



CONGRATULATIONS JUDGE LYNDA JONES



Congratulations to Judge Lynda Jones. She is the new NAWJ District 6 Director. We wish you great success on your new endeavor!!!

Judge Lynda Jones was elected to the bench on August 7, 2014. She practiced law in middle Tennessee for 22 years prior to becoming a judge. She currently is a member of the Nashville Bar Association, General Sessions Judges Conference, American Bar Association, and the National Association of Women Judges. She is a former Chair of the General Sessions Court Committee for Nashville Bar Association and Fellow of the Nashville Bar Foundation. She was nominated and selected by her

peers to serve on the Executive Committee for the Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference.

Judge Jones has been heavily involved in the Nashville Community after serving on the boards of several organizations while also active in her church. She has also won several awards such as the 2015 Nashville Business Journal, Public Policy Award, 2014 Athena Nominee, 2014 NAWBO Woman of the Year Award, 2013 Athena Nominee, and the 2013 Mid-South Super Lawyer. Lynda is widowed and has one child. She serves as a Girl Scout troop volunteer and mentor to women in the community. Division IX operates the Small Business Court docket for small businesses which choose to contain court expenses and participate in pretrial scheduling conferences.



It is with heartfelt joy and sadness that this will be my last newsletter as District 6 Director. I am honored that President Elect Judge Bernadette D'Souza chose me to be the District 6 Director two (2) years ago.

I am truly grateful for all that we have been able to accomplish in District 6 over the past two (2) years, the amazing team, the awesome supporters and the countless lives that we saved and / or changed in a positive manner.

Some of the things that we have accomplished are as follows:

1. We awarded \$7,000 in scholarships to law students who attended law schools in Louisiana (Congratulations to the Scholarship Chairperson, Attorney Felicia Hamilton)
2. We raised over \$11,000 that was given to NAWJ from District 6.
3. We held two (2) regional conferences in Shreveport, wherein over 200 people attended, which included our Chief Justice Bernadette Joshua Johnson, retired Justice Jeanette Knoll, Justice Crichton, District Attorney James Stewart, attorneys, law students, high school and middle school students and judges from New Orleans, Shreveport, Monroe, and Chicago.
4. We collected over 40 boxes of donated books and over 30 boxes of toiletries, toothbrushes, toothpaste and flossers that were donated to the female inmates at the Louisiana Transitional Women Center, Tallulah, LA. Five (5) boxes of donated books were donated to the female inmates at Caddo Correctional Center, Shreveport, LA.
5. We held over five Color of Justice Programs.
6. A historical video was produced to showcase almost all the NAWJ member judges in Louisiana, who gave their testimony of why they joined the NAWJ and the impact it has had on each them professionally and personally.
7. We led the Women in Prison Initiative Program in Louisiana and partnered with Bossier Parish Community College, Southern University Law Center, Southern University of Shreveport, and the Louisiana Transitional Women Center to allow female inmates the opportunity to obtain a certificate that can be stackable to an Association's Degree or work towards getting a Cosmetology License.

Again, thank you all for the opportunity to serve you and for the wonderful experience!!! Judge Sheva M. Sims.