



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES DISTRICT 6 E-NEWS

ALABAMA, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, & TENNESSEE

Greetings to all and a warm welcome to our new members! I am honored to serve as your District 6 Director for this term. I hope you enjoy reading about our distinguished members' achievements and that you will join me for the upcoming International Association of Women Judges Conference in Washington, DC!

-Judge Bernadette D'Souza, District 6 Director



MEMBERS IN THE MEDIA: THE HONORABLE DESIREE CHARBONNET!

The Atlantic's Eve Troeh sat down with District 6 Member Judge Desiree Charbonnet to discuss her utilization of diversion as an effective and dignifying tool to better address both the needs of the public and those of repeat offenders.

Edmund D. Fountain / Narratively / Vera Institute of Justice

Congratulations to Judge Desiree Charbonnet for the impact she's making and the recognition she has received for it in the national media. Judge Charbonnet was [recently profiled](#) in *The Atlantic* for her development of court diversion tactics. Working with the ABA's Racial Justice Improvement Project and the Community Alternatives Program maintained by the City of New Orleans, Judge Charbonnet works tirelessly to ensure that the mentally ill defendants who appear before her have access to the treatment they need to help them stay out of jail. As Troeh notes in the article, getting defendants the mental healthcare they need saves the criminal

justice system so much that it could pay for itself.

Partnering with Women With a Vision, Judge Charbonnet started a diversion program for women charged in connection with sex work. Her program works by dignifying her defendants, giving them access to support networks, and even comes with a graduation ceremony at the end.

Congratulations to Judge Charbonnet, and thank you for all the work you do to make the justice system work for everyone, including women and other groups!



IAWJ

13TH BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

*"Women Judges and the Rule of Law:
Assessing the Past, Anticipating the Future"*
Hosted by the National Association of Women
Judges - USA



AT A GLANCE

- ✓ Date: May 26-29, 2016
- ✓ Location: Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- ✓ Accommodations: **The hotel is 75% full on peak nights: book soon!**
- ✓ Activities: City tours and D.C. Circuit tours on days leading up to the conference (May 24-26, 2016)
- ✓ Member rate: \$895
- ✓ Accompanying person Rate 1: \$500
- ✓ Accompanying person Rate 2: \$250

[Register today!](#)

PLENARY SESSION TOPICS

- ✓ Equality's Frontiers
- ✓ New Developments in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- ✓ Challenges for Women Judges in the Middle East and North Africa Region
- ✓ Moot Court
- ✓ Restorative Justice
- ✓ Courts in Crisis: How Courts have responded and can respond when the worst happens
- ✓ Women and Girls in Detention

Itinerary highlights:

Thursday, May 26, 2016:

- 9:00am-5:00pm: Registration
- 4:00pm-5:00pm: First Time Attendees Orientation
- 5:30pm-7:30pm: Welcoming reception

Friday, May 27, 2016:

- 8:15am-10:00am: Opening Ceremony
- 6:00pm-8:00pm: Reception at the National Museum of Women in the Arts, hosted by US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg**

Saturday, May 28, 2016:

- 6:30am-7:30am: Judicial Mindfulness (offered in English today, mañana en Español)
- 4:15pm-4:30pm: Break and Silent Auction
- 4:30pm-6:30pm: IAWJ Regional Meetings
- 6:30pm-7:00pm: Silent Auction

Sunday, May 29, 2016:

- 6:30am-7:30am: Concienda Judicial (sesión en Español)
- 8:15am-9:45am: IAWJ Business Meeting
- 11:30am-12:30pm: Closing Ceremony
- 6:30pm-9:30pm: Gala Dinner Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the IAWJ

Be sure to check out the [full schedule!](#)

For more information, please contact:
Conference chairs: Hon. Carolyn Temin at
cetemin@netzero.net, or Hon. Jane Craney
at judgeiane@hotmail.com



Angela White-Bazile, Executive Counsel to Chief Justice Bernette Joshua Johnson

Human Trafficking

“The Chief Justice initiated a Human Trafficking Committee to focus on the problem of trafficking of juveniles, particularly in the New Orleans area. The Committee has reviewed best practice materials; researched the need for and availability of services; brought together state, regional, and local trafficking experts to facilitate integrated work; and participated in the National Summit on Human Trafficking and the State Courts. The Supreme Court’s Human Trafficking initiative is coordinated by Angela White-Bazile, Executive Counsel to the Chief Justice.”

-Annual Report 2015, Supreme Court of Louisiana

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Greetings to all! I am honored to continue to serve as your District 6 chair. This is the second installment of the District 6 eNewsletter. In this edition, you will find a recap of the IAWJ conference which took place in May, registration and schedule information for this year's NAWJ Annual Conference coming up in October, and an announcement of an upcoming local event.



In May, the NAWJ joined the IAWJ for its 13th Biennial Conference in Washington, D.C. Members enjoyed a great weekend of workshops, seminars, and receptions, as well as remarks from a wonderful panel of judges:

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Supreme Court of the United States
Lady Brenda Hale, Supreme Court of the United Kingdom
Justice Elena I. Highton-Nolasco, Supreme Court of Argentina
Justice Teresita Leonardo de Castro, Supreme Court of the Philippines
Justice Irene Mambilima, Chief Justice of Zambia
Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Supreme Court of the United States

This year, the NAWJ is holding our Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington Wednesday, October 5- Sunday, October 9. The Conference will feature dozens of fantastic events including distinguished speakers, entertaining daily excursions, and, as always, an excellent opportunity to get to know judges from all districts. I hope to see you all there!

-Judge Bernadette D'Souza, District 6 Director



38TH ANNUAL NAWJ CONFERENCE
"FACES OF JUSTICE"
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DAILY EXCURSIONS

Registration for the following excursions is still open. The excursion sign-up deadline is **September 28, 2016 at 12:00PM PST**. Contact Sue Koptieff at skoptieff@co.kitsap.wa.us for more information, or to sign-up.

Wednesday, October 5

8:20AM – 3:00PM

Ferry to Suquamish Tribal Museum, Tribal Court and Beach Glass Café lunch at Tribal Casino- Travel by Washington State Ferry across Puget Sound to beautiful gift shop and exquisite museum reflecting tribal history and culture; Court and jurisdictional discussion with NAWJ member Chief Suquamish Judge Cindy Smith. Prepayment of \$35 required includes ferry, shuttle bus, & museum admission (lunch separate at Tribal Clearwater Casino overlooking Puget Sound, approx. \$15). <http://suquamishmuseum.org/> and <http://www.clearwatercasino.com/dining/beach-glass-cafe/>

1:00-3:00PM

Tour of Seattle Municipal Court- Art, architecture, probation and social services, and the latest technology and security design. Tour will include appetizers and refreshments. Prepayment of \$10 required.

Saturday, October 8

All tours on Saturday will depart and return during the afternoon free time (approximately 12:15-3:30PM), leaving enough time to get ready for the Gala.

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Visitors Center located in the Seattle Center. NAWJ has booked a tour for a small group. <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Visitor-Center>

Chihuly Garden and Glass. Visit the museum in the Seattle Center dedicated to the art and glass of Dale Chihuly. <http://www.chihulygardenandglass.com/>

Winery tour- Wind down with a few hours at some great Washington wineries near Seattle. Shuttle/bus and guides provided by Butler Tours. The cost is \$114 per person. Click [here](#) to sign up.

AT A GLANCE

- ✓ Date: October 5-9, 2016
- ✓ Location: The Sheraton Seattle Hotel, 1400 6th Ave. Seattle, WA
- ✓ First Time Member Attendee: \$525
- ✓ Member Attendee: \$595
- ✓ Non-Member Attendee: \$500
- ✓ Guest Rate: \$250
- ✓ Lodging: Rooms at the Sheraton have been reserved at a rate of \$229 per night. For reservations, call 888-627-7056 and state that you are with the NAWJ.

[Register today!](#)

DON'T FORGET YOUR FLIGHT!

- ✓ AlaskaAir is offering a 7% NAWJ discount on travel to, and return from, Seattle. The discount is valid for travel between Oct 2 and Oct 12, 2016.
- ✓ Travelers may book online at www.alaskaair.com and use the code: ECMX122

NAWJ ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 5, 2016:

11:30am-4:00pm: NAWJ 2015-2016 Board of Directors Meeting

4:00pm-5:30pm: First-Time Attendee/Mentor/Mentee Meeting

4:00pm-5:30pm: International Judges Meeting

6:00pm-8:00pm: WELCOME RECEPTION

For more information, contact Marie Komisar, NAWJ Executive Director, at 202-393-0222.

Thursday, October 6, 2016:

7:00am-8:00am: Pike Place Market Walk

7:00am-8:00am: Breakfast and NAWJ Committee Meetings

8:15am-9:00am: OPENING CEREMONY

9:00am-10:30am: PLENARY: Challenges of Aging: Proactive or Reactive Response

Concurrent sessions 10:45am-12:00pm:

-Justice for Vets panel: "This panel will explore issues women veterans have in their contacts with civilian courts and how the courts can better serve this population."

-Ethical Issues for Judges Dealing with Human Trafficking

12:00pm-1:45pm: KEYNOTE LUNCHEON: Professor Stephanie Coontz

Concurrent sessions 2:15-3:30pm:

-Water Knows No Borders: New Challenges in Balancing State, Federal, and Tribal Water Law Interests

-Community Supervision of Female Offenders

3:45pm-5:00pm: PLENARY: Gender and Race in Law and Movies

Friday, October 7, 2016:

7:15am-8:00am: NAWJ District Meetings

8:00am-9:15am: Breakfast and a Conversation with the Law School Deans

9:15am-10:45am: PLENARY: Sexual Assault on College Campuses

Concurrent sessions 11:00am-12:00pm:

-Many Faces of Trafficking- Labor Trafficking: Underground Economy Workshop

-Ensuring Access to Justice for Limited English Proficient and Deaf and Hard of Hearing

-Tribal State Court Consortiums

12:00pm-1:45pm: Friends Luncheon: Commissioner Karen K. Narasaki

2:15pm-3:30pm: PLENARY: Implicit Bias and Cultural Awareness

3:45pm-5:00pm: District Directors Meeting

6:00pm-8:00pm: Reception: Experience Music Project Museum

Saturday, October 8, 2016:

7:45am-8:45am: Breakfast and NAWJ Annual Meeting

9:00am-10:30am: Transgender People and the Courts: Ensuring Respect and Fairness

10:45am-12:00pm: PLENARY: Incarcerated Voices: The IF Project

AFTERNOON: Excursions

12:30-3:00pm: NAWJ 2016-2017 Board of Directors Meeting

5:30pm-6:30pm: Reception

6:30pm-10:00pm: Gala Banquet Awards Ceremony

Sunday, October 9, 2016:

8:00am-9:00am: Farewell Breakfast

9:00am-10:30am: Pike Place Market Walk

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENT: LOUISIANA WOMEN JUDGES

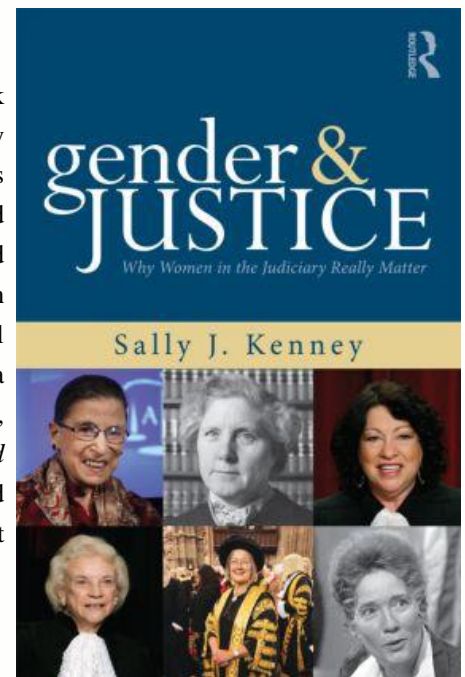
Please join me on the evening of **Monday, October 24, 2016** for an event with Newcomb College's Sally J. Kenney, [Why Courts Matter](#), and Tulane University Law School. Via Newcomb College's website:

"A native of Iowa, Sally J. Kenney earned her a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Iowa, a B.A. and M.A. in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics from Magdalen College, Oxford, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Politics from Princeton University. From 1989-1995, she held a joint appointment in Political Science, Women's Studies, and Law at the University of Iowa. She served on the faculty at the University of Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs from 1995-2009 where she also directed the Center on Women and Public Policy. She joined Tulane University in 2010 as the first Newcomb College Endowed Chair, the executive director of the Newcomb College Institute, and a Professor of Political Science. She is currently studying women state supreme court justice and advocating for more women on the bench. Her next research project is to work with women in prison, tackling the gender issues arising from mass incarceration, seeking clemency for battered women, and developing service learning courses with incarcerated women."

We will be discussing Sally J. Kenney's work on gender in the judiciary. I will send out an email with more details closer to the event.

"GENDER AND JUSTICE: WHY WOMEN IN THE JUDICIARY REALLY MATTER"

If you are interested in purchasing Sally Kenney's book on gender in the judiciary prior to the event, you may do so [here](#). The book is "[i]ntended for use in courses on law and society, as well as courses in women's and gender studies, women and politics, and women and the law[.] [T]his book explores different questions in different North American and European geographical jurisdictions and courts, demonstrating the value of a gender analysis of courts, judges, law, institutions, organizations, and, ultimately, politics. *Gender and Justice* argues empirically for both more women and more feminists on the bench, while demonstrating that achieving these two aims are independent projects."



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At the NAWJ Conference in Seattle, a Breakfast will be held for members at a District meeting on

Thursday, October 6th from 7:00 – 8:00 am in the Metropolitan Ball Room on the 3rd floor. Please make an effort to attend and participate. The meeting will give you an opportunity to meet with Judges from District 6.

As your District Director, I encourage everyone at the Conference to sign up to serve on the NAWJ Committees. You will find the experience truly rewarding.

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If you have not done so already, please make sure your NAWJ membership is up to date. If you are a first-time member (or if your NAWJ membership expired more than six months ago) click [here](#). You will need to create a login. Existing members (if your NAWJ membership expired in the last six months) click [here](#).

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