



October 19, 2022
Annual Report from District 12
Honorable Colleen Clark

Arizona Colorado New Mexico Utah Wyoming

District 12 is back together again!

Colorado Supreme Court Justice Melissa Hart hosted a women Judges dinner in April. Approximately 50 or so judge from across the great state of Colorado got together to swap stories and break bread together. At the event introductions were made to Afghan Judge Nadera Akbari and her family. The women judges pooled together their money to provide funds to help pay for Judge Akbari's English lessons.

The annual NAWJ women judges meeting took place on Sunday September 11, 2022 in the afternoon. The date and time worked great and the turn out was fantastic. It was the first day of the annual State Judicial Conference in Vail Colorado and it was wonderful to have everyone in person. It was the first time the group had gathered since 2019 and the change in the participants was noticeable. So many more women. So many women from different ages, different ethnicities, different backgrounds. It was wonderful. At one point a mother of twins passed one baby to a colleague. It was beautiful. Our topics were encouraging other women to apply to the bench, improving leave for all judges, improving retention resources and sharing with our new members the wonderful programs that NAWJ offers. Updates from the midyear meeting and details about the upcoming annual conference were given by Judge Colleen Clark. The meeting was intentionally short so that friends could catch up and mingle and reconnect again.



NAWJ gatherings are being scheduled the first two weeks of November around the state, N, S, E & W as the members requested more local gatherings as Denver is so far for so many. During the next calendar year we are looking forward to welcoming more new members to NAWJ and hopefully a group may attend the IAWJ conference in May. It is wonderful to be together again.

