

March 10, 2022 Mid-Year Report from District 6 Honorable Jennifer L. Smith

Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee

Tennessee mourned the passing of **Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Cornelia Clark**, who was a pioneer for women lawyers and an advocate for access to justice. Justice Clark died September 24 after a short battle with cancer. Lawyers' Association for Women, Marion Griffin Chapter, released a Special Edition of LAW Matters dedicated to Justice Connie Clark. (Link here.) On February 10, 2022, <u>Sarah Keeton Campbell</u> was confirmed during a joint session of the Tennessee General Assembly to be the newest justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, filling the position formerly held by Justice Clark.

The **Honorable Judge Angelita Dalton** will preside over Tennessee's new Women's Residential Recovery Court (WRRC) located in Nashville, which is slated to open March 3, 2022. The WRRC is a court-supervised residential recovery court program for non-violent justice involved females who are actively participating in a local recovery court in the state of Tennessee and have a greater need for intensive substance abuse and/or co-occurring treatment services.

Welcome to all new District 6 members! Juvenile Court Magistrate Carlyn Addison, Memphis, Tennessee; the Honorable Judge Toni Terrett, Warren County Circuit Court Judge, Vicksburg, Mississippi, who was recently recognized for her work in the area of domestic violence as part of the Vicksburg Domestic Violence Victim Empowerment Program; and Maia Czarnecki, a law student at Vanderbilt University.

District 6 members have received a number of accolades for service and excellence! The **Honorable Judge Robin D. Pittman** received the 2021 Ernest N. Morial Award from the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society for contributions to the bench and bar. She also received the Crimestoppers GNO 2021 Distinguished Service in Criminal Justice Award. In addition, Judge Pittman was appointed to serve as a member of the Judiciary Commission of Louisiana and as a member of the Executive Board of the Louisiana District Judges Association.

The **Honorable Judge Lynda Jones** is working to bring to life a proposal for a Wellness Retreat during the first half of 2022 at Blackberry Farms in East Tennessee. There are also plans in the works to institute a series of educational programs for CLE credit, with an expected roll-out date in mid-2022.