



June 28, 2023  
Report from District One  
Honorable Amy Lyn Blake

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

### PROGRAMS

**Judges Vickie Henry and Arose Nielsen** served on the planning committee for the *NAWJ Webinar on Microaggressions*, moderated by retired MA Supreme Judicial Court **Justice Gerri Hines**.

**Judge Vickie Henry** is 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*.

### PODCAST

Judge **Amy Lyn Blake** was featured on **The Portia Project™ Podcast** which seeks to inspire the next generation of women lawyers and law students by sharing the stories of high achieving women in the law – their paths to the bench, the bar, and beyond. Listen here:

<https://www.portiaprojectpodcast.com/episodes/episode-130-amy-lyn-blake>

## REGIONAL DINNERS

Our regional dinners continue to be a success. **Judge Ariane Vuono** hosted the Western Mass/Worcester judges at her beautiful home on June 1, 2023.



**Dinner at Judge Vuono's Home**

On June 14, 2023, the Middlesex County judges gathered for a fun dinner at Café Escadrille in Burlington, MA!



**Dinner at Café Escadrille**

## IAWJ CONFERENCE: MOROCCO

Many District One members attended the IAWJ conference in Morocco. Many 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.

Here are some photos from this remarkable conference!



**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**

Respectfully submitted:

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