

District 14 News, NAWJ

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Submitted by the Honorable Pennie K. McLaughlin, District Director

New Member Update:

Welcome to our newest member in District 14, Judge Euketa Oliver, San Diego Superior Court.



Judge Oliver was appointed to the bench in the summer of 2021. Judge Oliver worked as a Deputy Public Defender for fifteen years prior to her appointment. She is currently sitting in the Family Court Division in the downtown San Diego courthouse.

District 14 Members continue to serve on panels:



Judge Marcella O. McLaughlin

This month, we feature the recent community work of Judge Marcella McLaughlin, San Diego Superior Court. Judge McLaughlin has served on many panels over the past few years, and most recently participated in the following two:

1. San Diego Lawyers Club's Professional Advancement Committees
In-Person Dine around with Judge Marcella O. McLaughlin
Facilitated group discussion focused on developing resilience and navigating stereotypes while pursuing leadership roles as a diverse woman.
2. San Diego County Bar Association Leadership Academy:
Topic: Leadership Recruitment and Diversity: Developing your Leadership "Brand" and Being an Ally , SDCBA Conference Center



Attorney and NAWJ Member Tristan Higgins

San Diego Attorney Higgins presented a program on gender inclusive language and inclusivity in the legal community for attorneys and judicial officers in April. Tristan E.H. Higgins (she/her/hers) is a highly trained and internationally recognized speaker, consultant and coach on diversity, equity, and inclusion. She founded Metaclusive LLC to help organizations shift their focus away from diversity or inclusion to belonging.

DISTRICT 14 MEET THE MEMBER FOR MAY
2022, JUDGE DOROTHY CHOU PROUDFOOT:



- Name and title:

Dorothy Chou Proudfoot, Administrative Law Judge, San Francisco Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board (or “San Francisco Rent Board” for short).

- Why is the NAWJ important to you?

I agree wholeheartedly with the mission statement and believe that working within NAWJ can be the best way to pool our resources and energy to move ever closer to accomplishing these goals. NAWJ has also brought me professional connections and personal friendships that I treasure.

- Please list three noteworthy people (living or dead) you'd want to have dinner with and why.

Not necessarily all at the same dinner, but:

RBG: for all the obvious reasons!

Michelle Yeoh: because she's a badass in every way who defies all stereotypes, only picks projects that align with her priorities, and does her own stunts.

Dolly Parton: because she is a musical genius and savvy businesswoman who creates jobs and funds philanthropic causes that make a real difference (e.g., college tuition, fees, and books for Dollywood employees; scholarships and financial incentives for high school students to boost graduation rates; free books for children from birth to age 5; and helping to fund the Moderna COVID vaccine).

- What is one item on your bucket list?

I don't really have a bucket list – but one of my travel goals is to visit China with my entire family.

- Your favorite quote?

My favorite quote changes frequently, but it is currently one from Supreme Court Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, during her confirmation process, “You can't always expect to be the smartest person in the room, but you can promise to be the hardest working.”

- Favorite place on earth?

Hawaii.

- Favorite place in your own community?

My backyard deck, on a sunny day, with a glass of wine, a plate of cheese, and good friends.

- Cherished advice that you have received from a loved-one, mentor or colleague?

When your first, instinctive reaction to something someone says is, “That's the stupidest thing I've ever heard,” stop and ask questions, because you might be missing something.

- If you could magically change one thing about the world, what would it be?

While it would be nice to eliminate all hatred and bigotry from the world, I think that would create other unanticipated consequences, so I would settle for a virtual button that pops up in times of stress that prompts, “Are you sure you really want to do that?” before people make important decisions that affect other people.

- Any book recommendation, fiction or non-fiction?

I am currently re-reading the 8-book *Bridgerton* series by Julia Quinn – they're better than the Netflix series!

Parting shot:

District 14 members Judge Joan Weber, Judge Cindy Davis and Commissioner Pennie McLaughlin recently met to hike the Torrey Pines beach and trails on a beautiful April weekend afternoon. Photo taken by McLaughlin, from left to right, Judge Joan Weber and Judge Cindy Davis.

