

April 4, 2023 Midyear Report for District 4 Honorable Gwenlynn D'Souza

District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia



Congratulations to **Beverly Cutler** who received the Vaino Spencer Award during the Annual Meeting for very inspiring pro bono work helping members of the U.S. Military and veterans with naturalization and related immigration issues as well as her assistance to women judges who were evacuated from Afghanistan and are facing challenges reestablishing their lives in our country. To the right is a picture of some District 4 members in attendance.

On November 9, 2022, District 4 with the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia held a Bar to Bench event. NAWJ President **Toni Clarke** welcomed everyone. **Monica Bhattacharyya** of the U.S. Court of International Trade, **Bibi Berry** of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, **Tanya Chutkan**, of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and **Deborah Israel** of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia spoke about their paths to the bench. **Bridget Bailey Lipscomb**, WBA-DC Immediate Past President, moderated.

On November 29, 2022, **Tanya Jones Bosier** participated in the Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia's program entitled Pathways to Leadership: Inspiration from Women in Power.

Thanks to those of you, especially the new members, who attended Coffee, Cocktails & Conversation with President Toni Clarke on December 1, 2022.



Congratulations to **Angela M. Eaves** who received the Women's Bar Association's 2022 Rita C. Davidson Award on December 13, 2022.

NAWJ presented a virtual play called "Full Truth" by District of Columbia Office of Administrative Hearings Principal Administrative Law Judge Paul Handy with the assistance of several District 4 members on February 15, 2023. This Heritage Series Event was in honor of Black History Month.

The cast was as follows: Thurgood Marshall- Fred Carney, Administrative Law Judge, D.C. Department of Employment Services; Walter White - Cymonie Rowe Hinkel, Judge, 15th Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida; Robert L. Carter - Gwenlynn D'Souza, Administrative Law Judge, D.C. Department of Employment Services; Vivian "Buster" Burey Marshall - Tanya R. Kennedy, Associate Justice, Appellate Division, First Department, Supreme Court of the State of New York; John W Davis - Paul Handy, Principal Administrative Law Judge, D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings; Spottswood Robinson & Admissions Officer, University of Maryland - Tanya M. Jones-Bosier, Magistrate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia; Voices of the U.S. Supreme Court - Vivian Henderson, Judge, Virginia Beach General District Court

The play began when Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, is playing poker with his colleagues when he learns that the United States Supreme Court has agreed to hear the five cases consolidated into *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas.*



Congratulations to **Cathy Serrette** who received the 2023 Legal Excellence Award from the Maryland Bar Foundation. Congratulations to **Rosalyn A. Tang** who became the youngest woman appointed to the Appellate Court of Maryland. She was the featured speaker at the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association on March 2023. She is pictured below with members of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Maryland.



Kudos to **Pamela J. Brown** who participated on Women's Bar Association panel during Women's History Month. **Elizabeth Gunn** was featured in a program regarding becoming a Federal Magistrate.

Bev Cutler and **Judy Wheat** organized a get together with several Virginia judges to meet the resettled Afghani judges in March 2023. This month a new judge **Nafiseh Kabuli** arrived. All the judges are job searching and have begun some form of training.

Welcome to all our new members! We hope to see you soon.