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Report from District 2
Hon. Yadhira Gonzalez-Taylor – District Director

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Greetings from District 2! We are glad to bring you some news from our region and hope this newsletter finds you well and in good health!



We were happy to welcome President Pamela Washington and Immediate Past President Michelle Rick to New York City on International Women Judges Day at the NYC Bar where a conference was held on the Status of Women. We are proud of both Judge Washington and Judge Rick receiving recognitions from the City Bar for their contributions in the advancement of women and the bench. Pictured here from left to right are, Hon. Yadhira Gonzalez-Taylor (District 2 Director), Hon. Cynthia Isales, Hon. Pamela Washington (NAWJ President), Hon. Kathy King (Past District 2 Director), Hon. Michelle Rick (Immediate Past President NAWJ), and Hon. Fiordaliza Rodriguez.



District 2 members were overjoyed in attending the IAWJ networking reception at the Rockefeller Foundation where we heard from its current president, Hon. Mina Sougrati. The networking event attracted a diverse group of women judges from throughout the world, including several NAWJ Members and the current District 2 Director. The event highlighted the growing leadership of women in the judiciary and the role they play in strengthening access to justice. The event took place during the global observance of the International Day of Women Judges.



We were happy to participate in Council Member Althea Gibson's Women's Empowerment event, *Black Girl Magic*, where the Hon. Darcel Clark (District Attorney of Bronx County and past president of the NY Chapter of NAWJ) recognized Gabriella Rodriguez, a youth member of her youth advisory group. Pictured here are Gabriella's parents, along with (L-R), Hon. Darcel Clark, Gabriella Rodriguez, Hon. Yadhira Gonzalez-Taylor (District 2 Director), and Hon. Cynthia Isaacs.



Congratulations are in order to our immediate past District 2 Director, Hon. Bianka Perez who received a Citation of Merit from Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson in celebration of Dominican Heritage Month and in recognition of Judge Perez's contributions to the Bar and Bench. Picture here from left to right are Hon. Wanda Negron, Hon. Diomarys Escaño-Bell, Hon. Patsy Gouldborne, Hon. Cynthia Isales, Hon. Bianka Perez, Hon. Fiordaliza Rodriguez, Hon. Mary Lynn Nicolas-Brewster, Hon. Yadhira Gonzalez-Taylor, and Hon. Jessica Bourbon.



This past week, NAWJ member Hon. Cynthia Isales hosted our sister Judges from Tanzania in the Bronx Hall of Justice. The Judges were able to observe proceedings taking place in Bronx Supreme Court, Criminal Term. Pictured here from left to right: Hon. Yadhira Gonzalez-Taylor, Hon. Judge Aisha Bade, Hon. Leah Mukono, Hon. Judge Aisha Sinda, Hon. Roda Ngimilanga, Hon. Edith Mwalukasa, Hon. Ashiruna Msangi, Hon. Dr. Patricia Kisinda, Hon. Sara Hafidh, Hon. Chausiku Kuya, Hon. Sundi Fimbo, and Hon. Cynthia Isales.



We were pleased to collaborate with the NY Chapter of the New York State Women's Bar in co-sponsoring and participating in a Mentor Jet session at Cardozo School of Law in New York City. Judges Hon. Mary Davis, Hon. Ray Fernandez, Hon. Sophia Hershman, Hon. Yadhira Gonzalez-Taylor, Hon. Crystal Villaseñor, Court Attorney Referee Jessica Brenes, and Hon. Cynthia Isales spent an afternoon speaking with 1L to 3L students about paths to the bench and shared wisdom and encouragement to all attendees.