

March 10, 2022 Amended Mid Year Report from District 1 Honorable Mary Dacey White (ret.)

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

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, not much has gone on in District One since the Annual meeting. However, there is a great deal of events scheduled for the late winter early spring with our District One NAWJ members.

- Our members Hon. Cathy Campbell was elevated to the Superior Court for Massachusetts, Hon. Angel Kelley was appointed to the USDC-Massachusetts by President Biden, Hon. Catherine Ham was elevated to the Superior Court for Massachusetts and Chief Justice Paula Carey retired in January 2022.
- Color of Justice Program: Was scheduled for February 16, 2022, at the Lowell District Court. Unfortunately, it has been postponed until a date in April or May due to the Omicron Variant. The program is being presented by Hon. Stacey Fortes and NAWJ;
- 3. Women's History Month is off to a great start at the Chelsea District Court. First Justice Matthew Machera and Chief Probation Officer Carmen Gomez are holding the second annual virtual celebration to honor, recognize, and hear from women who have influenced society by *Providing Healing and Promoting Hope*. The honorees include Hon. Dalila Argaez Wendlandt, Associate Justice, Hon. Julie Bernard, District Court Judge and Hon. Angel Kelley, USDC Massachusetts. Hon. Amy Nechtem is one of the event speakers as well. Judges Bernard, Kelley and Nechtem are NAWJ members. The event is being held at 11AM virtually on March 1, 2022.
- 4. Hon. Joan Feeney (ret.), Hon. Amy Nechtem, Hon. Helen Brown Bryant and Hon. Mary Dacey White (ret.), all NAWJ members are doing a Law School Outreach program with the assistance of Hon. Mary Lou Muirhead on March 8, 2022 at Suffolk Law School at 5:30 PM both in person and virtually. The topic will be Women in the Law.
- 5. Hon. Paula Carey, Hon. Judith Frabricant and Hon. Amy Nechtem all members of NAWJ are part of a panel sponsored by the Massachusetts Trial Court in March 18,

2022. The topic will be *Women on the Bench, Being Prepared to Navigate Gender Related Experiences*

- 6. District One currently has 67 members both current and retired judges and 9 law students as of February 7, 2022.
- 7. A reception honoring new, elevated and retired judges for District One will be sponsored by NAWJ in late May or June 2022. Planning is underway.

Respectfully Submitted, Hon. Mary Dacey White (ret.) District One Director