



Volume 1, Issue 4

February 2019

## DISTRICT 6 2019 CONFERENCE!!

**2019 District 6 Conference ~ “Visionary Women: Champions of Perseverance, Persistence and Progress.”** The conference will be held on March 20-22, 2019, in Shreveport, LA. Save the dates!

The conference will focus on educating the public along with legal professionals on a myriad of subjects including: Safety in the Courtrooms & Other Places, Women & Domestic Violence, Protective Orders, Human Trafficking, Everything You Need to Know about DWI, Women in Prison and What You Need to Know Before You Drive. The Color of Justice Panels will feature judges and lawyers who will share information about their roads into the legal profession and the bench. Confirmed speakers are: Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Scott J. Crichton, Chief Judge Felicia Toney Williams, Justice Jeannette Knoll, Judge Shonda D. Stone, Judge Regina Bartholomew, Judge Paula Brown, Judge Bernadette D’Souza, Judge Ramona Emanuel, Judge Arthur L. Hunter, Judge Brenza Irving-Jones, Judge Joy Lobrano, Judge Yvette Alexander, Judge Pamela Taylor Johnson, Judge Tammy D. Lee, Judge Charles Kelly, District Attorney James E Stewart, Assistant District Attorney Britney Green, Assistant District Attorney Wilbert Pryor, Attorney Patrick J. Harrington, Attorney Curtis Joseph, Attorney Ronald Miciotto, Sharon Boykin, Alliece Cole, Jasmine Cooper, Dr. Karen Pendleton and Syrita Steib-Martin. On Friday, March 22, 2019, outstanding women of the judiciary will be recognized during the Awards and Recognition Dinner at the Petroleum Club at 7:00 PM. Individual tickets are \$85 and table cost begins at \$1000. The keynote speaker will be Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson, Louisiana Supreme Court, New Orleans, LA. The seminar registration is \$170 for (1) days, \$235 for (2) days and \$260 for (3) days which includes the Awards and Recognition Dinner. Some of the events are free and open to the public excluding the Award and Recognition Dinner. Additionally, scholarships will also be awarded to women law students matriculating at Louisiana law schools.

The NAWJ has secured a block of rooms at the Hilton Hotel Convention Center, 104 Market Street, Shreveport, LA 71101. The rate is \$94. (Free Breakfast is included if you use the link.)

The reservation link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/VisionaryWomen2019> and the passcode is “AJW”

***Please booked the hotel through the link. The deadline for the \$94 rate is Wednesday, March 6, 2019.***

## WOMEN IN PRISON INITIATIVE



Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson has asked Judge Sheva M. Sims to lead the Women in Prison Initiative in District 6. The premise of the program is to partner judges, attorney’s and facility officials with the Louisiana Board of Cosmetology, Caddo Commission, Southern University Law Center, Bossier

Parish Community College, Delta State Community College and Southern University of Shreveport to offer incarcerated women training in Cosmetology, and becoming a Barber as well as other trades, fields of study and expungements.

Judge Sims has spoken with the Cosmetology Board of Louisiana on the implementation of a Cosmetology training program. Sheriff Steve Prator, Caddo Correctional Center, Shreveport, LA and Warden Phil Bickham, Louisiana Transitional Center for Women, Tallulah, LA both have agreed to participate and give their full support of the program.

Contact has made with Southern University Law Center, Southern University of Shreveport, Bossier Parish Community College and Delta Community College. Each university has agreed to support this initiative. This partnership will allow the women to work toward obtaining an Associate Degree while they are incarcerated.

Below you will find a list of programs of which the women have expressed an interest:

- |                             |                      |                 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Income Tax                  | Criminal Justice     | Dietary Manager |
| Graphic Arts                | Interior Design      | Paralegal       |
| Culinary Arts               | Mortician            | Radiology       |
| Social Worker               | Horticulture         | Construction    |
| Accounting                  | Welding              | HVAC            |
| Maintenance                 | Forensics            | Sonographer     |
| Caregiving                  | Job Placement        | Phlebotomy      |
| Performing Arts             | Child Care Education | Seminary        |
| Marketing/ Public Relations |                      |                 |

Also, we are currently asking for donations of paperback books. Please send any donations to NAWJ member, Attorney Felicia Hamilton at 3304 Lakeshore Drive, Shreveport, LA 71109.

If you or you know someone who would like to volunteer please contact Judge Sims at [sheva.sims@shreveportla.gov](mailto:sheva.sims@shreveportla.gov).

## WE WANT YOU

NAWJ membership drive will end in March. There is a reduced membership rate for students and individuals who join the NAWJ for the first time. It is important that we grow our organization. We are asking each member to assist in recruiting new members to join the NAWJ. Our goal is to double our membership in 2019. If everyone of our members brings in one members we can do it! Also, men can join as well. For convenience, potential members can join by clicking on the following link, <https://www.nawj.org/join>.