



October 27, 2023
Report from District One
Honorable Amy Lyn Blake

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

ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SAN DIEGO OCTOBER 2024

District One was represented by the following members at the Annual Conference in Indianapolis: **Amy Nechtem, Nan Duffly, Ariane Vuono, Diana Horan, Vickie Henry, Lee Peterson, Arose Nielsen, and Amy Blake**. The conference was a huge success from the speakers to the educational programming to the NAWJ sisterhood. Educational topics included AI, Judicial Independence, and a SCOTUS update. A highlight of the conference was the chance to meet and talk with judges from around the world.

Pictured, wearing our **Boston 2025** tiaras:
Amy Nechtem, Amy Blake, Nan Duffly, Lee Peterson, Ariane Vuono, Vickie Henry, Diana Horan, Arose Nielsen



And at our District Meeting



FUTURE CONFERENCES

As we all know, Boston 2025 is right around the corner. **SAVE THE DATE: October 23-25th** at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

The 2025 Mid-Year Conference will be held at the University of Michigan Law School in Ann Arbor, MI on March 20-22, 2025.

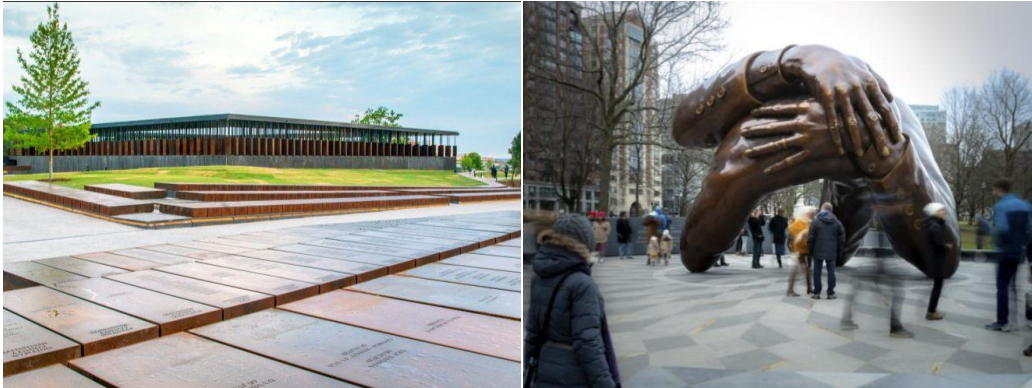
The 2026 Annual Conference will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

DISTRICT NEWS

Governor Maura Healy nominated Juvenile Court **Judge Gloria Tan** as an Associate Justice of the Appeals Court.

The Massachusetts Governor's Council confirmed the nomination of **Justice Amy Blake** as Chief Justice of the Appeals Court. Chief Justice Blake is the first woman to lead the Massachusetts Appeals Court.

Judge Angel Kelley moderated "Memorials that Embrace Truth," a fascinating discussion of architecture and landscapes that represent, honor, and celebrate experiences, histories, and cultures of under-represented people.



(The National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama and The Embrace in Boston, Massachusetts)

Judge Valerie Yarashus served on an MCLE panel entitled "Superior Court Judicial Colloquy 2024."

Judges Carol Shaw and Kerry Ahearn will serve as a panelist on MCLE's 25th Annual Juvenile Delinquency & Child Welfare Conference.

Judge Lee Petersen will serve as a panelist on MCLE's Trying Divorce Cases

To our sisters in District One--please reach out and let us know about new women judges in your states!

Respectfully submitted:

Hon. Amy Lyn Blake
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