Murnane, a Subcommittee on Judicial Exchanges and Visits chaired by Judge Sue Yang, a Subcommittee on Mexican Judges chaired by Judge Maritza Segarra, and a Subcommittee on Scholarships for NAWJ Conferences, chaired by Judge Judith Chirlin.
- a committee on Judicial Elections, to conduct the work of our new Judicial Elections-Smart Voter project, chaired by Judge Joan Irion, its creator.
- a subcommittee for Data Review for the Membership Committee, chaired by Patricia Hurst,
- a Personnel Committee to review staff pay, benefits, duties and performance, chaired by Judge Julie Frantz, NAWJ Secretary, as required by the Bylaws
- a Website Improvement Special Task Force, chaired by Judge Sheri Roman, to execute the report she prepared as Projects Chair last year analyzing changes needed to the NAWJ website.
- The Policies Review Subcommittee of the Executive Committee, chaired by Judge Amy Nechtem.

c. We created a Council of Past Presidents, chaired by our founder Judge Joan Dempsey Klein, to provide current leadership with the benefit and wisdom of our past Presidents.

d. We expanded the scope of the Awards Committee to consider nominating members on occasion for outside awards presented by other organizations, such as the American Bar Association. We restructured the Trial Judges Outreach Committee as a Subcommittee of the Membership Committee to assist with its focus on attracting more members from Tribal Courts. We restructured the Human Trafficking Committee as a subcommittee of the Immigration Project Committee, to coordinate the activities in furtherance of our grants on Immigration and Human Trafficking from the State Justice Institute.

e. A special committee operating this year is the Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Judge Brenda Loftin. The Strategic Planning Committee is updating NAWJ's strategic plan.

3. Designation of NAWJ liaisons to Partner Organizations

In addition to the Status Director positions on the NAWJ Board, elected per the NAWJ Bylaws for a Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates and Representative to the International Association of Women Judges, currently filled by Justices Fernande Duffly and Ann Walsh Bradley, respectively, we have appointed the following Liaisons or Representatives to other judicial, professional, and women's organizations with whom we share a common mission:

- Judge Ann Breen-Greco was appointed NAWJ Liaison with the ABA Human Trafficking Task Force. She holds a corresponding position with the ABA as NAWJ liaison on the Task Force.
- Judge Joy Lobrano was designated NAWJ Liaison to the Advisory Committee of the National Colloquium: Shelter and Services Evaluation for Action, which met in November 2012 in Washington DC.
- Judge Sue Yang was designated NAWJ liaison to the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, which met March 20-23, 2013 in Washington DC. Our President-Elect Anna Blackburne-Rigsby chaired the 2013 meeting of the Consortium.
- Judge Kathryn Braeman was designated NAWJ liaison to the American Association of University Women and to the National Women's History Museum, both of which meet periodically.
- Judges Toni Clarke, Cheryl Cesario and Sophia Hall were designated as NAWJ representatives to the ABA 2013 Summit on Perceptions of Justice, in substitution for Judge Norma Shapiro, our original designee, who was unable to attend but who continued to serve on the Steering Committee. The summit met in Chicago on March 14 & 15, 2013. A report on the Summit, prepared by our member Judge Ann Breen-Greco, who also attended, is in the Appendix. NAWJ Member Judge William D. Missouri chairs the ABA Judicial Division which sponsored the Summit.
- The National Judicial College invited NAWJ to designate representatives to its series of three *50th Anniversary* Symposia which it is conducting this year. Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper was designated to represent NAWJ at the NJC

50th Anniversary Symposium in Philadelphia in April, Judge Laretta Higgins Wolfson the Symposium in Chicago June 23-25, and Judge Eileen Burlison, the Symposium in Reno in September 9-11.

- Judge Arline Pacht was appointed NAWJ Liaison to the National American Indian Court Judges Association.

4. Increased Use of Electronic Mail for dissemination of NAWJ materials

To facilitate prompt delivery of our materials, to save on printing costs in some cases, to go “green,” and to enable members to have electronic versions for their computers, we have disseminated copies of our materials electronically. A copy of the 2013 Directory was sent to all members electronically, while the hard copy was sent to the printer for printing and mailing. The electronic version reached our members a full 4 weeks before the hard copy arrived in our mailboxes. Our Meeting Binder, In lieu of being printed up and distributed at the Midyear Meeting, is being prepared for electronic distribution, so that it can be sent to Board Members in advance, so you have a chance to read and review it in advance of the meeting. Handouts for our Midyear Conference are being prepared on a Compact Disk for paperless distribution, and to give members an easy way to store them on their computers.

5. State Chairs

The State Chair concept has been institutionalized. For the first time, the names of State Chairs and their contact information are listed in the 2013 Directory. State Chairs are in place for 15 states, plus DC, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Travel/President’s representation of NAWJ

- November: Rehnquist Award Dinner at U.S. Supreme Court, National Center of State Courts award, Wash. DC (11/15/12)
- December: NYC –Holiday party of the NY Chapter (12/18/12)
- February: IAWJ Reception for rule of law in the Americas symposium – Embassy of Peru, (2/26/13)
- February/March: New Orleans –Investiture Chief Justice of LA - NAWJ Member Bernette Johnson, first African American Chief Justice of LA, and Bicentennial Celebration of LA Supreme Court (2/28-3/1)
- March: District 4 event at DC Superior Court, Washington, DC on use of iPads led by NAWJ Member Judge Herbert Dixon, DC Superior Court (3/5/13)
- March: White House Presidential signing celebration of the VAWA Reauthorization, Dept. of Interior, (3/7/13)
- March: Hackensack NJ - Award dinner of Bergen County Bar Assn. & Women Lawyers in Bergen at which their Diversity in the Profession Award was presented to NAWJ Member, Judge Sandra Robinson. (3/21/13)
- March: Washington DC – Attended final reception of National Consortium on Racial & Ethnic Justice in the Courts, (3/22/13)

- March: District 4 event: SO YOU WANT TO WRITE A BOOK, chambers of Hon. Gladys Kessler, U.S. District Court for Washington DC (3/28/13)
- April: District 4 event at Howard Law School, Wash. DC: Reading of play *Let Freedom Ring* about Rosa Parks and the Montgomery AL bus boycott, written by NAWJ Member Paul Handy. The cast of local luminaries included Cong. Eleanor Holmes Norton playing Rosa Parks, Hon. Alexander Williams of the U.S. District Court for MD playing E.D. Nixon, and Hon. Robert Rigsby, husband of President Elect Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, playing Martin Luther King, Jr. An NAWJ Equal Access Scholarship was awarded to 2 Howard Law School students, and we presented Interim Dean Okianer C. Dark an engraved crystal and certificate recognizing her appointment. (4/9/13)
- April: Ann Arbor, Michigan – attended Mentor Jet program at Michigan Law School, arranged by Michigan State Chair, Hon. Katherine Hansen (4/16/13)

Future Plans

- Canadian Chapter Biennial – May
- 2014 Kickoff reception, San Diego, June
- Delaware beach brunch, to be hosted at President’s beach house, July
- Conference of Chief Justices Annual Conference, July
- ABA Brent Award luncheon presentation to NAWJ past president, Judge Gladys Kessler, August
- AJA Annual Meeting, Sept.

Collaborative Relationships

President’s travel and attendance at events

As noted above, I have traveled to or attended or plan to attend events involving the

- National Center for State Courts
- Conference of Chief Justices
- Bergen County Bar Assn.
- Women Lawyers in Bergen
- National Consortium on Racial & Ethnic Justice in the Courts
- Howard Law School
- Michigan Law School
- IAWJ & the Canadian Chapter of IAWJ
- American Bar Association
- American Judges Association

Liaison appointments

NAWJ delegates, representatives and liaisons to other organizations are listed above. A full list of NAWJ Involvement with partner organizations is attached in the Appendix

Joint programs co-sponsored with other organizations

- ABA Jud Div, Conf. of Specialized Court Judges: Human Trafficking - Dallas, Texas 2/8/13
- National Association of Women Lawyers: Midyear Meeting – Orlando, FL February 14-16, 2013
- ABA Human Trafficking Task Force: How we can make a difference - Chicago, IL 5/21/13

Publications

The Directors Manual has been updated, and distributed electronically to Members of the Board. A section for NAWJ policies has been added to the Manual. Further updates are planned, pending review of some of our older policies by the Policies Review Subcommittee, to check whether they may be out of date.

The 2013 Directory has been completed and distributed electronically to the membership. The idea has been raised for the future distribution of the hard copy be upon request only. This year, a hard copy was mailed as usual to all members.

Last year's fall/winter edition of Counterbalance was distributed in the early part of 2013. The spring edition is in preparation.

Monthly email updates have been distributed each month to keep members informed of our activities, upcoming events, and news of interest. Many Thanks to Judge Tanya Kennedy, our Vice President for Publications, and Lavinia Cousin, Senior Program and Publications Manager, for the thorough and timely issuance of these.

President's involvement in Committees & District Activities

I chair the Immigration/Human Trafficking Project Advisory Committee, and have been actively involved with several of the other Committees:

- Administrative Judiciary
- Annual Conference Planning Committees for both New Orleans & San Diego
- Audit & Compliance
- Awards
- 2016 IAWJ Biennial Proposal Special Committee
- International Outreach
- Membership
- Personnel
- Strategic Planning
- Website Improvement Special Task Force

I have been participating in the District Director monthly conference calls. As noted above, I have been participating in the varied District 4 activities, as well as a mentor jet program in District 7. I have offered the use of my beach house in

Delaware for a joint District 3/District 4/Maryland Chapter Beach Brunch event there July 14.

Upcoming Annual Conferences

New Orleans – Planning for the 2013 Conference, scheduled for Oct. 9-13, is in full swing. Conference Chairs are Chief Justice Bernette Johnson and Judge Mary Becnel have a wonderful program planned, taking advantage of the excitement that is New Orleans. A highlight will be a panel on Public Service, featuring the Landrieu siblings, who currently serve in the posts of U.S. Senator - Mary Landrieu, Mayor of New Orleans – Mitch Landrieu, and Judge -Madeleine Landrieu. The educational program is nearing final shape. The Friends Committee is off to a good start.

San Diego – Conference Chairs Judges Tamila Ipema and Margie Woods are hard at work on the planning for the 2014 conference planned for October 15-19 at the Westin Gaslamp Quarter.

Fundraising Grants

SJI

NAWJ was awarded an SJI \$30,000 grant last fall for immigration and human trafficking training programs in 2013. We plan to apply for an additional \$30,000 for the May 1 grant cycle, to put on additional programs in the Districts this year, and to add relevant features to the NAWJ Web site.

The New Jersey Women Lawyers Association

In February, the New Jersey Women Lawyers Association awarded NAWJ \$1,500 in support of our Color of Justice Program. A Color of Justice program is being presented this month in Newark, NJ, by District 3, which this grant will support.

Kaufman

Robert Kaufman, Esq., NAWJ Resource Board Member/Landmark Sponsor extraordinaire, has generously agreed to donate \$25,000 again this year and next to fund scholarships for international judges to attend the NAWJ annual conferences in 2013 and 2014. We have created a Conference Scholarship subCommittee of the International Outreach Committee, and appointed Hon. Judith Chirlin, Chair.

Contributions

The Friends Committees for the Midyear, 2013 Annual Conference and 2014 Annual Conference are doing a terrific job raising funds in support of our conferences.

Our end of the year Holiday Appeal brought in just under \$12,000 from 55 Members.

A special appeal to Life Members is ongoing, and has brought in about \$10,000 to date.

Midyear Planning

The Midyear will be a truly exciting experience. Planning began over a year ago. We have combined our annual Joint Congressional luncheon for Women's Issues with our Midyear Board Meeting and Leadership Conference. We begin at noon on May 2 with the Caucus lunch in the Rayburn House Office Building of the House of Representatives. Interesting optional tours are offered for the afternoon. The Resource Board will meet in the afternoon, as will the Committee Chairs. A welcome reception is scheduled for 5:30pm at the law offices of Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP, where we shall be joined by the Shakespeare Theatre Company's Bard Association for a joint program on rights of women to confer benefits on men, inspired by the discussion of Salic law in Shakespeare's *Henry V*. Retired Social Security and military judges will bring the discussion forward to modern times reviewing Supreme Court decisions on social security and military benefits for male spouses. Late evening we shall gather at the hotel bar to mingle with new judges/new members/first time attendees.

The Midyear Board Meeting will take place Friday morning, May 3. District Directors will have an opportunity to meet separately over breakfast before the full Board meeting. Optional tours or free time will be available for members not attending the Board meeting. In the afternoon we go to the Supreme Court for a tour, followed by a panel discussion on recent immigration decisions by the Supreme Court, and then a Forum on independence issues for the special judiciary as compared with the general judiciary. We are expecting some of the members of the U.S. Supreme Court to join us at the reception there.

Saturday will be devoted to all day training on Prevention of Human Trafficking – What Judges Can Do. The morning speakers will provide a global overview of human trafficking as a growing form of organized crime, will share the perspective of the corporate community, and will include a mock examination of an expert witness. Our luncheon speaker will describe how trafficking cases overseas are making their way into U.S. courts. In the afternoon we shall have panels of practitioners and judges. We shall conclude with an interactive session reviewing bench cards and best practices.

Thanks and more Thanks

Many Thanks to the Planning Committee, Judges Gladys Kessler, Vanessa Ruiz, Noel Kramer, Anna Blackburne-Rigsby and Claudia Barber. We are very grateful to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg for her role in the planning. She helped us pick a date and graciously reserved the Supreme Court conference rooms for us well in advance for our Supreme Court events. Likewise, we are grateful to Col. Lauren Leeker and her firm, Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP, who committed in early 2012 to host a 2013 welcome reception at their offices, as they generously did in 2012 as well. The firm of McDermott Will generously hosted a kick off reception for the Midyear at their new space in December. We thank them and Lisa Horowitz, Esq., past president of the National Association of Women Lawyers for making the arrangements for that inspiring reception.

We can't thank our Friends Host Committee Co-Chairs enough, Elaine Metlin, Esq. of Dickstein Shapiro, LLP and Nicole Erb, Esq. of White & Case, and the entire Host committee for leading such a successful fund raising effort for the Midyear. We could not have held this event without it. On the educational programming side, thanks go to our Judicial Academic Network Chairs, Professors Vicki Jackson of Harvard Law School and Judith Resnik of Yale Law School, for helping design the Forum we shall hold at the Supreme Court examining judicial independence issues for administrative and adjunct judges as compared with judges on courts of general jurisdiction. We thank John Martin and Steve Weller of the Center for Public Policy Studies for their ongoing assistance with our Immigration/Human Trafficking Project, and Elizabeth Lee, the Chair of our Human Trafficking subcommittee for her tremendous substantive assistance pulling together the Human Trafficking Training Day. Many Many Thanks to all of our speakers. We have put together an outstanding roster of speakers. A special treat will be the joint program at the Thursday reception with the Shakespeare Theatre Company Bard Association.

We are delighted that so many of you will be with us to participate in this exciting Midyear Conference. We are delighted that members of the IAWJ Board will be with us for our receptions, and especially delighted that we shall be joined at the reception by not only Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, but some of her male colleagues as well.

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APPENDIX I. NAWJ POSITION STATEMENTS

Adopted

RESOLUTION: Urging Expeditious Filling of Federal Judicial Vacancies

POSITION STATEMENT: In Support of VAWA Reauthorization, Senate Bill §904,
112th Congress

POSITION STATEMENT: In Support of VAWA Reauthorization Bill S.47, 113th
Congress

POSITION STATEMENT: In Support of Maryland House Bill 829 concerning
Pregnant Detainees and Inmates – Restraint Restrictions and Reporting



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES

RESOLUTION

Urging Expeditious Filling of Federal Judicial Vacancies

WHEREAS President Barack Obama is about to embark on his second term as President of the United States; and

WHEREAS one of a President's most important responsibilities is the selection and nomination of judges to all federal courts; and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Senate to act on the nominations sent to it by the President; and

WHEREAS it is a mission of the National Association of Women Judges to promote a diverse judiciary; and

WHEREAS there are currently numerous vacancies on Federal courts; and

WHEREAS two-thirds of Americans now live in a state where there is a Federal judicial emergency, resulting in a major backlog of cases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Women Judges urges President Obama to make it a priority for his administration to focus on Federal judicial selection and urges the Senate to work with the President to expeditiously fill the existing vacancies and fill future vacancies promptly as they arise.

Adopted November 10, 2012

NAWJ 2012 Annual Conference - Miami Beach, Florida

Joan V. Churchill

Honorable Joan V. Churchill
President, NAWJ



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES

POSITION STATEMENT

On

VAWA REAUTHORIZATION

NAWJ is the nation's leading voice for women jurists dedicated to preserving judicial independence and ensuring equal justice and access to the courts for women, minorities, and other historically disfavored groups. In accordance with this mission, NAWJ supports reauthorization of VAWA in a form that protects all victims of domestic violence and dating violence, including tribal victims living on reservations. Specifically, to improve the administration of justice, NAWJ supports the approach of the Senate version of the VAWA bill, which contains Section 904, a provision that would restore tribal jurisdiction over non-Indians for certain crimes of domestic violence and dating violence committed in Indian Country. It is important that VAWA protect all victims of domestic violence, including those tribal members who are victims of domestic violence committed in Indian Country.

**Adopted by the Board at its Executive Committee Meeting
December 17, 2012**

Joan V. Churchill

**Honorable Joan V. Churchill
President, NAWJ**



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES

POSITION STATEMENT

On

VAWA REAUTHORIZATION

NAWJ is the nation's leading voice for women jurists dedicated to preserving judicial independence and ensuring equal justice and access to the courts for women, minorities, and other historically disfavored groups. In accordance with this mission, NAWJ supports reauthorization of VAWA Bill S47 which has been passed by the U.S. Congress, and urges that the President sign the bill to enact it into law.

Adopted by the Board of the National Association of Women Judges
By online vote on March 1, 2013

Joan V. Churchill

Honorable Joan V. Churchill
President, NAWJ



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES

POSITION STATEMENT

On

Maryland House Bill 829

Pregnant Detainees and Inmates – Restraint Restrictions and Reporting

The National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) was founded in 1979 to, among other things, ensure equal justice for women, protect the rights of individuals, and bring about improvements concerning matters of importance in improving the administration of justice. NAWJ's diverse membership includes women and men at all levels of the federal, state, trial, military and administrative judiciary from nearly every state in the nation.

In furtherance of our mission to improve the administration of justice, NAWJ has long advocated for basic fairness and equity for people who are incarcerated. In 1991, NAWJ adopted a resolution urging an end to discrimination against incarcerated women. For years, NAWJ members in Maryland have volunteered in correctional facilities to bring educational programming to women and girls in prison.

In 2009, in recognition that leading medical and legal authorities have documented significant risk of harm in shackling pregnant women, and the lack of risk of flight that women pose in such circumstances, NAWJ members voted to adopt a resolution formally opposing the practice of shackling pregnant women and urging action by its members wherever such practices exist.

In furtherance of that commitment, NAWJ supports HB 829, and in particular, the proposed restrictions on the use of restraints on pregnant incarcerated girls and women in transportation, labor, and childbirth.

Adopted by the Board of Directors Executive Committee

By online vote February 25, 2013

Joan V. Churchill

Honorable Joan V. Churchill

President, NAWJ

APPENDIX II- COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

A.

LIST OF NAWJ INVOLVEMENT WITH PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

B.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS OF PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDED BY NAWJ LIAISONS OR REPRESENTATIVES

1. Report of the ABA Midyear Program on Human Trafficking sponsored by the National Conference of Specialized Court Judges and the National Conference of Administrative Law Judges, co-sponsored by the National Association of Women Judges.
2. Report of the ABA Summit on Perceptions of Justice, March 14 &15, 2013.
3. Summary of Meeting of the ABA International Courts and Rule of Law Committee chaired by NAWJ Member Linda S. Murnane.

APPENDIX
II A

LIST OF NAWJ INVOLVEMENT WITH PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- **ABA Judicial Division Summit on Perceptions of Justice** March 14-15, 2013, Chicago, IL
 - Toni Clarke, Cheryl Cesario & Sophia Hall attended as NAWJ representatives
 - service on steering committee: Norma Shapiro
 - report to the Board submitted by NAWJ Member in attendance, Ann Breen-Greco (see Appendix II B 1)
- **ABA commission on women in the profession** which has announced that NAWJ's 3rd President, Judge Gladys Kessler has been selected as one of the recipients of its prestigious Margaret Brent Award for 2013. We are putting together a table at the award luncheon in support of Judge Kessler. The luncheon is scheduled for August 11, 2013 in San Francisco. All interested NAWJ members are invited to notify the office if they plan to attend and would like to sit with other NAWJ members. The cost is \$100.

ABA President – Laurel Bellows will be the keynote speaker at the Midyear Congressional Lunch May 2, 2013 on the topic of human trafficking
- **American Judges Association** – I had to decline the invitation to their Midyear Conference May 2-4, 2013, due to the conflict with the dates of the NAWJ Midyear, but in my regrets I reaffirmed the important of closer ties between our organizations and indicated my interest in attending their annual educational conference in September.
- **Bergen County Bar Assn. & Women Lawyers in Bergen** – Diversity in the Profession Award was awarded to NAWJ Member Sandra Robinson on March 21, 2013 at a dinner in NJ. Paulette Brown, nominee for ABA President-Elect, and Chair of the NAWJ Friends Committee for our 2011 Annual Conference in Newark, NJ gave the keynote. I shared words of congratulation to Judge Robinson and greetings on behalf of NAWJ.
- **Canadian chapter of IAWJ**– I have registered to attend the Canadian IAWJ biennial conference in Montreal May 7-10, and have been asked to extend greetings on behalf of NAWJ.
- **The Center for Public Policy Studies** – CPPS continues to assist us with execution of our Immigration/Trafficking Project for which we have received

grants from the State Justice Institute. We have accepted the invitation to be part of a consortium on Human Trafficking.

- **Congressional Caucus on Women's issues** – Is sponsoring our joint Congressional lunch on May 2. Caucus Co-Chair Donna Edwards will greet and speak to us.
- **Consource** – NAWJ Amicus Member Julie Silverbrook is Executive Director of this organization. We have discussed ideas for some joint programming.
- **Forster-long, LLC** the publisher of THE AMERICAN BENCH is continuing to collect a gender survey of judicial statistics, which they make available to NAWJ at no charge. The information is available on the NAWJ website and in our Directory. Thanks go to Past Presidents Nan Duffly and Amy Nechtem for making arrangements with the new owner of Forster-Long to continue their partnership with us.
- **GARDEN STATE BAR ASSN** – I have been invited to their Award Gala on June 1 in NJ, at which our member Sandra Robinson will be honored with the Roger M. Yancy Award. I have to decline due to a conflict, but will send a letter of commendation to Judge Robinson.
- **IAWJ** – Past NAWJ President Vanessa Ruiz participated as a speaker on a panel on “Women and the Rule of Law: A View from the Americas,” at a conference jointly sponsored by the International Association of Women Judges, the League of Women Voters, and the Inter-American Dialogue. Your President was unable to attend the conference as it conflicted with the trip to New Orleans for Chief Justice Johnson's investiture, but I did attend the pre-conference reception the night before at the Embassy of Peru, as did Judge Anna Blackburne-Rigsby and Judge Vanessa Ruiz.
- **2012 National Colloquium: Shelter and Services Evaluation for Action with respect to Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking** – Nov. 2012, Judge Joy Lobrano attended as NAWJ Liaison.
- **National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Justice in the Courts** conference, March 20-23, 2013 in Washington, D.C. - Sue Pai Yang attended as NAWJ Liaison, President Elect Blackburne-Rigsby chaired the Consortium, President Churchill attended the final reception
- **National Judicial College Symposia** –Philadelphia, Apr. 7-8: Civility - attended an NAWJ representative by Judge Sheila Woods-Skipper, DD Dist. 3

- Chicago, June 23-25: jury trials - Laretta Higgins Wolfson has been appointed to attend as NAWJ's designated representative.
- Reno, Sept. 9-11: judicial competence - Judge Eileen Burlison has been appointed to attend as NAWJ's designated representative
 - **National Tribal Judicial and Court Clerks Assn.**, Jill Tompkins, President - appointment of Arline Pacht, liaison (will send rep to Midyear)
 - **New Jersey Women Lawyers Association:** awarded NAWJ a grant in the amount of \$1,500 for the Color of Justice program to be presented in NJ. Michelle Hollar-Gregory, NJ State Co-Chair, attended the NJWLA gala on March 20 at which the award was announced. Judge Hollar-Gregory is chairing a Color of Justice program to be conducted this spring.
 - **The Center for Public Policy Studies** - CPPS continues to assist us with execution of our Immigration/Trafficking Project for which we have received grants from the State Justice Institute. Director John Martin and Senior Consultant Steven Weller will participate in the trafficking training program at our Midyear. John Martin will moderate a panel on The Role of the Judge. Steve Weller will facilitate the discussion session at the end of the day with all attendees on Emerging Best Practices in Federal and State courts, Bench cards and Protocols.
 - **National Association of Women Lawyers** Webinar on Gender Bias Against Women in the Law: Where We Are and What We Can Do About It - April 18, 2013, 2-3pm EDT. Maritza Segarra, Chair of NAWJ Fairness & Access Committee agreed to participate and report back to us.
 - **Shakespeare Theatre Company Bard Association** - The STC is partnering with us for the Shakespeare themed program at our Midyear on May 2, during the reception at Fulbright & Jaworski, LLP.
 - **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THE STATE COURTS COLLABORATIVE** - NAWJ has accepted the invitation to join this new collaborative funded by the State Justice Institute. We are joining the Center for Public Policy Studies, the National Judicial College, the Center for Court Innovation and Legal Momentum as members of the collaborative.

- **U.N. Commission on the Status of Women, 2013 Conference** – We arranged for an NAWJ Member Judge Cathy Serrette, to speak at the Side Panel, sponsored by the **U.S. Federation for Middle East Peace**, and organized by NAWJ amicus member Sally (Salwa) Kader on Laws on violence against women and girls presented by Women Judges, March 14
- **Women Legislators of Maryland** – The 19th Annual Irma Raker NAWJ/MD Chapter joint dinner with the Women Legislators of Maryland scheduled for March 6 was canceled due to a snow advisory. I was scheduled to attend.

APPENDIX II B 1

REPORT ON ABA MID YEAR MEETING HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAM

Sponsored by the National Conference of Specialized Court Judges and
the National Conference of Administrative Law Judges
co-sponsored by the National Association of Women Judges.
February 8, 2013 – Dallas Texas

Report prepared by Col. Linda Strite Murnane

On 8 February 2013, I had the opportunity to attend an excellent program on Human Trafficking, sponsored by the National Conference of Specialized Court Judges and the National Conference of Administrative Law Judges, and co-sponsored by the National Association of Women Judges. The program was presented during the American Bar Association's Mid-Year Meeting held in Dallas, Texas. I provide this report at the request of NAWJ President, the Honorable Joan Churchill.

American Bar Association President, Laurel Bellows, opened the program, discussing the important role lawyers and judges have in raising awareness of this form of modern day slavery. More than 60 people were in attendance at the program.

Speakers included: Norma Ramos from the Coalition Against Human Trafficking in Women, New York, NY; Shonnie Ball, from the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, U.S. State Department; T. Markus Funk, Perkins and Coie, LLP, a former Federal Prosecutor and formerly with the State Department, and Mary Ellison, Director of Policy for the Polaris Project. The program was very capably moderated by The Honorable Pamela Brown, who is a member of the ABA National Conference of Specialized Court Judges and a member of the National Association of Women Judges.

Ms. Ramos noted the importance of debunking the myth that "women choose this" when they are forced to engage in prostitution as victims of human trafficking. She emphasized a need to follow the "Nordic Model" – attacking human trafficking by arresting and punishing the consumers rather than the victims of human trafficking. Ms. Ball encouraged a focus on the 3 "P"s – Prevention, Prosecution and Protection.

Mr. Funk currently advises companies on their obligations to comply with the law. He noted the focus on "transparency in the supply chain" of goods and services, ensuring that every level of goods and services are free of human trafficking. He discussed the September 25, 2012 Executive Order signed by President Obama, requiring that government contracts be awarded only to bidders that confirm their supply system is free of human trafficking. Notably, the Executive Order requires cooperation with law enforcement and requires affirmative reporting of instances of

trafficked labor. The rules for implementing the Executive Order are to be in place by March 2013.

Ms. Ellison discussed the operation of the National Human Trafficking Hotline, which has been in operation since December 2007 (888-373-7888). The hotline operates 24 hours a day, seven days per week and has handled more than 60,000 calls. Through the hotline, more than 9,000 victims of human trafficking have been identified. Ms. Ellison noted that the hotline is under the supervision of Health and Human Services, and that the Polaris Project operates the hotline under contract with HHS.

Additionally, Ms. Ellison noted that Polaris works on State and Federal trafficking policy. She noted that every State in the U.S. now has at least one human trafficking criminal offense included in its legislation, Wyoming having just passed their statute to achieve the 100% status in terms of statutory response to this problem. On the Polaris web site (<http://www.polarisproject.org>), there is also legislation, information about service providers and resources to assist with helping victims of human trafficking arrayed by state.

Judge Brown noted the average age of trafficked persons is 13, and that more than 100,000 persons are at risk. Punishments for consumers of sexual services procured from human trafficking victims are minimal.

In addition to a CD with extensive information and resources, the program participants were also provided with the U.S. Department of State's "Trafficking in Persons Report", June 2012. The report can be found electronically at this link: <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/>

This was an excellent program and NAWJ can be proud of its co-sponsorship of the program. There were several NAWJ members in attendance at the presentation.

Respectfully submitted

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REPORT OF ABA SUMMIT ON PERCEPTIONS OF JUSTICE

March 14 – 15, 2013

Chicago, IL

Report prepared by

By Judge Ann Breen-Greco

The ABA hosted the Judicial Division's Perceptions of Justice Program in Chicago on March 14 and 15, 2013. A number of NAWJ members attended including Judges Cheryl Cesario, Sophia Hall, Toni Clark, and Ann Breen-Greco. The ABA JD ensured that attendees included physically challenged individuals and LGBT representatives. In addition to representatives of NAWJ and all the ABA JD Conferences and ABA Commissions and Standing Committees, attendees included the American Association for Justice, American Judicature Society, Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, Coalition on Racial and Ethnic Justice (CORE), Federal Magistrate Judges Association, International Association of LGBT, Justice at Stake, Kettering Foundation, National Association for Court Management, National Association of State Judicial Educators, National Bar Association, National Center for State Courts, National LGBT Bar Association, National Native American Bar Association, and Williams Institute.

According to the Program materials, the Program has been developing since the late 1980s when many federal and state courts studied how litigants, jurors, attorneys, judges, and the general public perceived the administration of justice. In particular, the courts were concerned with how litigants' race or ethnicity affected the actual administration of justice, and the public's perception of how the courts responded to race and ethnicity. These studies led to reports and recommendations and several states created "listening" programs for members of the public to share their experiences with the justice system.

In 2008, the ABA Judicial Division Lawyers Conference created the Perceptions of Justice project. The Lawyers Conference held programs nationwide in Boston, Dallas, Chicago, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, and Atlanta. Each event was uniquely designed to provide education and a forum for open dialogue between judges and members of the community about perceptions of and personal experiences with the justice system. A modified "town hall" format with small group discussions was used for some programs and expert panels with audience participation were employed in others.

The Chicago Summit promoted opportunity for in-depth discussion on all forms of bias in the courts, which generated ideas on how to address these issues, including future training for all components of the legal profession. ABA JD will issue a report on findings and recommendations.

APPENDIX II B 3

Summary of Meeting of the ABA International Courts and Rule of Law Committee

Saturday, 9 February 2013
Dallas, TX

Prepared by Linda Murnane

During the Mid-Year Meeting of the American Bar Association, the International Courts and Rule of Law Committee met at 2 p.m. on Saturday, 9 February 2013. This is a brief report highlighting the matters discussed by members of the committee who were able to attend.

Committee members in attendance: Judge Mary Margaret Anderson, Judge Ed Felter, Judge Ruth Kleinfeld, Colonel Linda Strite Murnane. Visitor: Mr. Cody Blake Leger.

Judge Mary Margaret Anderson gave an update on the ICC Judicial Exchange Project which is being led by the ABA International Human Rights Committee. Judge Anderson briefed committee members on the report she received from ABA Staff Attorney, Kip Hale, which included updates on a visit to the International Criminal Court by Mr. Hale, ABA Past President Michael Greco, Judge Andre Davis, and National Judicial College President Bill Dressel. Judge Anderson advised that she has continued to inform Mr. Hale that the Judicial Division stands ready to assist. It seems, however, that the ICC is actually interested in a very specific team of judges, including judges with international tribunal experience such as Judge Patricia Wald and Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald. The current status appears to be that Mr. Hale has organized a proposal that was presented to the ICC, and the project is currently being presented to possible sources to fund the program. Judge Anderson asked the International Courts and Rule of Law Committee to include the monitoring of this project as part of its ongoing activities, and she indicated she was happy to continue to serve as the focal point for the discussions with the ABA International Human Rights Committee.

Chair of the Committee, Ms. Murnane, informed the committee members of the upcoming trip to Paris, France and The Hague, The Netherlands, being planned by the National Bar Association's Judicial Council. The dates of the international trip are 28 May to 5 June, 2013. Point of contact for information is Judge Marguerite Downing, LA Superior Court (MDowning@LASuperiorCourt.org)

Members in attendance were asked if they wanted to continue to receive the UN Development Program opportunities, the American Society of International Law updates, as well as Tribunal and International Court updates. The members in attendance agreed that this information was helpful and of interest.

Judge Ed Felter informed the committee members in attendance that there would be a meeting of the Canadian Council of Administrative Tribunals which would be held Sunday, May 26, 2013 to Tuesday, May 28, 2013. The meeting will be held at the Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. More information is available at: <http://www.ccat-ctac.org/en/conferences/index.php?year=2013>.

Judge Felter also discussed the International Code of Judicial Conduct which has been approved by several State parties.

Chair Murnane informed members of the International Association of Women Judges' meeting which will be held in May 2014 in Arusha, Tanzania.

Due to other meeting obligations of all of the participants, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

APPENDIX III

REPORT OF PRESIDENTIAL SIGNING CEREMONY OF VAWA REAUTHORIZATION Thursday, March 7, 2013

Executive Director Marie Komisar and I had an exciting time today participating in the celebration of the signing of S4, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act. We joined representatives of many women's organizations, as well as Tribal and LGBT who were there to celebrate. There were so many groups interested, that the signing had to be moved from the usual White House location to the Interior Department auditorium, to accommodate everyone.

The celebration began with a moving testimony by a Tribal woman who explained that heretofore, no law enforcement agency had jurisdiction over abuse she suffered at the hands of her non-Indian husband on Indian lands where they lived. Vice President Biden, who crafted the original VAWA 20 years ago with Congressman Conyers, spoke of how with each reauthorization, provisions are added to strengthen the Act. He and President Obama hailed the provisions of S47 which enlarge the scope of the Act to include coverage of Native Americans and members of the LGBT community. Others on the stage included Congressman Conyers, Sen. Patrick Leahy, Chair of the Judiciary Committee, who championed the bill, Sen. Susan Collins, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and Minority Whip Steny Hoyer.

NAWJ has been a supporter of VAWA since it was first enacted. Our Executive Committee issued a Statement of Support in December 2012, for the Senate bill pending in the past Congress, and again March 1, 2013 in support of S47. We want to thank our members Dana Fabe, Arline Pacht, co-Chairs of the NAWJ Tribal Outreach subcommittee, Ellen Siwak and Michelle Christianson, co-Chairs of the NAWJ Domestic Violence Committee, and the New York Chapter headed by Justice Darcel Clark, President, as well as members Judges Katherine Hansen and Judges Marcy Clark, for their help with the Position Statement. A copy of the NAWJ Position Statement in favor of S.47 is reprinted below.

Joan V. Churchill

APPENDIX
IV.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND THE STATE COURTS COLLABORATIVE

Human Trafficking and the State Courts Collaborative Overview

Spring 2013

Establishing an appropriate state court role in addressing the numerous and complicated forms of modern human trafficking is one of the most difficult challenges likely to confront state courts and their justice partners in the coming decade. While human trafficking is widespread and growing across the nation, what state courts can do to adjudicate cases involving trafficking victims and traffickers remains elusive. As one response, early in 2013, the State Justice Institute provided funding to establish a Human Trafficking and the State Courts Collaborative initially composed of the Center for Public Policy Studies (CPPS), the Center for Court Innovation (CCI), and the National Judicial College (NJC). The work of the Collaborative will focus on four strategic priorities:

- increasing understanding and awareness about the challenges faced by state courts in dealing with cases involving trafficking victims and their families, and traffickers;
- developing and testing state and local approaches for assessing and addressing the affects on the state courts of adjudicating cases involving human trafficking victims and defendants;
- enhancing state and local court capacity to improve court services in cases involving human trafficking; and
- building effective national, state, and local partnerships for addressing human trafficking case processing in the state courts.

The Human Trafficking and the State Courts Collaborative has undertaken the following activities to address the challenges and four strategic priorities:

- identifying the major challenges and opportunities state courts need to address when dealing with trafficking victims and traffickers;
- establishing a web-based resource network and clearinghouse;
- preparing bench cards, best-practice guidelines, tool-kits, and other resources to help court practitioners and their justice partners address human trafficking cases;
- developing and testing replicable approaches to providing technical assistance in six diverse court jurisdictions for addressing the challenges courts face in cases involving human trafficking;