

## April 7, 2022 Report from District One Honorable Mary Dacey White (ret.)

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

**1.** Hon Joan N. Feeney (ret.) was the coach for the Suffolk Law School Moot Court Team at the Hon. Conrad Duberstein Moot Court Team in NYC the weekend of February 25, 2022.



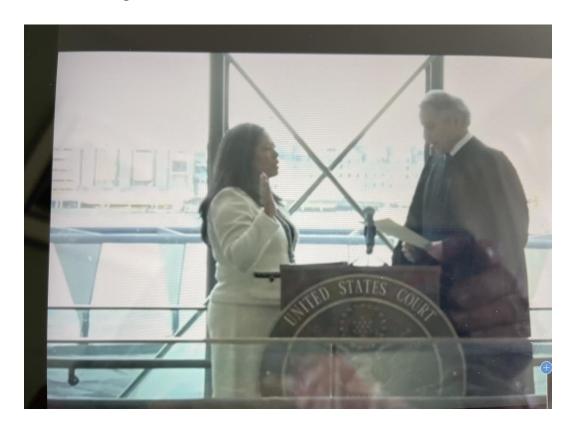
Hon. Joan N. Feeney (ret.) is 3rd from the right with her moot court team.

- 2. 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.
- **3. Hon. Joan Feeney** (ret.), **Hon. Amy Nechtem**, **Hon. Helen Brown Bryant** and **Hon. Mary Dacey White** (ret.), all NAWJ members are did 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 was **Women in the Law**.



From left to right: moderator: 3L and President of the Suffolk Women's Bar Association Sofia Martinez Guasch, Atty. Safa Osmani of Hogan Lovells, Hon. Mary Dacey White (ret.), Hon. Joan N. Feeney (ret.), Hon. Helen Brown Bryant and Chief Justice Amy Nechtem.

- **4. Hon. Paula Carey**, **Hon. Judith Frabricant** and **Hon. Amy Nechtem** all members of **NAWJ** were part of a panel sponsored by the Massachusetts Trial Court in March 18, 2022. The topic was *Women on the Bench, Being Prepared to Navigate Gender Related Experiences*
- **5. Hon. Angel Kelley** was officially sworn in as a U S District Court Judge for the District of Massachusetts on April 4, 2022. She had several NAWJ members present both in person as well as virtually. **Hon. Tony Leoney (ret.)** was the moderator of the festivities and did a fabulous job. We send her our congratulations and best wishes to her. Judge Kelley had a great career as a Massachusetts District and Superior Court Judge. She will be a fantastic Federal Court Judge!





Hon. Angel Kelley being sworn in by Judge Saylor at the Moakley courthouse in Boston, MA and her giving her speech, which was AWSOME!!!!!

- 6. April 13, 2022, Judges Amy Blake, Marguerite Grant, Catherine Ham and MaryLou Muirhead are presenting with New England Law and NAWJ Law School Outreach program. More information will be forthcoming.
- **7. Judge Stacey Fortes' Color of Justice** program which was scheduled for this past February, is being rescheduled due to MCAS for Massachusetts are scheduled for the May dates. The program will most likely be in the fall of 2022.
- 8. **District One** is planning an in person reception for either June 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> at the Union Oyster House honoring those newly appointed judges, those recently retired and those who have been elevated to higher courts.

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