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Annual Report from District 1
Honorable Amy Lyn Blake

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

District One has been busy with small group get togethers, educational outreach, conferences and recruiting efforts. Here are the highlights:

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

Judges **Vickie Henry**, **Marylou Muirhead**, and **Amy Blake** represented District One at the mid-year conference in Annapolis.



Regional Dinners

In order to reconnect and reintroduce us after the pandemic, District One held multiple regional dinners. Judge **Lee Peterson** hosted a dinner for Norfolk & Plymouth County judges. Judges **Lynn Rooney, Kerry Ahearn, Gloria Tan** and **Joanna Rodriguez** hosted a dinner for Middlesex County judges. Judges **Vickie Henry** and **Pam Dashiell** hosted a Suffolk County dinner. Judge **Ariane Vuono** hosted a Worcester County/Western MA dinner.



IAWJ CONFERENCE: MOROCCO

Many District One members attended the IAWJ conference in Morocco and poignantly described the shared experiences of women judges throughout the world as palpable and inspiring. The IAWJ 2025 conference will be held in Cape Town, South Africa. District One members are already getting their passports ready and talking about a pre-conference Safari.



Photo includes Justice Gerri Hines (ret.) and Judges Valerie Yarashus, Helen Brown-Bryant and Janine Rivers



Chief Justice and Past NAWJ President Amy Nechtem with Nigerian Judges

LAW DAY

The Norfolk County Juvenile Court hosted a wonderful Law Day celebration coordinated by **Judge Linda Sable**. Sixty high school students from the community of Randolph attended, along with the Randolph marching band and chorus who performed several fabulous numbers. Our Attorney General Andrea Campbell gave an incredibly inspirational speech. District One members Appeals Court Judge **Amy Blake** and Juvenile Court Judge **Michaela Stewart** joined in the festivities.



MENTORING

Many District One members have been involved in mentoring programs at area law schools including Harvard Law School, Suffolk University Law School and New England Law | Boston.

MEMBERSHIP

In the last year, District One has added **twenty four** new members, and we continue to grow!

Respectfully Submitted,
Hon. Amy Lyn Blake
District One Director