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Report from District One
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Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico and Rhode Island
**Spread the Word about Judicial Outreach
Month!**



NAWJ Members and Public Outreach Committee Co-Chairs Land Court **Judge [Diane Rubin](#)** and Superior Court **Judge [Catherine Ham](#)** have led the charge for judicial outreach in our communities in March every year. It is never too early to start thinking about where you will volunteer this year.

Since 2017, Massachusetts judges have participated each March in outreach activities as part of the American Bar Association's National Judicial Outreach Week. In 2019, the Trial Court expanded the program into a month-long initiative, creating more opportunities for engagement with schools, libraries, senior centers, and community groups.

Judicial Outreach Month (JOM) aims to strengthen public understanding of the court system across the Commonwealth. Throughout the month, judges and other judicial volunteers meet with community groups of all ages to discuss how courts work, highlight the role of an impartial and independent judiciary, build relationships with local communities, and answer questions.

Want to request an outreach visit this March for Judicial Outreach Month?

For any questions, please reach out to judicial.speakers@jud.state.ma.us.

JOM focuses on civic education and community engagement with schools, libraries, and community organizations. Past visits include middle and high school classes, Boys & Girls Clubs, cultural associations, councils on aging, and other community-based groups.

NAWJ Members Educate other Judges and Members of the Bar about the New Child Support Guidelines in Massachusetts

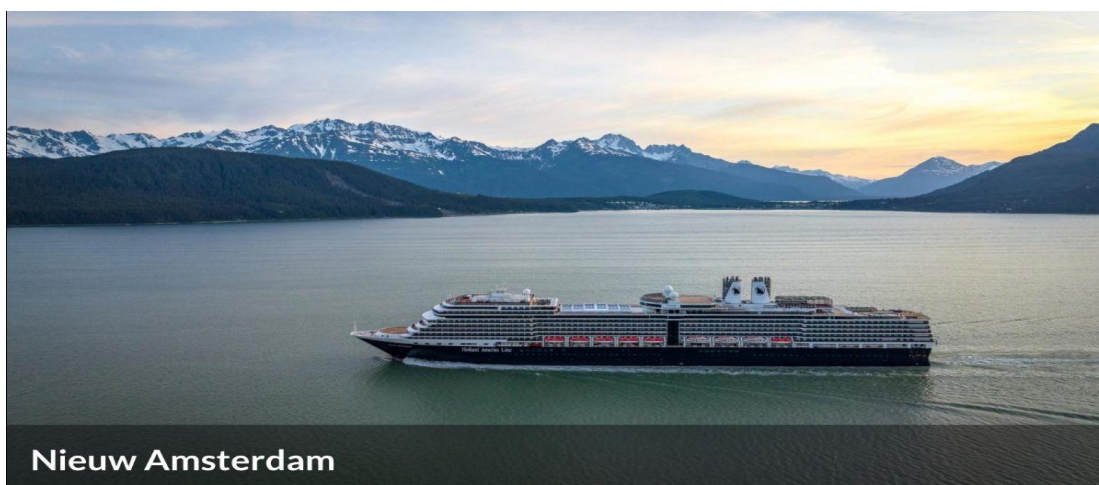
The revised Child Support Guidelines went into effect on December 1, 2025. On January 8, 2026, NAWJ Members Hon. Katherine A. Field, (ret.) and First Justice Claudine Stoudemire, both from Probate & Family Court presented as guidelines committee members at a program that was Co-Sponsored by the Greater Newburyport Bar Association and the Massachusetts Family and Probate Inn of Court as to what changed in the guidelines and why. This well attended program was critical for all who utilize and rely upon child support guidelines in Massachusetts. Topics included an explanation of the guideline review process, how to apply to alimony and the interplay with *Cavanagh*, what are the new maximum and minimum orders, how to factor in parenting time, how to analyze post-secondary educational expenses and other child-related expenses, what has changed regarding child-care and insurance, how to handle existing support and what to do with deviations and deviation.

Congratulations for NAWJ Member promotions

Judge C.T. Stoudemire (F.K.A. Wyner) who was appointed the First Justice of the Hampden Division of the Probate & Family Court in Springfield, Massachusetts.

SAVE THE DATE

NAWJ 2026 Midyear Meeting



NAWJ's Exclusive Alaska Cruise

Set sail with NAWJ on May 17, 2026 aboard Holland America's [Nieuw Amsterdam](#) for an unforgettable conference at sea!

To participate in our exclusive group benefits—including two cocktail parties and priority dinner seating together—**all bookings must be made through Lorraine Travel.** Once you register through NAWJ you will be given the contact information for Lorraine Travel. Don't miss this opportunity—reserve your spot today before this deal sails away!

Click [HERE](#) to receive the information for cabin selections and pricing for the cruise.

Alaska Cruise Schedule

May 16, 2026 – Welcome reception and gathering before the cruise.

May 17-24, 2026 - Alaska Cruise on Holland America from Vancouver, BC to Anchorage, AK, with port stops and CLE sessions on at-sea days.

NAWJ Annual Conference



OCT 15, 2026 - ALL DAY - OCT 17, 2026

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**JOIN NAWJ DISTRICT ONE FOR THE LAWYERS HAVE HEART 5K
In Honor of the Honorable Maureen Mulligan, Superior Court
December 10, 1961 – December 25, 2023**

We are so excited to offer an incredible opportunity / program for our membership!! The entire District running / walking to raise money for the American Heart Association and in honor of our friend and colleague Hon. Maureen Mulligan who died on Christmas two years ago. Judge Cathi Campbell – District Court and now Superior Court – an accomplished marathoner and coach, will train us.

All the information you need is contained in the message sent by Judge Squires-Lee on December 10, 2025. Please take a look! Think about joining us the first week in June 2026!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Judge Frances Butcher Dallmeyer from Massachusetts District Court, Judge Rebecca Michaels from the Massachusetts District Court and Judge Gillian Feiner from the Massachusetts Superior Court!

District One has been busy! Our membership has continued to grow. We are focusing on growing our membership outside of Massachusetts in the coming year.

We are always seeking new members and encouraging lifetime memberships, if you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a member or if you are already a member and would like to become a lifetime member, please forward the link or join here: [Join NAWJ](#)

Respectfully submitted:

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