

## March 2024 Midyear Report Report of the District 3 Director Honorable Lisa James-Beavers

The New Jersey Judges in District 3 are planning a Color of Justice Program to be held in Southern New Jersey this June made possible by a grant from the New Jersey State Bar Foundation. Details coming soon.



Welcome to NAWJ

**Honorable Kim C. Belin** is an Administrative Law Judge in the Office of Administrative Law and hears contested cases filed against administrative agencies. Prior to her appointment, Judge Belin served as Senior Counsel for the Camden City School District. Judge Belin began her career as a law clerk for the Hon. Stephen Lefelt, the former Deputy Director of the Office of Administrative Law. She next joined the New Jersey School Boards Association where she co-authored <u>Basic School Law</u> and <u>Focus On: The Sunshine Law</u>.

In addition, Judge Belin served in the New Jersey Department of Education as the Acting Director of the State Board of Education and Manager of the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance. Judge Belin moved to private practice where she was a Partner in the law firm of Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Capelli Tipton & Taylor, representing local boards of education. She has also served as Of Counsel and Associate in several other notable New Jersey law firms representing local boards of education. Judge Belin was a frequent presenter for the New Jersey State Bar Association and Association of School Law Attorneys. In 2018, she was a presenter at the International School Psychology Association's annual conference in Switzerland. She has lectured as an adjunct professor at Rutgers University School of Law – Camden and Rowan University School of Graduate Education where she taught advanced courses in education law and alternative dispute resolution.

Judge Belin was named Professional Lawyer of the Year by the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in Law in 2002. She was also received the 2012 Image Award as a Distinguished Attorney by the Willingboro & Vicinity Branch of the NAACP and was named Awesome Attorney for 2017 and 2018. She is a graduate of Rutgers University (New Brunswick) and Rutgers University School of Law (Camden). Prior to her judicial appointment, Judge Belin served on the Board of Trustees of the Burlington County Bar Association, was past president of the Burlington County Bar Foundation and president- elect of the Association of School Law Attorneys.

Currently, Judge Belin serves on the Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Committee of the Burlington County Bar Association, and the Burlington Vicinage Advisory Committee on Diversity, Inclusion & Community Engagement. She is a Trustee for Rutgers University Law School Alumni Association (Camden) and is a member of the Association of Black Women Lawyers. She is also an ordained minister in her local church where she is the Director of the Clergy Forum and assists with the youth ministry. She enjoys cooking, cycling, traveling, and reading.