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Report from District One
Honorable Amy Lyn Blake

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

RECOGNITION

Judge Susan Carbon was presented with the Philip S. Hollman award by the New Hampshire Bar Association for her efforts to advance gender equality in New Hampshire. Judge Carbon has been a champion for gender equality in the state, a staunch advocate for increasing the number of women in leadership, and a mentor for numerous women in the legal profession.

In her remarks to the attendees, Judge Carbon spoke of the importance of diversity and making sure that all women, not just white women like herself, are recognized and have support and opportunities to advance in their careers, and that the Bar is inclusive of all women. She stated, “it’s important that we in the legal profession make sure that everyone feels included and that we represent the people we serve.”



Judge Carbon (right)

PROGRAMS

Judge Vickie Henry was a panelist on a *NAWJ Webinar-Legislative Update: Status of LGBTQ Rights Due to Recent State Laws Across the U.S.; Welcoming LGBTQ+ People in Our Courthouses*. The written materials are available here: <https://www.nawj.org/uploads/files/events/webinars/2023programmaterials-june30webinar.pdf>. Judge Henry emphasized the touchstone of respect, inside and outside the courtroom, and the use of gender-neutral language respects the dignity of a person, until they have had the chance to disclose more about their gender identity, pronouns, or personal life. Judge Henry noted that a number of courts have adopted or proposed court rules inviting parties or attorneys to share their pronouns or addressing pronouns in jury instructions: Alaska's [Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions](#) and [Civil Pattern Jury Instructions](#), Massachusetts' [Supreme Judicial Court Rule 1:08](#), Michigan's [Proposed Rule 1.09](#), Utah's [Notice of Pronoun Forms](#), and Washington's [Rule on Personal Pronouns](#).

NEWS

Judge Debra Squires-Lee has been appointed co-chair of the Boston Bar Journal, a peer reviewed publication of the Boston Bar Association.

Judge Rachel Hershfang participated in the Supreme Judicial Court's Law Day Celebration with over thirty Boston public school students.

Respectfully submitted:

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