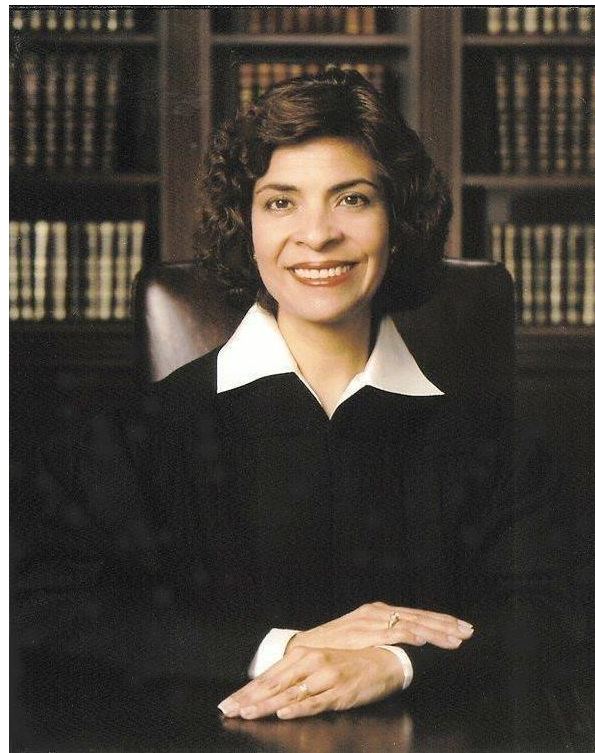


## **AWARDS AND HONORS:**

### **Judge Emily E Vasquez, Ret.**



Sacramento Superior Court Judge Emily E. Vasquez, Ret.

Recently, the Sacramento Superior Court, California, bid farewell to an incredible woman who graced the bench for over twenty years. Recently, Judge Emily E. Vasquez, a lifetime member of the NAWJ, received three back-to-back awards. These honors truly reflect her dedication to the judiciary, the legal profession and the community and serve as evidence of her never-ending commitment to improving the legal system and access to justice. Throughout her career, she has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards for her professional excellence and community service. Notably, she was honored by the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA) with the “Judge of the Year Award” (2022) for her “integrity, fairness and professionalism during her tenure on the Sacramento County Bench.” The Cruz Reynoso Bar Association honored her with its first “Defensora de Justicia Award” (2022) due to a “life-long dedication to increasing access to justice, leadership as a judge and an

attorney, and service to the community. She is the recipient of the inaugural “Judge Emily E. Vasquez Community Service Award” (2022) established in her name by the Schwartz/Levi Inn of Court and the UC Davis School of Law in recognition of her incredible accomplishments to SLIC, the community the judiciary and the legal profession. Just a few years ago, Judge Vasquez was selected as the “2019 Judge of the Year Award” from the Sacramento County Bar Association for her stellar legal abilities, calm judicial demeanor, and commitment to the fair and equitable administration of the courts, and the “Joe Serna, Jr., Lifetime of Community Service Award.”



2022 ABOTA Judge of the Year Award



Defensora de Justicia Award, May 2022

We wish Judge Vasquez many adventures to come, and as you can see from the photos, she is no stranger to challenging bucket list destinations. Congratulations Judge Vasquez, well done!



Judge Vasquez with her family, hiking Machu Picchu

**San Diego NAWJ Member, Attorney Tristan Higgins**



Congratulations to NAWJ member Tristan Higgins who was recently honored with two awards in the San Diego legal community. Attorney Higgins has been a leader for many years in the area of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Ms. Higgins received the Tom Homann LGBTQ+ Law Association Community Service Award and the Wiley Manuel Pro Bono Award. Both awards reflect Attorney Higgins tireless efforts in the San Diego legal community and beyond to create a more inclusive legal arena and environment.

## **San Diego Superior Court Judge Terrie Roberts**



Judge Terrie E. Roberts was recently honored with an appointment to the Judicial Council of California's Family Law Curriculum Committee by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye. Judge Roberts is a leader on her bench in San Diego and has been a steadfast contributor to educational programming for her colleagues in the family law courts. This honor further evidences her continuous contributions to strengthening the

San Diego Superior Court bench and now, the entire California judiciary in the area of family law. Congratulations Judge Roberts, your efforts are an inspiration to all of us!

## **San Diego Superior Court Judge Randa Trapp, Ret.**



Congratulations to Judge Trapp, NAWJ member and former Board Member, who has been appointed to the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Women in the Profession.

The mission of the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession is to secure full and equal participation of women in the ABA, the profession, and the justice system. The commission was created in August 1987 to assess the status of women in the legal profession, identify barriers to advancement and recommend to the ABA actions to address the problems identified.

Judge Trapp, who formerly served as Treasurer of NAWJ, joined JAMS in 2021 after serving 18 years on the San Diego Superior Court. At JAMS, Judge Trapp serves as an arbitrator, mediator, and special master/referee, handling employment, business and commercial, professional liability, mass torts, family law, construction defect, real property, and personal injury matters.

For those of you fortunate enough to have tuned in to the recent NAWJ webinar spearheaded by NAWJ members, Judge Nadia Keilani and Attorney Renee Stackhouse, Judge Randa Trapp shared many inspirational stories and words of wisdom. Judge Trapp gave an honest assessment on how to go about the task of achieving your goals, recounting her own endeavors with refreshing honesty, humor, and sincerity. It is no small accomplishment to serve on national boards while simultaneously presiding over the extensive civil bench of the San Diego Superior Court. Judge Trapp did just this, but more importantly, she did it with grace and confidence and was a role model to so many women judges behind her. She has always been the person to reach back and pull you up and alongside of her. This is just her way, and when Judge Trapp smiles, she spreads that amazing feeling that anything is possible.



## **NAWJ Member and CA DOJ Attorney Jodi Clesattle**



NAWJ attorney member Jodi Clesattle recently was elected President-Elect of California Women Lawyers. She will take office in January 2023. Clesattle, who is currently First Vice President of CWL and has served on its Board of Governors since 2017, is a Supervising Deputy Attorney General in the California Department of Justice, working in the Employment and Administrative Mandate Section in San Diego. Before joining the Attorney General's Office in 2007, Clesattle was a partner at a national law firm. She is active in NAWJ's LGBT Committee and volunteers for NAWJ District 14 programs such as the Success Inside and Out program for incarcerated women. She is also Vice President of the Tom Homann LGBTQ+ Law Association, serves on the board of the San Diego County Bar Association, and is an active member and past board member of Lawyers Club of San Diego, which is dedicated to the advancement of the status of women in the



law and society. Congratulations on your latest achievement Jodi, you make a big difference with your dedication to the legal community.