

**Report for Counterbalance**  
**From: District III Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virgin Islands, New Jersey**

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By: Honorable Sandra Ann Robinson, NAWJ Life Member and District III Director

**DELAWARE:**

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Justice Tamika Montgomery-Reeves, formerly of the Delaware Supreme Court, has won confirmation by the United States Senate for a seat on the 3rd Circuit United States Court of Appeals.

**NEW JERSEY:**

**WELCOME:** The Honorable Lisa James-Beavers, Director and Chief Judge of the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law joined the membership as she encourages her entire staff of more than one hundred legal minds to also join NAWJ.

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**COLOR OF JUSTICE (COJ) 2022:**

The COJ 2022 program was held in the Essex County Historic Courthouse, located on the triangle at Newark's West Market Street, Springfield Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. The Courthouse was originally opened in 1907 and after years of neglect and disrepair, the building underwent a \$50 million restoration and renovation and was re-dedicated on December 29, 2004.

The 2022 COJ committee was chaired by two dynamic judges, one from Essex County - Hon. Siobhan Teare, JSC and one from Hudson County - Hon. Santiago Lourdes, JSC/Ret. New Jersey is delighted for the opportunity to introduce to the world the state's first Black woman to serve on the New Jersey Supreme Court - Honorable Associate Justice Fabiana Pierre-Louis. Associate Justice Pierre-Louis and Associate Justice Helen E. Hoens, Ret., spoke on the COJ panel with other leaders in various legal fields, i.e. County Sheriff, Police Officers, Prosecutors, Public Defenders, Paralegals, Law Clerks and more.

In attendance were students from colleges and schools in Bergen, Essex and Hudson County. Also, members of the New Jersey judiciary were in attendance for the program and for the opportunity to learn more about NAWJ and membership. The successful COJ 2022 program concluded with a reception.

**District III Primary Goal for 2023:** Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virgin Islands, New Jersey will broaden and straighten recruiting efforts! States in District III will develop a delegation to attend the IAWJ Conference May 9-14, in Marrakesh, Morocco.



