



April 5, 2022
Report from District 4
Honorable Gwenlynn D'Souza

District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia

The Mid-Year Conference was held on March 10-12, in Crystal City, Virginia. The three Afghani judges who resettled in Virginia joined us for the conference, where the NAWJ Board voted for them to become new members. Welcome **Lida Kharooty**, **Vida Qayoumi**, and **Kamila Noori** to District 4! Welcome also to our other newest members - **Alecia Watson**, **Sephora Gray**, and **Carrie Bland**!

On Saturday, March 12, District 4 presented the Edna G. Parker Award to **Irma Raker** for her dedication and service. It was good to see so many of our District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia Judges together.



Joan Churchill has invited us all to attend the *NAWJ Immigration Update Webinar* on Tuesday, April 12, at 4 p.m. EST, which has been organized by the NAWJ Immigration Committee. There are many upcoming immigration judge vacancies, and this update may be of interest to judges seeking to a career transition. Further information is available [here](#).

The NAWJ Administrative Law Committee and Immigration Committee are sponsoring the webinar *Paths to the Administrative Judiciary: Many Roads, Many Destinations* on April 21, at 3:00 p.m. EST. Panelists for this Bar to Bench program are ALJs on the national, state and local level, including **Carrie Bland** and **Gwen D'Souza**. Click [here](#) to register.

The Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia will recognize **Anita Josey-Herring** as the 2022 WBA Woman Lawyer of the Year. When she was elevated as Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court in October 2020, she became the first woman to hold the position. Information for the award reception, scheduled for May 19 at 6:00 p.m., is available [here](#).

The Women's Law Center of Maryland is celebrating 50 years of advancing justice. WLC is presenting the Legacy of Leadership Award to **Mary Ellen Barbera**, Chief Judge (Ret.), Court of Appeals of Maryland on May 19 at 6:00 p.m. More information is available [here](#).

The Maryland and Virginia chapters are planning meetings. More details to follow.

The District continues to partner with the District of Columbia Department of Corrections to create a series of podcasts. On January 31, **Kenia Seoane López** moderated the podcast on Reentry Job Search and Expungement with **Paula Thompson** of Voices for a Second Chance, **Keisha Robinson** of the Public Defender Services, and **Kaitlyn Mason** of the D.C. Department of Employment Services. On March 3, **Tanya Jones-Bosier** discussed Wellness and Intention with **Robyn Kenney** and **Kamilah Way**.

Congratulations to our members and other local judges for their appointments and elevations:

Dominique Callins, Doris Causey, Vernida Chaney, Lisa Lorish, Virginia Court of Appeals

Rondelle Herman, Circuit Court of Henrico County

Rian E. Lewis, Newport News General District Court

Jamilah D. LeCruise, Norfolk General District Court

Jennifer B. Shupert, Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court

Angela Eaves, Maryland Court of Appeals

Rosalyn Tang and **Anne K. Albright**, Maryland Court of Special Appeals

Tameika M. Lunn-Exinor, Lydie Essama Glynn, Ana De la Hoz Hernandez, and

Theresa C. Morse, District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City

Monise Alexis Brown, Circuit Court for Charles County

Bibi Berry, Theresa, Chernosky, Rachel McGuckian, and Kathleen Dumais, Circuit Court for Montgomery County

Loren AliKhan, District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Kenia Seoane López and **Rupa Puttagunta**, District of Columbia Superior Court



Paths to the Administrative Judiciary: Many Roads, Many Destinations

April 21, 2022 - 3:00pm to 4:30pm (EDT)



CAPAJA Administrative Law Committee, NAWJ Administrative Judiciary Committee, NAWJ Immigration Committee

ALJs are an important part of local, state, and federal government. Join us for an online panel and Q&A on what ALJs do and what it takes to become one. This program will include insights and practical advice for lawyers and law students considering this career path.

Judge Carrie Bland,
Associate Chief Judge for Blacklung,
Department of Labor, Office of
Administrative Law Judges (Washington, DC)

Judge Sheila McNulty,
Regional Deputy Chief Immigration Judge,
Executive Office for Immigration Review, U.S.
Department of Justice (IL)

Judge Emily Chafa,
Retired Administrative Law Judge,
State of Iowa (IA)

Judge Susan Formaker,
General Jurisdiction Division Chief Administrative
Law Judge, Office of Administrative Hearings (CA)

Judge Gwenlynn D'Souza,
Administrative Law Judge, District of
Columbia Office of Employment Services,
Administrative Hearings Division (Washington, DC)

Judge Kristin L. Rosi,
Chief Administrative Law Judge,
Department of Insurance (CA)

Judge Dorothy Chou Proudfoot,
Administrative Law Judge,
San Francisco Rent Board, Moderator



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Event Link: <https://www.nawj.org/schedule/events-calendar/nawj-webinar-paths-to-the-administrative-judiciary-bench-/2022-04-21>

[Immigration Update: Issues and Current Developments](#)

From Supreme Court cases to juvenile dockets, immigration legal issues continue to be front and center. NAWJ's Immigration Update hosted by the NAWJ Immigration Committee on April 12 will bring you up to date on the latest legal developments in immigration law impacting the judiciary at all levels.

This webinar will provide the following learning objectives:

1. Awareness of legislative proposals affecting the judiciary
2. Awareness of inter relationship of immigration issues and juvenile justice
3. Awareness of changes for immigration matters under the new administration

And touch on the following topics:

- Congressional legislative developments to create an independent Article I Immigration Court
- The Administration's immigration Policy initiatives and goals
- Immigration options for Afghan evacuees and displaced Ukrainians
- Immigration issues facing noncitizen members of the U.S. military
- Issues facing the Immigration Judges' union
- Status of DACA recipients & juvenile noncitizens with cases pending

Featuring:

[Hon. Joan Churchill](#), Immigration Judge (Retired), NAWJ Past President, Moderator

[Hon. Beverly Cutler](#), Senior Judge (retired), Alaska Court System, 3rd Judicial District

[Faraz Khan](#), Legislative Director, International Federation of Professional & Technical Engineers, AFL-CIO

[Hon. Andrea Koppenhofer](#), Immigration Judge, New York Immigration Court

[Hon. A. Ashley Tabaddor](#), Chief Counsel, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

[Hon. Mimi Tsankov](#), Immigration Judge, NAWJ Vice President of Publications, President of NAIJ