



August Monthly Report
District 11
Honorable Maria Salas Mendoza

Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

District 11 currently has 96 members.

PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES:

On June 24, 2022, NAWJ District 11 in collaboration with the El Paso Women's Bar Association and Texas Latinx Judges held its first Faces of Justice Program in El Paso. Forty-five college students attended the program which featured members Judge Diane Navarrete and Judge Maria Salas Mendoza on the judges panel joined by U.S. Magistrate Judge Miguel Torres and Family District Judge Jesus M. Rodriguez. The attorney speakers were Jessica Mendez, Priscilla Mata, A'kiesha Soliman and Christina Ford, moderated by Professor Lisa Soto. Other members participated in breakout sessions and on the planning committee including Judge Anna Perez, Judge Linda Chew and Judge Selena Solis, joined by Cori Harbour-Valdez, Judge-Elect Melissa Baeza, Professor Lisa Soto, Judge Becky Bustamante, and Priscilla Mata.





Judge Juli Mathew, Judge Lashawn William), Justice Julie Countiss, Judge Ronique Robinson, Justice Sarah Landau and Lesley Briones have planned the second Color of Justice program to be held in Houston at Arnold & Itkin LLP - 6009 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77007 on October 1, 2022. Students from all three local law schools are invited to attend. The planning committee hopes to award six \$1000 scholarships for law students.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Judge Veronica Vasquez, Probate Court No. 2 (Bexar) was honored by the San Antonio Business Journal with its 2022 Women's Leadership Award in June 2022.

Judge Aurora Martinez, 126th District Court (Austin) was profiled by The Inprint News, *One Texas Judge Wants Children and Families Better Served by a State Too Often Leaving Them Behind*, on July 6, 2022.

Former Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman was appointed to the American Arbitration Association's Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators in July 2022.

Justice Amparo Yanez Guerra, 1st Court of Appeals (Houston) served as Course Director for the Texas Bar CLE Advanced Civil Trial Course in Houston, which was held on July 6-8, 2022.

Judge Audrey Moorehead, County Criminal Court #3 (Dallas) spoke at the UT Law CLE *There Is No Bias in Bankruptcy, Said Nobody Ever*, on July 9, 2022.

Judge Yolanda Huff, County Court No. 12 (San Antonio) and Judge Rosie Speedlin Gonzalez, County Court No. 13 (San Antonio) spoke about their Specialty Courts at the July 12, 2022, NAMI General Meeting.

The Collin County Bar Association Lawyer Moms Section held its Kids Law Day on July 13, 2022, and were hosted by Judge Cyndi McCrann Wheless, 417th District Court (Collin) and Judge Andrea Bouressa, 471st District Court (Collin) and their staff.

Judge Rosie Speedlin Gonzalez, County Court No. 13 (San Antonio) presided over the third graduation ceremony for participants in the REFLEJO Court on July 13, 2022. The treatment court is the first of its kind offering 1st time offenders of family violence who also have substance use issues an opportunity to receive trauma-informed, wraparound services as well as intensive outpatient drug treatment.

Judge Audrey Moorehead, County Criminal Court #3 (Dallas), spoke at the State Bar of Texas's Local Bar Leadership Conference on July 12th, 2022.

Judge Emily Miskel, 470th District Court (Collin), spoke at the Texas Bar CLE Advanced Criminal Law seminar on *Electronic Evidence, AI, and DeepFakes*, on July 21, 2022, in Dallas, Texas.

U.S. District Judge Marina Marmolejo (Southern District), Chief Justice Dori Contreras, 13th Court of Appeals, Chief Justice Rebeca Martinez, 4th Court of Appeals and Judge Toni Arteaga, 57th Civil District Court (Bexar) spoke on the Judicial Panel at the inaugural Network Summit held at St. Mary's School of Law on August 6, 2022.

Judge Audrie Lawton, Civil Court #1 (Houston), Judge Catherine Torres Stahl, 175th District Court (San Antonio), Judge David Sanchez, 444th District Court (Brownsville), Judge Angela King, Civil Court #6 (Dallas) and Judge Linda Chew, 327th District Court (El Paso) will present a roundtable for Texas Latinx Judges on August 16, 2022; the program is titled, *Do As I Learned Not As I Did*.

Chief Justice Dori Contrera, 13th Court of Appeals, Chief Justice Rebeca C. Martinez, 4th Court of Appeals, U.S. District Judge Marina Garcia Marmolejo and Judge Antonia (Toni) Arteaga, 57th Civil District Court (San Antonio), will be speakers at the St. Mary's School of Law LAWTINA Summit on August 6, 2022.

Justice Leticia Hinojosa, 13th Court of Appeals, is being recognized by the Hispanic Women's Network of Texas as a 2022 Trailblazer at its State Conference to be held in San Antonio, Texas, from Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2022

Judge Linda Chew, 327th District Court (El Paso) is receiving the State Bar of Texas Judicial Section's Lifetime Achievement Award in September 2022 at the Texas Center for the Judiciary's Annual Meeting.