



October 1, 2024
Annual Report from District 1
Honorable Amy Lyn Blake

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

District One had been busy! Our membership has continued to grow in Massachusetts. We plan to focus on growing our membership outside of Massachusetts in the coming year.

Several District One members have become lifetime members of NAWJ including: **Judges Amy Blake, Nan Duffly, Stacey Fortes, Martha Grace, Vickie Henry, Arose Nielsen, Mary Dacey White, and Valerie Yarashus.**

COLOR OF JUSTICE

We continue to present an NAWJ signature program: The Color of Justice. We hope to expand this program to other parts of the district.

Chief Justice **Stacey Fortes** hosted another successful Color of Justice Program at the Lowell Justice Center. Participants included District One members: Judges **Catherine Ham and Joanna Rodriguez.**



MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

District One was represented by Chief Justice **Amy Nechtem** and Justice and **Amy Blake** at the mid-year conference in Austin. We took back NAWJ initiatives and programming to our membership, with a focus on Judicial Security.



INNOVATION GRANT

District One members are always innovating to improve the litigants and lawyers we serve. This includes being thoughtful about the courthouses in which we sit. One example of innovation includes Judge **Gloria Tan** who received a Trial Court Innovation Grant. Judge Tan used the funds to install artwork created by the Department of Youth Services and court-involved youth as well as students from the Community Charter School of Cambridge. She also used the funds to set up a trauma-informed, family-friendly area in the courthouse where young children can sit, read, play games, color, and the like.



LAVENDER LAW CONFERENCE

District One members continue to be active on the National level!

Justice Vickie Henry attended the Lavender Law Conference sponsored by the LGBTQ+ Bar in Washington D.C.



Respectfully Submitted,
Hon. Amy Lyn Blake
District One Director