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Monthly Report
Honorable Gwenlynn D'Souza

District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia

Welcome to our newest members: **Tyneka Flythe**, Newport News Circuit Court, **Stacy Elizabeth Lee**, Henrico County Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court, **Jacqueline W. Lucas**, Prince William County Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court, **Angela S. Robinson**, D.C. Office of Administrative Hearings, **William C.E. Robinson**, Resource Board Member, and **Victoria A.B. Willis**, Stafford County Circuit Court.

In March, we welcomed our honorary judge members from Afghanistan. Currently, they are looking for employment. Any possible leads would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to **Bev Cutler** for keeping in touch with these judges over the past few months.

In April 2022, the Virginia Chapter of NAWJ partnered with the Greater Peninsula Women's Bar Association and Newport News Public Schools to present the first Color of Justice Program since the 2020 shutdowns from the Covid Pandemic. The location was Achievable Dream Middle and High School; however, the program was open to all middle and high school students in the city.

Attorney panelists included the Hampton City Attorney, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney from Hampton, Newport News Assistant City Attorney, Corporate Counsel with Newport News Shipbuilding and a private practice attorney specializing in criminal defense. So the attendees were able to hear about the different practice areas and legal positions available with a law degree. The Judge's panel included representatives from the three Newport News state courts: General District, Juvenile and Domestic Relations and Circuit Court.

A breakfast buffet of coffee, juice, bagels and sweet rolls and a pizza lunch were donated by private law firm members of GPWBA. Students were able to interact individually with lawyers and judges over lunch.



The students were very engaged, attentive (no one was seen looking at her phone) and asked excellent questions. Their evaluations were uniformly positive and the professionals were pleased to devote a Saturday morning to this community project.



Judith Kline, Retired Newport News, Virginia Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge helped organized the event.

Additionally, **Judith Kline** and **Joy Lobrano**, Louisiana Court of Appeals, met over Zoom at meetings of NAWJ's Child Welfare Committee. Chatting before the last meeting Judge Lobrano shared that her daughter is attending medical school at University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Judge Kline was able to secure an invitation for Judge Lobrano to attend the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Courts Judges Conference in Charlottesville from May 17-18. Joy was able to visit her daughter, enjoy some lovely Spring weather in the Virginia mountains and take innovative ideas back to Louisiana.



In collaboration with the District of Columbia Department of Corrections, a podcast was recorded on June 28, 2022, regarding mental health court. **Heidi Pasichow, Ann Keary, Marina Sabett, and Gillian Banks** contributed to the lively discussion about the benefits and requirements of mental health court.

Congratulations to **Dania Ayoubi** of the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings! She recently received the 2022 Women Making History Award from Montgomery County Commission for Women and the Leading Women Winners Award from the Daily Record.

In September 2022, District 4 is planning to present a short play called “Frederick Douglass’s Last Day” by DC Office of Administrative Hearings ALJ **Paul Handy**. The play is about the history of voting rights through the eyes of Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony. More details to be announced.

Thank you to everyone who organized and participated in these NAWJ activities! Please continue to share news of our activities.