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Submission for Counterbalance
Honorable Gwenlynn D'Souza

District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia

Congratulations to **Beverly Cutler** who received the Vaino Spencer Award for her inspiring pro bono work. She helps members of the U.S. Military and veterans with naturalization and related immigration issues. She also assists women judges from Afghanistan who are facing challenges reestablishing their lives locally. **Bev Cutler** and **Judy Wheat** recently organized a get together with several Virginia judges to meet the resettled Afghan judges. One of the Afghan judges has found a full-time job in a Virginia courthouse. The other judges are participating in job training and are job searching.

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** - U.S. Court of International Trade, **Bibi Berry** - Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, **Tanya Chutkan** - U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, and **Deborah Israel** - Superior Court of the District of Columbia spoke about their paths to the bench.

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.

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

Thanks to the cast: 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.

Congratulations to **Angela M. Eaves** who received the Women's Bar Association of Maryland's 2022 Rita C. Davidson Award. Congratulations to **Rosalyn A. Tang** who became the youngest woman appointed to

the Appellate Court of Maryland. Kudos to **Pamela J. Brown** who spoke at a Women's Bar Association of Maryland event during Women's History Month.

Elizabeth Gunn was featured in a national program about becoming a Federal Magistrate. Congratulations to **Anita Josey-Herring** who receive the Charles Hamilton Houston Medallion of Merit from the Washington Bar Association on May 6, 2023.

Kudos to those who participated in the reenactment of "Justice Denied: Wards Cove Packing Co. v. Atonio" by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of the Greater Washington, D.C. Area. Among others, shown below are **Jennifer Choe-Groves** - United States Court of International Trade, **Gwen D'Souza** - District of Columbia Department of Employment Services, **Kelly Higashi** - Superior Court for the District of Columbia, **Jeannie Hong** - Circuit Court for Baltimore County, **Florence Pan** - United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, **Maribeth Raffinan** - Superior Court of the District of Columbia, **Kenia Seoane Lopez** - Superior Court of the District of Columbia and **Jeri Somers** - United States Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (Ret.). Chief Judge of the District Court of Appeals, **Anna Blackburne-Rigsby**, made opening remarks.



Congratulations to **Cathy Serrette** who received the 2023 Legal Excellence Award from the Maryland Bar Foundation. **Monise Brown** presented the award.



It was great to see all the District Four members in person during the Mid-Year Conference in Annapolis in April 2023. Maryland Governor Wes Moore graciously welcomed us at the U.S. Naval Academy. Thanks to those of you who participated in the Planting the Seed event with the University of Maryland and University of Baltimore law students. Special thanks to **Julie Weatherly** who coordinated the Planting the Seed program and the specialized courts panel.

Welcome to all our newest members: **Melissa Alvarez, Gayl Carr, Alva Dial, Deborah Greenspan, Jennifer Mack, Andrea McBarnette, Myshala Middleton, and Tina Patterson!** Welcome to **Nafiseh Kabuli**, our newest Afghan judge to arrive in District 4!