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Honorable Leslie Stroth

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District 2 continues to be an extremely active district, primarily due to the membership and programming of the NAWJ-New York Chapter, led by its President, Honorable Shirley Troutman, who was overwhelmingly confirmed by the New York State Senate as Associate Justice of the New York State Court of Appeals earlier this year, following her nomination by New York's first woman governor Kathy Hochul.

District 2 has over 155 members, and its membership is growing. The highlights of District 2 news from the past six months appear in the attached New York Chapter's September 2022 Newsletter, "Sisters-In-Law." (Hon. Marcia Hirsch, Editor)

Please see [District 2 News](#) on the NAWJ website for previous New York Chapter newsletters and 2021-2022 monthly updates.

In addition to the many activities and achievements of New York Chapter members outlined in the attached Newsletter, District 2 is proud to announce the recent publication of the District 2 [Color of Justice \(COJ\) Resource Guide](#) (2022), produced by former District 2 Director, Justice Kathy J. King. Thank you, Justice King!

This Resource Guide was borne out of District Two's collaboration with Monroe College to create a Color of Justice virtual speaker series, which included virtual presentations on the LSAT, the law school admissions process, navigating law school, the bar, and pursuing a career after law school. Judge King acknowledges Dean Guylaine Harrison, NAWJ member Professor Yadihara Gonzalez-Taylor, other individuals listed in the Guide for their assistance, editing, and artwork.

Continued programming in District two includes a robust internship program, mentor jet programs across the state, various relevant webinars and educational presentations, and planning for the 2023 Color of Justice Program. District Two recognizes the hard work of its members & congratulates our judges for their many promotions and awards.

District 2 remains committed to supporting our LGBTQ+ sisters by standing by the NAWJ resolution passed on October 9, 2021, which prohibits NAWJ from holding its conferences in states that discriminate against members of the LGBTQ+ community. We believe that everyone is entitled to equal rights and protections under the law.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HON. SHIRLEY TROUTMAN

My dear Sisters-In-Law I hope that each of you took the opportunity to allow yourselves time to enjoy a much-needed dose of self-care during the summer months.

On Saturday September 17, 2022, our sister the Hon. Sheila Abdus-Salam's memory was celebrated during a street naming ceremony, wherein the area of West 131st between Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard and Malcolm X Boulevard was co-named "JUDGE SHEILA ABDUS-SALAAM WAY". Since there are those of you who may not have had the pleasure of knowing this amazing jurist, I will provide you with a brief overview of why those of us who knew her cherish her memory.

Sheila Abdus Salaam was born Sheila Turner in Washington D.C. She received her undergraduate degree from Barnard College and her Juris Doctorate from Columbia. After law school Sheila worked as an Assistant Public Defender at Brooklyn Legal Services. She then joined the New York Attorney General's Office where she served in the Civil Rights and Real Estate Financing Bureaus as an Assistant Attorney General. Her final stop as an attorney was as General Counsel of the New York City Division of Labor Services.

In December 1991 Judge Abdus Salaam was elected to the Civil Court of New York, and to the New York State Supreme Court in 2007. In 2013 she was tapped by Governor David Patterson to serve as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division First Department.

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