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January, 2021, District One Update
Honorable Mary Dacey White

Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico and Rhode Island

We are off to a great start!!!! Hon. Angel Kelley, Massachusetts Superior Court returned as member this January, and new member, Justice Vickie Henry, Massachusetts Appeals Court. NAWJ has sent out letters of invite to 2 new Justices of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, Judge Melissa A. Long and Judge Erin Lynch Prata. I have also forwarded information on NAWJ to Justice Marguerite Grant of the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

On 1/25/2021, Judge Mary Lou Muirhead held a District 1 Law School Outreach committee zoom meeting. It was well attended, here is her follow up email:

We met today to check in and see how the outreach is proceeding, and I am excited to tell you that we have all contacted a law school and are well on our way to scheduling an event! In fact, Gloria Tan and Catherine Ham have a program scheduled for February 2 at Northeastern, Kathie Tuttmann and Helen Brown Bryant have a program at UMass on March 18 and Debra Squires Lee and Julie Bernard have a program scheduled for April 7, 2021 at BC. The programs will include discussion about the road to the judiciary, job opportunities, and jobs for lawyers in the government and a question and answer discussion. Other schools have expressed an interest in similar programming -- all of course via ZOOM. Gloria and Catherine will make their program available for the committee to view (and maybe even chime in). It might be good for all of us to consider doing the same, where possible

On 2/2/2021, I attended the program that Judge Cat Ham and Judge Gloria Tan put on at Northeastern University. It was in conjunction with the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and the Women's Law Caucus at Northeastern. It was well attended, approximately 25 students both male and female. I as well as Judge Muirhead attended the function. I will be forwarding to the organizers the link to NAWJ membership for the faculty as well as the students. We may be able to get some faculty and students as members from these programs.

Last night Gloria Tan and Catherine Ham, with the assistance of the women's law caucus, hosted a forum at Northeastern Law School! It was wonderful! There were about 25 participants and Cat and Gloria answered prepared questions for a while and then the attendees could ask their own questions. Mary White introduced NAWJ and I was able to be there for about an hour. The students and the two judges appeared to be having a lot of fun.

Congratulations and thank you for a job well done. I know this will be the first of many programs all over the state and hope this is not our last visit to Northeastern.

Judge Mary Lou Muirhead; 2/3/2021

Judge Stacey Fortes is planning on a Zoom Color of Justice Program for the spring. I will keep all undated on this.

Ret. Judge Joan Feeney and I are planning an outreach program at Suffolk on the History of Women in the Law. Tentatively, planned for the second half of March. I will have more information in my next update.

I am presenting as part of the ABA, Judicial Outreach Month on March 8, 2021 at Brookline High School.

Jury trials are back on hold here in Massachusetts as well as Evictions. Vaccines are being administered but very slow. Not sure when I will get mine. Probably not for at least another week or two.

That is all for now. Be Safe!

Respectfully Submitted,

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