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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HON. SHIRLEY TROUTMAN

My dear sisters in law, this will be my final message to you. During my tenure, we have experienced both growth and challenges, but through it all it has been my pleasure to serve as your president.

When I called upon you to help our chapter create a newsletter, you responded overwhelmingly to President-Elect Marcia Hirsch with your photos and articles. Your contributions to the newsletter have contributed to our ability to stay connected on a statewide basis and have facilitated the sharing of important issues and the development of different areas of the law.

Our chapter has also experienced the joy of having people identify us by our beautiful chapter pin and pullovers that Judge Marcia Hirsch and Llinet Rosado were able to make a reality. As an additional bonus, those projects were also an opportunity for members of our board to come together as a bonding experience while providing input for the final products.

We have also been able to expand the internship program that Justice Marguerite Grays initially established with the outstanding leadership of Judge Lenora Foote Beavers. Due to the chamber chats and other innovative programs, our interns not only have had the opportunity to assist the hard-working judges to whom they are assigned; they have also been provided with networking, resume building and other opportunities.

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During the past two years, our chapter has also celebrated Women's History Month by putting on virtual programs and publishing weekly booklets that highlighted many of you. Moreover, in addition to Women's History Month we also held an amazing Women In Prison program, which provided enlightenment about the barbaric reproductive practices women are subjected to while incarcerated in some states without their consent. Our chapter was also able to join with other organizations to co-sponsor many other important programs.

This past spring, it was particularly exciting for us to be able to hold an upstate retreat despite the ever-present threat of COVID. It is with great pleasure that I remind you that we will hold our installation of officers and annual meeting in person during bar week in 2023. Our chapter will also host a gathering on January 18th, as an opportunity to fellowship with one another. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts we realize that some of you will not be able to attend due to conflicts with other events. Please know that you will be missed.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to thank all of you who supported our LGBTQ sisters in passing a resolution that prohibits the national chapter from holding annual conventions in states that pass discriminatory laws that adversely impact the LGBTQ community. Regrettably, the passage of the resolution was insufficient to prevent our next annual convention from being held in Indianapolis. However, we must not consider the battle as simply lost. Instead we must be mindful of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.:

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Thus, our disappointment must instead be used as a rallying call to continue to vocalize our displeasure with the national organization, while searching for a solution that actually addresses the issue. There are many ways to make your voices heard. Please don't miss the opportunity to use yours.

In closing, I wish you all happy holidays, a productive 2023 and it is my prayer that we continue to make improvements to the law and the legal profession.

Your Sister In Law,
Hon. Shirley Troutman

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**If you are a retiring judge, please provide
your private email address to the editor so
that we may stay in touch!**

HON. JANICE A. TAYLOR ELEVATED TO THE APPELLATE DIVISION, SECOND DEPARTMENT

On June 13, 2022, NAWJ member the Hon. Janice A. Taylor, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York was elevated to the position of Associate Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Second Judicial Department, by appointment by Gov. Kathy Hochul.

Justice Taylor has served as a Supreme Court justice in Queens County since 1998 and re-elected in 2011 for another 14 year term. Judge Taylor was elected Civil Court in 1994 until her elevation to Justice of the Supreme Court in 1998. Justice Taylor is the Former President & Current Chair Emerita of the Macon B Allen Black Bar Association, Former President of the Supreme Court Justices Association of the City of New York, Former President of the Queens Supreme Court Justices' Association and currently represents the 11th Judicial District in the Association of Supreme Court Justices of the State of New York.



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THE FOUNDATION FOR THE JUDICIAL FRIENDS, INC. GALA

The Foundation for the Judicial Friends, Inc. held its 41st annual gala on November 29, 2022.



Pictured from left to right: Lumarie Maldonado-Cruz-Treasurer; Verna Saunders-President, and, Cheryl Gonzales-First VP.

JANE M. BOLIN: A TRUE TRAILBLAZER

HON. PATRIA FRIAS-COLON

Around May of 2021, visiting law professor of New York Law School (NYLS) Lisa Grumet reached out to the NYC Law Department to inform that NYSL began partnering with the ABA Family Law Section to produce a scholarly publication called the Family Law Quarterly. Professor Grumet oversaw the publication and worked with the ABA and NYSL Student Editorial Board. The theme for this issue was “family law legacies” inspired by the passing of Justice Ginsburg and was to include articles about several people who contributed significantly to the development of family law during their lifetimes. She asked if anyone at the Law Department had written anything about Judge Bolin who might be interested in writing about her contributions to family law.

Although I was no longer with the Law Department, given my time there as the Brooklyn Borough Chief of the Family Court Division, my former supervisors there added me to the email chain and, as they say, the rest was history. I realized the importance of telling this story from a case analysis point of view. Once invested in the project, my court attorney joined me and together we wrote these articles, which help highlight Judge Jane Bolin’s importance to the Family Court, to diversity and to the accomplishments of women’s rights.

The NYC Law Department has an award named in her honor:

The Jane M. Bolin Diversity Leadership Award recognizes and celebrates the outstanding contributions and significant impact by an exceptional member of the Law Department in promoting and advocating the office’s diversity goals.

Jane Bolin served as an attorney here from 1937 to 1939. A true trailblazer, Bolin became the first African American woman to serve as an Assistant Corporation Counsel. Later, she became the first female African American jurist in the United States when she was appointed as Justice of the Domestic Relations Court of the City of New York (renamed the Family Court in 1962). This award recognizes her contributions in advocating for, and advancing, diversity.

A link to the Family Law Quarterly article can be found [here](#).

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH “ENTRE NOSOTRAS: AN INTIMATE ROUNDTABLE WITH THE LATINA JUDGES OF THE APPELLATE COURTS.”

On October 6, 2022, NAWJ-NY, together with the Judicial Section of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a program entitled “Entre Nosotras: An Intimate Roundtable with the Latina Judges of the Appellate Courts.”

The program, coordinated by NAWJ-NY Vice Presidents Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones and Hon. Llinét M. Rosado, featured the Latina judges of the Appellate Courts. The virtual lunchtime panel discussion was moderated by Hon. Jenny Rivera, Associate Judge, Court of Appeals (appointed January 2013), and included as panelists: Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Dept (appointed October 2009); Hon. Betsy Barros, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Dept (appointed April 2014); Hon. Lizbeth González, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Dept (appointed November 2019); and Hon. Helen Voutsinas, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Dept (appointed May 2022).



Pictured clockwise from left to right: Hon. Joanne D. Quiñones (NAWJ-NY Vice President, 2nd Dept); Hon. Llinét M. Rosado (NAWJ-NY Vice President, 1st Dept); Hon. Jenny Rivera (Associate Judge, Court of Appeals); Hon. Lizbeth González (Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Dept); Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels (Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 1st Dept); Hon. Betsy Barros (Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Dept); and Hon. Helen Voutsinas (Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Dept).

QUEENS COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION JUDICIARY NIGHT

The Queens County Women's Bar Association honored the three newest members of the Court of Appeals and newly appointed Administrative Judge for Criminal Matters, State Supreme Court, Queens County at its annual Judiciary Night on November 22, 2022, at the Queens Theater.



Acting Chief Judge Hon. Anthony Cannataro, Associate Judge Madeline Singas, Associate Judge Shirley Troutman, and Justice Donna-Marie Golia.

From Left to Right:

Administrative Judge of Queens County Supreme Court, Civil Matters, Hon. Marguerite Grays; Supreme Court Justice and Co-Chair of CQWBA Judiciary Night, Hon. Bernice Siegal Acting Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals Hon. Anthony Cannataro Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals Hon. Madeline Singas Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals Hon. Shirley Troutman Administrative Judge of Queens County Supreme Court, Criminal Matters, Hon. Donna-Marie Golia Supreme Court Justice Hon. Lourdes Ventura Supreme Court Justice Hon. Tracy Catapano-Fox Co-Chair of QCWBA Judicial Night, Navpreet Gill, Esq.



ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE DIVISION, SECOND DEPT., SHERI ROMAN RETIRES!

A retirement breakfast was held on November 29, 2022 in Queens Supreme Court, Criminal Term, hosted by Administrative Judge Donna-Marie Golia to celebrate the distinguished career of our colleague, Hon. Sheri S. Roman.



In attendance, from left to right, Judge Golia, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division 2nd Dept. Janice Taylor, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Deborah A. Kaplan, Ernan Roman, Hon. Sheri Roman, Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division 2nd Dept. Hector D. LaSalle, Associate Justice of the Appellate Division 2nd Dept. Joseph Zayas, Hon. Randall Eng (ret.), Administrative Judge Marguerite Grays.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

First Department:

- The **Hon. Connie Morales** and the **Hon. Myrna Socorro** were elected to the Supreme Court, Bronx County.
- The **Hon. Sophia Hershman**, the **Hon. Cynthia Isales**, the **Hon. Michele Davila**, the **Hon. Taisha Chambers**, and the **Hon. Yadhira Gonzalez-Taylor** were elected to the Civil Court. Congratulations!

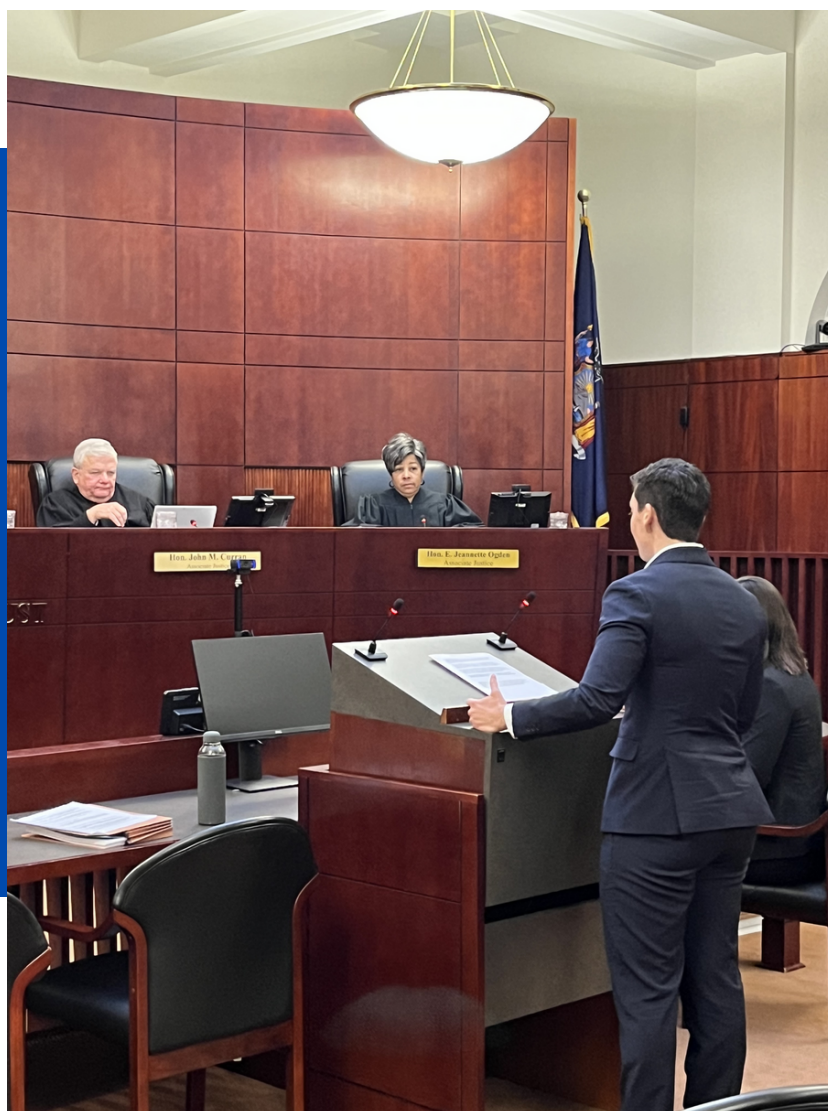
Second Department:

- Congratulations to **Hon. Tamiko Amaker** on her appointment as Acting Chief Administrative Judge.
- Congratulations to the following judges who were elected to Supreme Court in Kings County this past November: **Hon. Cenceria Edwards**; **Hon. Patria Frias-Colón**; **Hon. Cheryl J. Gonzales**; **Hon. Lorna McAllister**; **Hon. Dweynie E. Paul**; **Hon. Susan Quirk**; **Hon. Robin Sheares**; **Hon. Ellen Spodek** (re-elected); and **Hon. Anne Swern**.
- Congratulations to the following on their election to Civil Court in Kings County this past November: **Hon. Robin Garson** (re-elected); **Hon. Sherveal Mimes**; and **Hon. Pamela Patton-Fynes**.
- Congratulations to **Hon. Carmen Pacheco** on her election to Civil Court, New York County.
- Congratulations to **Hon. Dweynie E. Paul** on her appointment as Supervising Judge of Kings County Civil Court.
- Congratulations to **Hon. Dineen Riviezzo** and **Hon. Michele Rodney**, the newest appointees to the Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics.
- Congratulations to **Hon. Ellen M. Spodek** who was presented with the Joanne Minsky Cohen Award at the holiday celebration of the Brooklyn Women's Bar Association on December 13, 2022.
- Congratulations to **Hon. Erika M. Edwards**, **Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels** and **Hon. Lillian Wan**, who will each be presented with the Advancement of Judicial Diversity Award at the NYSBA Judicial Section's Annual Luncheon on January 20, 2023.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS (CONTINUED)

Fourth Department:

- Congratulations to **Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden** on her appointment to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department.
- Congratulations to the **Hon. Joanne Winslow** on her retirement from the Appellate Division, Fourth Department.
- Congratulations to **Hon. Betty Calvo-Torres** on her appointment as Supervising Judge of Genesee and Wyoming Counties Town & Village Courts, effective January 1, 2023.
- Congratulations to **Hon. JaHarr S. Pridgen** on her appointment as Supervising Judge of the City Courts for the Eighth Judicial District, effective January 1, 2023.



Congratulations to Hon. E. Jeannette Ogden on her appointment to the Appellate Division, Fourth Department!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Sisters In Law,

Happy Holidays! As you read this last newsletter of 2022, and the last as your Editor, I would like to thank you all for your contributions, especially our four Vice Presidents, Llinet Rosado, Joanne Quinones, Lisa Fisher and E. Jeannette Ogden. They were instrumental in providing us with news from around the state. I am especially proud of the way we were able to connect with one another and share the events, stories, professional accomplishments and personal highlights of our women judges. I would also like to thank Ciara Langan and Brittany Jones for their patience, creativity, and skill in producing this newsletter and Michele McCullough for sending it out. Lastly and most importantly, I would like to thank our President, Hon. Shirley Troutman, for her leadership, her encouraging messages and her vision in establishing this newsletter as a means to unite us as Sisters In Law. Mission accomplished!

Have a very happy and healthy new year!

With gratitude and appreciation for all that you do,
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