



April 6, 2022
Report from District 14
Honorable Pennie K. McLaughlin

California and Nevada

1. Upcoming Events:

1. Los Angeles NAWJ members will be doing another Mentor Jet program at UCLA Law School on April 12, 2022.
2. Madame President White will be hosting a summer gathering for Southern California NAWJ members in June, 2022.
3. San Diego NAWJ members are organizing a virtual Success Inside and Out with the women's jail to take place this summer.
4. NAWJ is joining efforts with the San Diego Lawyers Club to present an interview with Judge Ladoris Cordell, Ret. Judge Cordell was the first African American judge to serve in all of Northern CA at the time of her appointment. District Director Pennie McLaughlin will interview her at a luncheon on May 24, 2022.

2. New/Expired Members:

District 14 has added several new members over the past few months, and mostly all were from Southern California. Recently, I spoke to a few N CA members to promote our organization upon the many newly appointed judges and with some who have lapsed memberships.

3. Members in the Spotlight:

Each month, our District 14 members are highlighted in the newsletter with stories of their accolades, and participation in the community at NAWJ events, or legal community panels. For recent updates, please see our newsletter notes. Though it may be repetitive to what was already mentioned for the April edition, the California Supreme Court now has its first Latina woman as a Justice, our own NAWJ member, Patricia Guerrero. We are all very proud to have such an accomplished, bright, empathetic and intelligent member added to the California Supreme Court.

Two other items worth noting: Former NAWJ President, Judge Tamila Ipema, will say good-bye to the San Diego Superior Court with her retirement on June 30, 2022. It will be a sad day for our bench to see such a phenomenal member depart. Judge Ipema is going out with great fanfare, as she has been showered

with well-deserved honors, awards and accolades over the past several months. Photos and information are contained in the District 14 newsletter updates.

NAWJ member and active Chair and member of several committees, Nadia Keilani was appointed as a Judge of the San Diego Superior Court by Governor Newsom in mid-March. In fact, Judge Keilani received the news with a phone call from the Governor's Office while in attendance at the NAWJ midyear conference in Washington D.C. Joining Judge Keilani on the bench at the same time was former Deputy District Attorney and NAWJ member Sherry Thompson-Taylor.