



February 25, 2026
Report from District 2
Honorable Yadhira Gonzalez-Taylor – District Director

CT, NY, VT

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new members, Hon. Shekera Algarin, Bronx County Civil Court, Lauvienska Polanco, Bronx County Criminal Court, Fiordaliza Rodriguez, Bronx County Family Court, and Catherine Schaewe, New York Court of Claims.



Congratulations to Hon. [Carmen Velasquez](#), Supreme Court Justice of the State of New York and G100 Global Chair for Law and Justice, on receiving the Global Distinguished Leadership Award at the United Nations.

This international recognition reflects her extraordinary leadership, unwavering commitment to justice, and lifelong dedication to advancing the rule of law on a global stage. Her work continues to uplift communities, empower women in the legal profession, and inspire leaders around the world.



Congratulations to our new member Hon. Shekera Algarin on the occasion of her Swearing in Ceremony held at CUNY Lehman College this past month.



Congratulations to our new member, the Hon. Lauvienska Polanco, on the occasion of her swearing in Ceremony held at the Bronx County Supreme Court. Judge Polanco was sworn in by our very own Past District 2 Director the Hon. Bianka Perez.



NAWJ member Hon. Fiordaliza Rodriguez and District 2 Director, Hon. Yadhira Gonzalez-Taylor accompanied by Hon. Jessica Bourbon and Hon. Eliezer Rodriguez attended the 10th Annual Prevention of Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse Symposium hosted by The Foundation for the Prevention of Addictions and Domestic Violence, NY Carlos Martinez, Inc.



We met as Sisters in Law at the annual NY Chapter Gathering held at the NYSBA yearly meeting.