



NAWJ District 13 Report
District Director – Hon. Karen Donohue
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NAWJ Alaska’s New Member Outreach



With the organization of Judge Pamela Washington (NAWJ Alaska State Chair), Justice Dana Fabe hosted a member recruitment reception at her lovely new home on February 17, 2017. Several newly appointed judges, NAWJ members and potential members attended. The Alaska judges also extended a warm welcome to NAWJ District 13 Director.

Former Washington Governor Christine Gregoire Joins NAWJ for Women’s History Month Celebration

On March 22, Washington NAWJ members joined forces with the local chapter of Washington Women Lawyers to host an event in honor of Women’s History Month. Governor Christine Gregoire was the speaker. Governor Gregorie was the 22nd Governor of the State of Washington - only the second woman to serve in that role. She remains the only woman to serve as Attorney General for the State.

NAWJ Visits Heritage University to Inspire Future Leaders

NAWJ member Judge Rebecca Pennell of the Washington Court of Appeals will host an event on April 12, 2017 at Heritage University, an historically disadvantaged university. Seventy percent of the students at Heritage are women, yet all, or most, of the student organizations are led by men. A panel of state and federal judges and attorneys will speak to women students in an effort to increase leadership aspirations in women, civic engagement and careers in the law and judiciary.

NAWJ Participates in Black Women Rise Conference

Washington State NAWJ member Judge Helen Whitener will serve as part of a panel discussion at the [Black Women Rise National Conference](http://blackwomenrise.net/) taking place March 17-18, 2017 in West Palm Beach, Florida. She joins an impressive panel of speakers, led by an American icon, Dr. Angela Davis. As part of that conference, Judge Whitener will be doing an individual presentation titled “Color of Justice: Coding an Imperfect Criminal Justice Paradigm” and will participate in a panel discussion on “Black Women in Law Enforcement, Corrections and the Bench.” Here is a link to the conference <http://blackwomenrise.net/>

Upcoming Outreach Plans

Washington members are in the planning stages for a fall MentorJet event, a law student reception and our annual Washington Success Inside and Out event.