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Midyear Report
District 13 Report
Honorable Bride Seifert

Alaska:

On April 7, 2026, Homer High School Students held a mock trial as an early Law Day celebration. Students did an excellent job in their roles as clerk, parties, witnesses and attorneys in a wrongful death trial. Parents and community members enjoyed serving as jurors. All involved learned about our legal system and the importance of the Rule of Law.



On April 11, 2026, Alaska NAWJ members presented Success Inside and Out at Hiland Mountain Correctional Center. Judges partnered with service providers to assist women for a positive re-entry into the community after incarceration. Eighty-one participants enjoyed learning tips for positive relationships, job searches, and safe housing. Everyone really enjoyed the newest addition – a choreographed flash mob dance to celebrate each other's success.



On May 1, 2026, local Homer attorneys celebrated Law Day by joining Kimberly “Elle” Elliott as she took her Alaska Attorney’s Oath, making her the newest member of the Alaska Bar. District 13’s Director, Bride Seifert, administered the oath and renewed her Oath of Office.



Washington:

November 2025 – Washington State NAWJ members helped sponsor a Meet the Judges event on November 20th. Prior to the pandemic, NAWJ and the Washington State Gender and Justice Commission partnered each fall with Washington State Law Schools for a networking event between judges and approximately 45 law students. The event on November 20th is the first held since 2019.

Dec 2025 - King County Superior Court also hosted a Color of Justice event on December 5th. Co-chairs of the event were NAWJ members Judge Monica Cary and Judge Hillary Madsen. 130 students and chaperones from four middle schools in Kent, WA participated in sessions on mock jury selection and appellate arguments on whether TikTok should be banned. A pizza lunch was served, and a discussion of career paths featuring KCSC staff and volunteer attorneys from the community.



We share our heartfelt gratitude for the NAWJ members, community members, teachers, parents, attorneys, and administrators who bring these programs to life.