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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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On May 6, 2013, Judge Abdus-Salaam was confirmed by the New York State Senate as an Associate Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals, which resulted in her becoming the first African American woman to serve on the court. Significantly, the judge was much more than her resume, which is without question a remarkable one. In fact, throughout her forty-year legal career she was known as: brilliant, thoughtful, a colleague who was respectful of the views of others and one who was acutely aware that every judicial decision she penned had real life consequences for the parties involved.

In addition to her countless contributions to the legal profession we at NAWJ-NY admire Judge Sheila Abdus-Salaam because she is the epitome of the following quote of Maya Angelou:

“... People will forget what you said,
people will forget what you did,
but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

For me as the second African American woman to sit on the Court of Appeals, she makes me feel empowered every day based on the words she shared with me while she was alive. I am further empowered by her presence, every time I take my seat on the bench in Court of Appeals Hall, because her portrait hangs directly across from my seat. Simply stated her presence reminds me to take a breath and never forget that she provided her shoulders for me to stand on. It is important for each of you to know that the community celebrated her not simply because she was the first African American woman to sit on the New York Court of Appeals, they also celebrated her because of the righteous way she used her power to dispense justice and for her efforts to ensure that she would not be the last black woman to sit on the high court. In the memory of our dear sister may each of us always remember to “lift as we climb”.



From Left to Right: Judge Shirley Troutman, Kaloma Cardwell, Esq., a mentee of Judge Abdus Salaam, and Justice Debra James

FRANKLIN H. WILLIAMS JUDICIAL COMMISSION FELLOWSHIP

JENNIFER I. LOPEZ

I am an inaugural Legal Fellow with the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission, an independent statewide commission tasked with promoting racial and ethnic fairness in New York State courts. As a Legal Fellow, I have the opportunity to work in different areas of law and learn how various courts operate. I primarily conduct legal research and writing for judges, court attorneys and referees in Erie County. I have also observed jury selections, trials, and hearings. I am grateful for the breadth of experiences this legal fellowship provides as I continue to discover and focus on potential law practice areas that I may want to pursue post fellowship.

With firsthand insight into the judicial decision-making process gained through this fellowship, I have been grappling with hard truths about the legal system. Diversity and inclusion on the bench are important first steps towards justice and equality; however, those two factors alone may not yield the results we hope to obtain - outcomes that balance or reconceptualize power in our nation. Representation may be vital, yet when greater diversity and inclusion are achieved, legal professionals of color often must still utilize laws that arise from a different socio-political era, which disproportionately affect people of color, unrepresented litigants, individuals who are incarcerated and other individuals from “lower” socio-economic backgrounds.

I have learned how important it is to engage in critical analyses of laws and their encompassed values; not only an examination of how laws are applied relative to other cases, but also how they materially impact litigants with less institutional power and how certain systems may be the root cause of a litigant’s problem. For example, in consumer debt transaction cases, the only issue that may bring a litigant before a court is his/her/their default on a loan, but I have noticed how law in those cases rigidly favor corporations and scarcely consider systemic issues that affect a defendant consumer. These issues partly include the way capitalism often necessitates individuals from working classes to rely on credit to survive because they hardly make living wages, which puts them at risk of falling into greater debt between interest and fees, or even the possibility of predatory lending on behalf of the lender. I wish a regular examination of those systems was codified in case law to help ensure that traditional ideologies or those of the legislature are not superimposed on humans in a given case who may be obscured by political processes.

I am grateful that through this fellowship, I have had the chance to re-examine my personal ideologies to make sure that my decisions in all facets of my life are centered on people over profits, and on giving power back to communities. The Williams Commission Legal Fellowship has strengthened my desire to be a change agent in the legal profession. That has meant deeply exploring what it really means to be antiracist, since people of color have historically been disproportionately disenfranchised, overpoliced, and excluded from important conversations that affect this nation’s governing institutions and resulting wealth distribution.

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From my personal ideological alignment, I must consistently engage in critical analyses of systemic forces affecting given issues so that I may properly diagnose the problem. Only after proper diagnosis can we work toward effectively treating them through legal remedies.

I am deeply thankful for the Williams Commission Legal Fellowship Program. It has been illuminating, supportive, professionally expansive, and a pivotal intermediary step between graduating law school and beginning my career as a licensed attorney.



Jennifer I. Lopez
Legal Fellow with the Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission

PHOTOS FROM THE JUNE JUDICIAL SEMINAR



From Left to Right: Justice Llinét M. Rosado, Justice LaTia Martin, Judge E. Jeannette Ogden, Acting Justice Joanne D. Quiñones, and Justice Marguerite Grays

From Left to Right: Judge Betty Calvo-Torres and Judge Zainab Chaudhry





From Left to Right: Judge Ashlee Crawford, Judge Leslie Stroth, Judge Marcia Hirsch, and Justice E. Jeannette Ogden



From Left to Right: Judge Verna Saunders and Judge Carol Sharpe



From Left to Right: Supervising Judge Myrna Socoroor, Justice Wilma Guzman, Justice Patsy Goulbourne, Judge Verena Poweel, Justice Elizabeth Taylor, Justice Laura G. Douglas, Justice Connie Mallafre-Melendez, Justice Llinét M. Rosado, and Judge Jessica Bourbon.



From Left to Right: Judge Ashlee Crawford, Judge Leslie Stroth, and Judge Marcia Hirsch

From Left to Right: Judge Verna Saunders, Judge E. Jeannette Ogden, and Judge Kim Wilson



From Left to Right: Judge Carmen St. George, Justice E. Jeannette Ogden, Justice Debra James, Judge Betty Calvo-Torres, and Judge Zainab-Chaudry.

THINKING ABOUT RETIREMENT?

The following is a summary of a presentation given by the Hon. Sharon S. Townsend, retired NYS Supreme Court Justice 8th JD and Hon. Renee Forgensi Minarik, retired NYS Court of Claims Judge at the NAWJ-NY Spring Retreat in Chautauqua County, New York in May 2022.

HON. SHARON S. TOWNSEND

When **SHOULD** you retire? Everyone asks themselves this question once they approach the age of retirement in their late 50's-early 60's. The key to deciding when to take retirement is to do so when you are healthy enough to enjoy it! The reason it is so important to take advantage of programs to reduce stress while you are working (also to practice yoga and exercise regularly) is because while you are working as a judge, you don't realize the toll the stress of your job is taking on your body. My advice is "don't wait too long to retire!" so you can enjoy your life in retirement while you are still young enough and healthy. The court system and the litigants will go on without you. Believe it or not, you are not indispensable except to your loved ones.

I retired in December, 2017 as a Supreme Court Justice after having served also as an Administrative Judge, a Family Court Judge, including being a Supervising Family Court Judge. My career started as a part-time Village Justice in 1985 when I was 31. I was also involved in judicial education for my entire judicial career, starting with the New York State Magistrates Association and ending as Vice Dean for Family and Matrimonial Law at the NYS Judicial Institute. I raised 2 children while I served as a judge, balancing my stressful career with motherhood. I decided not to run for another term in 2017 and instead retired to join my husband, a successful lawyer, who had retired the previous year. I was 63 and I am so glad I decided to do so when I did! The following November of 2018, I was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor and a carcinoid in my lung, shortly after moving to North Carolina to be close to our son and grandchildren. The doctors said both had been growing for years. I had no idea and no serious symptoms until the summer of 2018. I am so lucky I was retired at the time I was diagnosed so I could undergo surgeries to remove both the tumor and the carcinoid in 2019 and take the time to recuperate. I was very grateful for our New York State comprehensive health insurance through the Empire Plan/United Health Care that covered almost all of my medical treatment, including physical and occupational therapy, both in North Carolina and at the Cleveland Clinic where I ultimately had the successful surgeries. I am happy to report that I have fully recovered and am now finally able to enjoy my retirement.

I have not once regretted my decision to retire and am grateful for every moment with my husband, children and grandchildren, both in North Carolina and New York. I am never bored and stay current by participating in zoom webinars offered by the local and New York State Bar Associations, among others, including NAWJ. I also make a point to get together with former co-workers and colleagues and participate in judicial gatherings of the NAWJ, like the spring retreat held this past May in my home county of Chautauqua and the 8th Judicial District Supreme Court Judges Association summer party in Buffalo.

Once you have researched the financial information Renee outlined for you, seriously consider your health and your priorities in life and make a decision to retire sooner rather than later. Hopefully by then, the stock market will come back up and the price of gas will have gone down and you will stay healthy! Our difficult experience with Covid the past 2 years and the challenges as well as the benefits of working virtually has shed new light on this analysis for many. I will end as I began: Do not wait too long to retire! Be well.

HON. RENEE FORGENSI MINARIK

When **CAN** you retire? I asked myself this in late 2019, but was not really serious about it until Covid hit and we were asked to work from home. The two virtual trials I presided over lead me to the conclusion that it was time to box up my gavel and dry clean my robe after 20 years as a NYS Court of Claims Judge.

If you are participating in the NYS and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS) you receive updates from the NYS Comptroller. I opened an online account so I could check that my salary and service information was accurate and get an estimate on my monthly pension. I also met with a NYSLRS representative at the annual judges' meeting and asked for pension amounts based on various retirement dates, just to verify. You can call to make an appointment with a NYSLRS representative in your area (866) 805-0990. They ask that you wait until you are at least a year away from your prospective retirement date. You can also go to osc.state.ny.us/retire/retirement_online/customers.php to register.

You might also wish to touch base with the NYS Unified Court System's Judiciary Benefits Office. They will give you information on what you need to do regarding health insurance, Survivor Benefit Program, Supplemental Benefit Coverage and Deferred Compensation. I was happy to discover that benefits we take into retirement were generous.

If you have been taking advantage of Madison Advisory Services Inc to manage your deferred compensation account, touch base with one of the managers and tell him/her/them that you are contemplating retirement (or whichever financial planner you happen to be using). Distribution strategies will vary depending on many factors, some of which include: your age, your needs, your desires, tax status and other income available.

In addition to your pension and/or savings, contemplating how your social security benefits fit into your retirement scheme is important. Basically, the amount you qualify for depends on your qualified earnings and your age." Do I wait until I qualify for the maximum benefit?" Or, "If I take it early, how much money will I leave on the table?" are just a few of the questions. There are multiple variables that can impact this decision.

I read everything I could find on the website and also spoke to one of the counselors. If I hadn't had that telephone call with a live person, I would have missed out on about \$300 per month - the amount I was entitled to as a widow married more than 10 years. Somehow, I missed that on the website. Despite my missing that tidbit, the Social Security Administration does maintain an informative website and has a pamphlet called "What You Need to Know When You Get Retirement or Survivors Benefits". (SocialSecurity.gov) There is a retirement checklist on the website as well that is helpful.

If you conclude that you are financially and emotionally ready for the next chapter in life, it's time to inform your supervisor. I started talking to my Presiding Judge a little over a year in advance. Our court had just experienced an emergent retirement situation and many of us took over cases in various states of completion. Composing trial decisions from a transcript or deciding post-trial motions on trials you did not preside over, is challenging. Because I could control my retirement date, I did not want to put my colleagues in that position when I left. Working with the PJ, we planned my last year in such a way that my docket was "zero" when I left the office keys on my desk.

There will be cases where you can not control the timing of your retirement and that is most often a medical emergency. Each one of you should consider the "Death Gamble" and act accordingly. The Death Gamble speaks to the fact that your retirement benefits do not commence until 30 days after the date you file your retirement papers. The "gamble" is that you do not die while still in office and you do survive those 30 days. Only then will your spouse/beneficiary be protected. You can prepare by executing a Power of Attorney that allows a trusted individual to file your retirement papers for you in the event you become incapacitated while in office or after you file your retirement papers, but before the expiration of the 30 day waiting period. This is particularly important where you have beneficiaries relying on your pension benefits.

If you came onto the bench in the last five years or so, there are things you can do now that will make the retirement decision and resulting life easier. Consider taking advantage of the deferred compensation program. Investing tax free money adds up quickly. Monitor your social security statements and pension updates and make sure they accurately reflect your personal information and income. File the Power of Attorney to avoid the Death Gamble. Oh, and those programs offered at judicial conferences that talk about stress, work/life balance and time management? Take them. Your retirement is meant to be enjoyable and we hope you go into it healthy and wise.

Editor's Note: The Public Employee Retirement System Special Durable Power of Attorney can be found on the Comptroller's website at:

<https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/retirement/forms/pdf/poa.pdf>.

HON. JUDITH KAYE DISTINGUISHED LAWYER AWARD

On August 16, 2022, The Hon. Lisa Fisher received the Hon. Judith Kaye Distinguished Lawyer Award from the Capital District Women's Bar Association.



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Click to Join

**Thursday, September 22, 2022
12:30pm to 1:30pm**

Unidos: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation



**Keynote Speaker
Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels
Associate Justice
Appellate Division, First Dept.**

Proudly presented by: 8th Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee
In collaboration with the Latino Judges Association, National Association of Women Judges - NY Chapter and
The University at Buffalo School of Law - Dept. of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

In recognition of
Hispanic Heritage Month
and its 2022 theme

UNIDOS: Inclusivity for a Stronger Nation



**National Association of Women Judges
New York Chapter**

presents

ENTRE NOSOTRAS-

An Intimate Roundtable with the Latina Judges of the Appellate Courts



Moderator
Hon. Jenny Rivera
Court of Appeals
appointed January 2013



Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels
Appellate Division, First Department
appointed October 2009



Hon. Betsy Barros
Appellate Division, Second Department
appointed April 2014



Hon. Lizbeth González
Appellate Division, First Department
appointed November 2019



Hon. Helen Voutsinas
Appellate Division, Second Department
appointed May 2022

Thursday, October 6, 2022
12:30-2:00 pm
via Teams

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This course or program has been approved by the New York State Judicial Institute, in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board, for a maximum of 1 credit hour can be applied toward the Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias requirement.

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Judicial Section

WOMEN IN THE COURTS MEETING ON SEPT. 19, 2022, IN NEW YORK CITY



The Hon. Betty Weinberg Ellerin (ret.), chair, presided. Seated: Hon. Marilyn O'Connor (ret.) and Hon. Ellerin. Standing from left to right: Cheryl Zimmer, Hon. Carol Sherman, Hon Terry Jane Ruderman(ret.), Hon. Judy Harris Kluger (ret.), ADA Maria Cortese, Hon. Toko Serita, Hon. Llinet Rosado, Hon. Marcia Hirsch, Hon. Juanita Bing Newton (ret.)

THE RICHARD C. FAILLA LGBTQ COMMISSION OF THE NEW YORK STATE COURTS

Chief Judge DiFiore filled two vacancies on our Commission:
Appellate Division, First Department Justice Angela Mazzarelli and the Empire Justice Center's
LGBTQ Rights Staff Attorney Lettie Dickerson!



HOWARD A. LEVINE AWARD RECEPTION AND CEREMONY



Judge Elizabeth A. Garry receiving her award.



Judge Fisher, Judge Garry, and Judge Troutman at the
Howard A. Levine Award Reception

STATE SUPREME JUSTICE CONFERENCE

From Left to Right: Queens Judges: Dixia Pineda-Kirwan, Donna-Marie Golia, Jodi Orlow, Carmen Velasquez, Bernice Siegal, Karina Alomar, Karen Gopee, Lourdes Ventura, Marguerite Grays



State Court Justices Association Board Members: Christina Ryba, newly elected Secretary, and Carmen Velasquez.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW YORK'S FAMILY COURT

We are commemorating the 60th Anniversary of New York's Family Court and the enactment of the Family Court Act. Please join us for a look back and a look forward, as we consider the changes in law and practice with respect to children, the definition of family, racial justice, and technology in Family Court.

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. -12:30 P.M.
Court of Appeals Hall, Albany

The presentation will be in person and live- streamed.
We look forward to your participation as we mark this important milestone.

SAVE THE DATE

NEW YORK'S FAMILY COURT 60TH ANNIVERSARY



COURT OF APPEALS HALL
Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

This event will be held in person and live streamed.



NOTEWORTHY NEWS



Justice Donna-Marie E. Golia
Newly Appointed Administrative Judge
for Queens County Supreme Court, Criminal Term

NOTEWORTHY NEWS (CONTINUED)

First Department:

- ♦ Association of Justices of Supreme Court of State of New York members with their president, **Hon. Barbara R. Kapnick**, attended their Conference at the Sagamore on September 11, 2022.
- ♦ On September 10, 2022, the Dominican Bar Association had its 19th Annual Scholarship Gala at Terrace on the Park in Queens. Supervising Judge of Queens Civil Court, the **Honorable Patria Frias-Colón** received the judicial excellence award.
- ♦ On August 27, 2022, **Justice Bianka Perez** celebrated her 50th birthday with an all-white affair in New Jersey.
- ♦ On August 14, 2022, the Latino Judges Association marched in the Dominican Day Parade.
- ♦ On August 13, 2022, the Consulate of Dominican Republic in collaboration with the Constitutional Tribunal of the Dominican Republic recognized all the Judges of Dominican descent in New York City at the Forum at Columbia University. Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, the Honorable Rolando Acosta gave remarks.
- ♦ The Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission celebrated the retirement of their prior Executive Director, Joyce Y. Hartsfield, Esq. at Hao Noodle in Chelsea on June 21, 2022.
- ♦ On June 16, 2022, **Justice Llinét Rosado** officiated her 50th wedding in her chambers in Bronx County.



Hon. Barbara R. Kapnick and Association of Justices of the Supreme Court members at their Conference at the Sagamore on September 11, 2022.

From Left to Right: Justice Llinét M. Rosado, Supervising Judge of Queens Civil Court and DBA Honoree Patria Frias-Colón, Appellate Division, Second Department Associate Justice Helen Voutsinas, Justice Lourdes Ventura, and Acting Justice Alicia Gerez.





From Left to Right: Judge Wanda Negron,
Justice Bianka Perez, and Justice Llinét M.
Rosado.



In the first picture, From Left to
Right: Justices Lourdes
Ventura and Llinét M. Rosado.

In the second picture, From Left
to Right: Justices Bianka Perez,
Lourdes Ventura and Llinét M.
Rosado



From Left to Right: Retired Judge Faviola
Soto, Judge Emily Morales-Minerva,
Judge Denise Dominguez.



NOTEWORTHY NEWS (CONTINUED)



They got their NAWJ Fusion pullovers!

Clockwise: Retired Judge Renee Minarik, Judge Lenora Foote-Beavers, and Justice Debra James.



NOTEWORTHY NEWS (CONTINUED)

Second Department:

- Congratulations to **Hon. Sally E. Unger**, the very proud godmother of Alpha Diallo, who is completing his law school studies in December at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. Alpha plans to pursue a career in international business law.
- Congratulations to **Hon. Carmen Velasquez**, NAWJ-NY Member-at-Large, who was designated Grand Marshal of the Ecuadorian Parade of New Jersey on August 12, 2022.
- Congratulations to **Hon. Patria Frias-Colón**, Supervising Judge of Queens County Civil Court, who was presented with the Judicial Excellence Award on September 10, 2022, at the 19th Annual Scholarship Gala of the Dominican Bar Association.



Alpha Diallo
Godson of Hon. Sally Unger and
future lawyer



Hon. Carmen Velasquez

NOTEWORTHY NEWS (CONTINUED)

- ◆ Congratulations to **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones**, NAWJ-NY Vice President for the Second Department, who started her tenure as Presiding Member of the Judicial Section of the New York State Bar Association on June 1, 2022. She is the first Latina to serve as Presiding Member since the organization was organized in 1924!
- ◆ Congratulations to **Hon. Bruna DiBiase** on the birth of her first grandson, Rocky, on June 27, 2022.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Hon. Donna-Marie E. Golia** who was appointed Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters, Supreme Court, Queens County on August 18, 2022.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Hon. Helen Voutsinas**, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, who will be installed as President of the Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court on September 22, 2022, at the organization's annual dinner.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Hon. Rosalyn Richter** and **Hon. Michelle Weston**, recipients of the New York Law Journal's Lifetime Achievement Award. The honorees will be recognized at the New York Legal Awards ceremony, which will be held on October 6, 2022, at the Marriott Marquis in New York City.

Third Department:

- ◆ Acting Supreme Court **Justice Kimberly A. O'Connor** is one of 5 justices hosting an Afghan refugee for a 3-month rotation through the J-COR (Judges for Career Opportunities for Refugees) program initiated by Court of Appeals **Judge Madeline Singas** with the full support of Chief **Judge Janet DiFiore**. Kim said that the woman assigned to her was a lawyer in Afghanistan who did great work in representing women and children to ensure that they knew their rights and were appropriately represented. She worked hard to protect victims' rights. When the government collapsed in Afghanistan and the Taliban took over, she had to flee her country and came here. She has an incredible story. There are currently 4 other women in the program: 2 in Queens and 2 in Westchester. (For the safety of the women, their names and photos are not included here.) For more information on J-COR, please contact Donna Dobson at J-COR@nycourts.gov.



Hon. Bruna
DiBiase's first
grandson, Rocky



Fourth Department:

- ◆ Congrats to **Judge Joanne Winslow** of the Appellate Division, 4th Department on her wedding to her wife, Lin.
- ◆ Court of Appeals **Judge Shirley Troutman** and Court of Claims **Judge Betty Calvo-Torres** attended the Welcome Reception for the Newest Court of Appeals Judges held on September 8, 2022, at the Country Club of Rochester, NY.

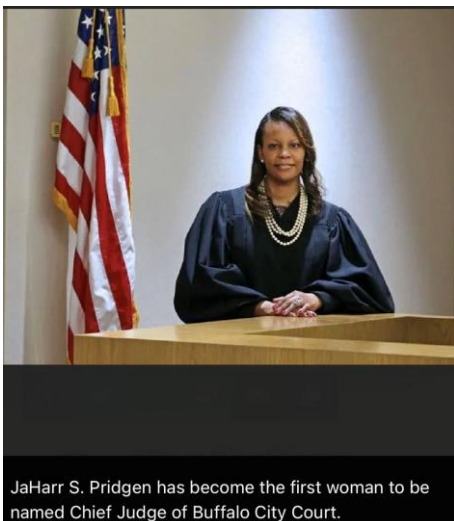
NOTEWORTHY NEWS (CONTINUED)

- **Hon. Betty Calvo-Torres'** historic induction took place on July 27, 2022, at Erie County Courthouse. Court of Appeals Judge and NAWJ NY President **Hon. Shirley Troutman** made welcoming remarks. **Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels**, Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department administered the oath of office. Hon. Calvo-Torres is the first Hispanic to serve on the NYS Court of Claims in the 8th Judicial District and in Western New York.
- On September 1, 2022, local bar associations hosted a reception to honor Court of Appeals **Judge Shirley Troutman**.
- **Judge JaHarr S. Pridgen** has become the first woman to be named Chief Judge of Buffalo City Court.



Judge Joanne Winslow and her wife, Lin,
at their wedding

Judge Shirley Troutman and Judge Betty
Calvo-Torres at the Welcome Reception
for the Newest Court of Appeals Judges
held on September 8, 2022.



Judge JaHarr Pridgen, first woman to be
named Chief Judge of Buffalo City Court

JaHarr S. Pridgen has become the first woman to be
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NOTEWORTHY NEWS (CONTINUED)



From Left to Right: Judge Acea Mosey, Justice Manzanet-Daniels, Judge Debra Givens, Judge Shirley Troutman, Judge Betty Calvo-Torrs, Judge Jeanette Ogden, Justice Llinét M. Rosado and Judge Suzanne Maxwell-Barnes.



Judge Troutman and her Sisters-in-Law from Western New York. From Left to Right: Judge Barbara Howe, Judge Debra Givens, Judge Catherine Panepinto, Judge E. Jeannette Ogden, Judge Lenora Foote-Beavers, Judge Patricia Maxwell, Judge Shirley Troutman, Judge Sheila DiTullio, Judge Brenda Freedman, Judge Jaharr Pridgen, Judge Sue Maxwell Barnes, and Judge Grace Hanlon



NOTEWORTHY NEWS (CONTINUED)

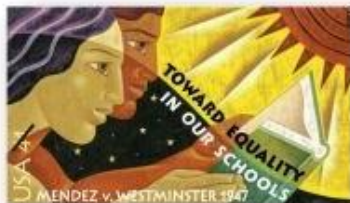
Other News:

- On August 10, 2022, **Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones**, NAWJ-NY Vice President for the Second Department, held her annual “Camp Quiñones” reunion where dozens of her mentees and former interns return to the courthouse to reminisce and re-connect.
- On November 17, 2022, in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the first successful federal school desegregation decision in the nation - Mendez v Westminster School District of Orange County, 161 F2d 774 (1947), the Latino Judges Association, Inc, is hosting a free 1.5 credit CLE program entitled “Mendez v Westminster: A Seminal Case Toward Desegregation, Part II - A Re-Enactment.”



“Camp Quiñones” Reunion!

NOTEWORTHY NEWS (CONTINUED)



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The Latino Judges Association (LJA)

Invites you to

***Mendez v. Westminster: A Seminal Case Toward
Desegregation, PART II***

A RE-ENACTMENT

November 17, 2022, 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M

The 75th anniversary celebration of the seminal decision of *Mendez v. Westminster School Dist. of Orange County* (161 F2d 774 [1947]). We believe this mostly untold story in our American Jurisprudence is important to share.

*CLE: This program has been approved by the New York State Judicial Institute, in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board, for a maximum of 1.5 credit hours, of which 1 credit hour can be applied toward the Areas of Professional Practice requirement and .5 credit hours can be applied toward the Diversity, Inclusion and Elimination of Bias requirement.



