



October 2025
Report from District 14

California and Nevada

Welcome!

Your District 14 Team:

District 14 Co-Chair [Hon. Victoria Kolakowski](#)

District 14 Co-Chair [Hon. Renée N.G. Stackhouse](#)

California State Chair [Uche Enenwali, Esq.](#)

Nevada State Chair [Hon. Kendra Bertschy](#)

We welcome our newest NAWJ members:

Hon. Bonnie Dumanis (San Diego, CA)

Hon. Jihan Maloney (San Diego, CA)

Mary Brown, Esq. (Las Vegas, NV)

Worried your membership has lapsed? [Email us](#) to find out!

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the California Judiciary [appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom](#) on September 18, 2025:

Hon. Meera T. Parikh (Alameda)

Hon. Sally Ackerknecht (Kern)

Hon. Susel Carrillo-Orellana (Orange)

Hon. Amy K. Nett (Riverside)

Hon. Sylwia Luttrell (Riverside)

Hon. Elizabeth Ulsh (San Bernardino)

Hon. Ai Mori (San Francisco)

Hon. Mandy Tovar (Santa Cruz)

Get involved at your comfort level

- Join an NAWJ Committee! Committees include:

- Administrative Judiciary
- Ensuring Racial Equity in the Justice System
- Fairness and Access
- Human Trafficking
- LGBTQ
- Military and Veterans

A full list of the NAWJ Committees is listed [here](#) and Committee meetings are listed [here](#). You are welcome to join and participate at your comfort level. Joining a Committee is a great way to forge connections across the country and learn from each other.

- Enjoy the Counterbalance Magazine. You can access the latest issue, Preserving the Rule of Law, Summer 2025, [here](#). Please feel free to forward Counterbalance to friends and colleagues, membership is not required to view it.

- Create programs in your area!

Do you want to get more involved in NAWJ but don't have an active group...yet? We can work with you to give you the help you need to start one of these programs in your area. Just reach out!

Programs include: [Color of Justice](#), [MentorJet](#), [Women in Prison](#), and the [Women's Resource Fair](#).

Upcoming Events



NEXT WEEK! The NAWJ 2025 Annual Conference, October 23-25, 2025

D-14 California State Chair Uche Enenwali, Esq. will be attending the Annual Conference. Make sure to connect and say hello!



Would you like to connect with us? Your D-14 team will be hosting a Zoom Annual Meeting on November 10, 2025, at 5 PM for any D-14 members who would like to learn more about NAWJ or just connect with like-minded sisters-in-law. [RSVP here](#) to receive the Zoom link.



SAVE THE DATE for the NAWJ 2026 Midyear Meeting! The 2026 Midyear meeting will take place on an Alaska Cruise, Vancouver to Whittier/Anchorage May 17-24, 2026, on the Holland America Signature Class ship, Nieuw Amsterdam. This will be the 15th anniversary of our first NAWJ Alaska cruise in 2011. [Click here](#) for additional details on the cruise.

Past Events

San Diego NAWJ hosted its 6th Annual Resource Fair for the women of Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility and launched a new program at the Men's Jail.*

"If you need tires, we will get you tires. You will get to work; we got you." These inspiring words were drifting in the warm breeze at the men's facility close to the Mexican border at the recent First NAWJ Resource Fair for men this past June. The inaugural kick-off for this long-imagined event was a great success. The men were given a choice on whether to attend and they came in droves, stopping from table to table. The jail captain played upbeat music in the center and added to the relaxed atmosphere that gave these men a moment to imagine the possibilities of what comes next. Through this new initiative, led by Judge Pennie McLaughlin, the NAWJ made its mark once again in providing opportunities for incarcerated individuals to learn about the services they may need upon release. Judge Dan Segura accompanied Judge McLaughlin onsite to interact with the men and the personnel from the many nonprofit groups and agencies in attendance.



Judge Pennie McLaughlin, left, and Judge Dan Segura, third from left and behind, with the supportive men's reentry facility staff, and Reentry Services Division Program Coordinator Bridget Wright (2nd from right) and the Reentry Services Division Manager Patricia Ceballos (far right).



The women's jail was the site of the 6th Annual NAWJ Resource Fair. Many formerly incarcerated women were seated behind the colorful tables adorned with the agency or organization's logo, brochures relishing in the opportunity to encourage the women to make a change and take a chance. The interactions were sometimes poetic, as overheard by Judges Pennie McLaughlin, Saba Sheibani, Lilys McCoy and Victor Torres. All were on hand to let the soon-to-be-released women, and the agencies know that they mattered, and that the NAWJ was proud to stand behind them. This NAWJ project has made a big difference in helping individuals return to their communities with a real plan on a different path forward. Representatives from Job Placement agencies, higher education, legal aid, health care, childcare and many more all take part in this annual event.



Judge Victor Torres, Coordinator Wright, Judge Pennie McLaughlin, Judge Lilys McCoy, Judge Saba Sheibani and Re-entry Supervisor Tania Lopez



*Thank you to Judge McLaughlin for providing the excellent write-up and photos!

Webinars

NAWJ has a robust library of recorded webinars available [here](#). You will need to log in to be able to watch them. *Note: The webinars are listed in chronological order, with more recent webinars towards the bottom of the page.*

This month we are highlighting the Microaggression series:

[Microaggressions in Court](#) (Aired June 21, 2023) | NAWJ's Ensuring Racial Equity in the Justice System and Fairness and Access Committees brought our members this informative webinar designed to help judges identify and respond to microaggressions from the bench. Our judiciary is often tasked with responding to difficult situations in the courtroom. Our distinguished panelists will discuss identification and long-term impacts of microaggression. The panel will also discuss best practices for judicial officers facing these scenarios in a hypothetical courtroom setting. Featuring: **Dr. Bridgette Baldwin** | Professor of Law, Western New England University School of Law; **Hon. Veronica Galván** | Judge, Washington State Superior Court, King County; **Hon. Steven González** | Chief Justice, Washington Supreme Court; **Hon. Geraldine Hines** | Justice (Retired), Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

[Microaggressions 2: When the Judge Commits the Microaggression](#) (Aired May 8, 2024) | This is an informational webinar designed to give practical tips and strategies when dealing with a judge who commits a microaggression. Our judiciary is often tasked with responding to difficult situations in the courtroom. What if the judge is the one committing the microaggression? Our distinguished panelists will give practical tips and strategies for managing a judge who is a microaggressor. By the end of the webinar, participants will learn how to respond when the judge commits the microaggression. Featuring: **Hon. Jenifer Ashford** | District Magistrate Judge, 10th Judicial District, Kansas; **Hon. Josie Garton** | Superior Court Judge, Third Judicial

District, Alaska; **Hon. Lisa Hardwick** | Appellate Judge, Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District; **Hon. Jeffrey Locke** | Chief Justice (Ret.), Massachusetts Trial Courts; **Hon. Donovan J. Foughty** | Presiding Judge, Northeast Judicial District of North Dakota

Recognitions & Congratulations

Hon. Terrie Roberts



Judge Roberts received the Bernard S. Jefferson Award at the CJA Annual Conference Annual Membership Luncheon held on September 12, 2025. Judge Roberts was recognized for her Excellence in Judicial Education. Judge Roberts has taught New Judge Orientation (NJO) since 2015, Qualifying Ethics since 2017, has served as a seminar leader at the B.E. Witkin College and co-taught the mandatory Domestic Violence course at the Judicial College. She launched courses including “An In-depth Look at Bias” and “Inspired by Elkins: Sharing Best Practices for Increasing Access to Justice and Supporting Judicial Officers in Family Court.” In San Diego, she has served on the Education

Committee from 2013 to 2019 and has co-taught the mandatory pro tem course, Bench Conduct & Demeanor, since 2009. Judge Roberts currently serves as the Assistant Supervising, Family Law Division, in San Diego County.

Hon. Tilisha Martin



Judge Martin will be awarded the California Women Lawyers Joan Dempsey Klein Distinguished Jurist Award on November 8, 2025. Named after a founding member and President of both California Women Lawyers and the NAWJ, judicial officers selected as recipients of this award embody the namesake’s characteristics of excellence as a jurist and longstanding vigorous service and are an inspiration to women lawyers in California. Judge Martin currently serves as the Assistant Supervising, Juvenile Division, in San Diego County.