

## District 1 (ME, MA, NH, RI, PR)

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District One was well represented at IAWJ's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Washington, D.C. Massachusetts' own Judith Fabricant, Chief Justice of the Superior Court is front and center in the photograph taken at the event that appears on the cover of Counterbalance. Judge Mary Ann Driscoll, recalled to the Boston Municipal Court is in the lower right hand corner of page 7. Go District One!

More than a dozen women have been nominated to the Massachusetts bench in 2015-2016. We will have quite the celebration.

As reported in Counterbalance, District One celebrated the service of Justice Fernanade R.V. ("Nan") Duffly and wished her well on her retirement. The event was attended by NAWJ members from far and wide in the District and many of Nan's friends from her years practicing law.

On November 16, District One is hosting its signature event "Branching Out," the brainchild of Nan Duffly, the program is designed to encourage women and lawyers of color to consider careers in one of the three branches of government. Keynote speeches will be followed by panel discussions with successful women working in the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. Panelists will include state senators, state representatives, trial and appellate judges, and cabinet members. Panelists will be available for questions during the networking reception.