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Welcome to 2020



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And Bring Friends!

NAWJ 2020 Mid-Year Meeting

March 11th – 13th

New Orleans

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01/22/2020

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NAWJ 42nd Annual Conference

October 12th -16th

Nashville

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District 14 News

National Association of Women Judges

Welcome to the Bench: Governor Gavin Newsom's appointees to the San Diego County Superior Court.

On October 25, 2019, Governor Newsom appointed 11 Superior Court judges. Find the full press release ([here](#)). We are especially thrilled with Governor Newsom's appointees to the San Diego County Superior Court. **All three are devout members of the National Association of Women Judges.**



Olga Álvarez



Terrie E. Roberts



Judy S. Bae

Olga Álvarez, 50, of San Diego, has been appointed to a judgeship in the San Diego County Superior Court. Álvarez has been a shareholder and

THANK YOU**THANK YOU**

Thank you District 14 Members for
Paying Your \$50.00 Dues

The Honorable

Susan Formaker
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"NAWJ District 14"

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1001 Connecticut Avenue NW,
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Washington, DC 20036

*And if I missed your name
because I don't have it, I beg
your apologies in advance.*

attorney at Heisner Álvarez since 2013 and is a certified specialist in estate planning, trust, and probate law. She served as an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego School of Law from 2016 to 2018 and was of counsel at Sullivan Hill Rez & Engel from 2010 to 2013. Álvarez was an associate at Ahtel Law Firm from 2006 to 2010 and at Atkins & Davidson, APC from 2005 to 2006. She was an associate at Larrabee Albi Coker LLP from 2003 to 2004 and at the Law Offices of Jan Joseph Bejar from 2002 to 2003. Álvarez earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Diego School of Law and a Master of Public Affairs degree from the University of Texas at Austin, LBJ School of Public Affairs. She was president of the Lawyers Club of San Diego from 2017 to 2018. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Leo Valentine. Álvarez is a Democrat.

Judy S. Bae, 45, of San Diego, has been appointed to a judgeship in the San Diego County Superior Court. Bae has been an associate at Miller, Monson, Peshel, Polacek & Hoshaw since 2005. She was an associate at Horton, Oberrecht, Kirkpatrick & Martha from 2002 to 2005. Bae earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Charles R. Gill. Bae is a Democrat.

Terrie E. Roberts, 54, of Chula Vista, has been appointed to a judgeship in the San Diego County Superior Court. Roberts has served as a commissioner at the San Diego County Superior Court since 2008. She served as a deputy district attorney at the San Diego County District Attorney's Office from 2001 to 2008 and was a sole practitioner from 1996 to 2001. Roberts was an associate at the Law Offices of Beatrice W. Kemp from 1995 to 1996 and served as a deputy public defender at the San Diego Public Defender's Office from 1992 to 1995. Roberts earned a Juris Doctor degree from the Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Gerald C. Jessop. Roberts is a Democrat.

**"If your dream only includes you,
it's too small." | Ava Duvernay**

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Hello & Thank You From Your New District 14 Director

I was born on a dairy farm in upstate New York and grew up in Columbia, Missouri. In 1996, I graduated from the University of Missouri – Columbia with a Bachelor of Science in Education. I taught tenth grade English and then helped start an independent school, teaching speech, debate, and acting. Dan and I moved to California for me to attend the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles. From there I went on to graduate from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2005 and clerk for the Honorable Ronald S.W. Lew, United States District Court Judge for the Central District of California.

I joined the Los Angeles office of Howrey LLP and in 2010 founded McGuire Coats LLP, dedicating my practice to appellate litigation. With a mix of civil, criminal, juvenile, *amicus*, and *pro bono* cases, I became a certified specialist in Appellate Law by the California Board of Legal Specialization. In 2015, she joined Fisher & Phillips LLP, leading the firm's California Appellate Practice.

I just completed my first (learning curve not arching yet) year as a Superior Court Judge in Contra Costa County with a criminal misdemeanor jury trial assignment (jury trial #47 deliberating as I write).

Then-NAWJ President Hon. Diana Becton introduced me to NAWJ in 2017, when she was serving on our Contra Costa County bench. I had the enormous privilege of presenting on the #MeToo Movement panel at NAWJ's 2018 Annual Conference. My JNE interview took place just a few days before I flew to San Antonio for the conference. I cannot fully thank the many of you, who supported and encouraged me during and after the conference and then celebrated me with cards, calls, and texts when the December 7, 2018 press release changed everything.



2018

ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

#METOO
PANEL

Bay Area Members

Women In Prison Project

If you're interested in working on a Women In Prison project, please **email** me so I can connect you with other interested NAWJ members as a project develops in 2020.

Facebook/Instagram D14

Question:

Would a **private** D14 facebook and/or Instagram platform be of interest or valuable for disseminating information and reminders regarding events and enabling D14 member connectivity?

From Wendy:

I am happy to set this up and act as the administrator for the next two years.

Please **email** me and let me know, if you're interested.

Color of Justice

Are you interested in doing a **Color of Justice** Program but not sure what it entails or thoughts on organizing?

If yes, please **email** me! I would love to connect with some NAWJ members who are doing some wonderful work with this program.

MentorJet: Speed Networking in LA

The Gould School of Law and National Association of Women Judges are excited to host Mentor Jet: Speed Networking at the University of Southern California.

SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday, February 5, 2019

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

USC Hotel Ballroom (second floor)

Light food and drinks will be available.

For more information & to RSVP: [click here](#)

Success at CSUB's Pre-Law Speed Mentoring Event

At their 4th Annual CSUB Pre-Law Speed Mentoring event, over 80 students from California State University, Bakersfield and the local community college, Bakersfield College, gathered along with 50 attorneys and judicial officers. Several students obtained internships.



Plans are in the works for a 5th Annual Speed Mentoring event in late Spring/early Summer 2020.

**“Be first and be
lonely.”**

Ginni Rometty

Virginia Marie Rometty is an American business executive.

She is the current chair, president, and CEO of IBM, and the first woman to head the company.

**Thanks to the
women who
came before
and to NAWJ,
how lucky are
we?**

**My goal for 2020
is to bring two new
judges to our
Mid-Year Meeting
&
Annual Conference!**

2019 Annual Conference



(From Left to Right) Donna Melby, Judge Tamila Ipema, Judge Elizabeth White, Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, Judge Bernadette D’Souza, Presiding Justice Lee Smalley Edmon, 2DCA Div. 3

Be sure to visit NAWJ’s facebook page to find a link to over 95 photo memories from our 2019 Annual Conference.
