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Report from District 7
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MICHIGAN:

1. Conference work:

Michigan continues to work on the October annual conference, which is drawing near. In addition to comprehensive programming, the planning committee is putting final touches on many 'extra' things.

Attendees will find welcome signage at the airport and in our hotel. Our sponsor, Visit Detroit, has really been phenomenal to work with. Additionally, they have a dedicated website for NAWJ conference attendees who want to explore the city. Check out the website here: <https://visitdetroit.com/2022-national-association-of-women-judges-annual-conference/>



WELCOME
2022 NAWJ ANNUAL
CONFERENCE



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Judges and conference attendees will have opportunities to shop on site. One vendor is Shinola, which is known for exceptional watches, briefcases, office items and other wares: <https://www.shinola.com/> We will also have a booth for Love Travels Imports, which artisan goods that journey from across the world, from South Africa, Guatemala, Peru and Haiti, to a curation destination of Detroit, Michigan: <https://www.lovetravelsimports.com/> Mend on the Move, a 501(c)(3) non-profit social enterprise, employs survivors of abuse in Metro Detroit to create jewelry which provides them with an income while in recovery. Their jewelry is crafted from salvaged auto parts and car seat leather, symbolic of our commitment to serve women

locally in the Motor City. Mend on the Move has created a special Scales of Justice pin that attendees can order at the conference. <https://mendonthemove.org/> And for those who might forget their essential cosmetics, Beverly Cotton of JAFRA cosmetics will have items to purchase. <https://www.jafra.com/beauty-consultant/beverlycotton?personalWebsite=0207200274>

Attendees will also have the ability to have headshots taken from our group photographer, Emma Burcusel Photography. She is talented beyond words (I can attest!) <https://emmaburcusel.com/>



Several educational sessions will have films that attendees can watch before the conference or in the evening of the conference. Attendees will have access to view documentaries “Break the Chain” (human trafficking in MI); “Gradually, then Suddenly” (the Detroit bankruptcy); and “Healing Neen” (documentary on keynote speaker Tonier Cain’s transformation from a life of crime on the streets of Baltimore to international speaker on the topic of trauma).

Conference attendees will have an opportunity to participate in a law school mentoring event called “Planting the Seed”. What a fun and easy way to inspire law students!

2. MI Member News

Michigan’s contingency is active! **State co-chair, Judge Cori Barkman**, is coordinating a MentorJet activity at Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School. The event will be IN PERSON. It is scheduled for October 7, 2022 from 5:30 – 6:45. Those interested in participating should contact Karen Poole, poolek@cooley.edu.

MI and the State Bar of Michigan will jointly host, virtual MentorJet with several law schools on September 14, 2022.

NAWJ members and Michigan Supreme Court Justices Megan Cavanagh and Elizabeth Welch were presenters at the Michigan Judges Association annual meeting in October. Justice Cavanagh discussed the work of Michigan's newly created task force on Well-being in the Law. Justice Welch discussed the work of the Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, which she chairs.

NAWJ member and Michigan Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Clement is co-chairing the Task Force on Juvenile Justice with Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist. The work of the committee is intended to provide local courts with more tools to guide diversion and disposition decisions, more resources to keep young people in their homes and communities and effectively meet their needs, and more training and technical assistance through the State Court Administrator's Office to help local courts to implement new policies and programs effectively.

Michigan welcomes more members to its rosters:



Judge Jacqueline McClinton has served the 36th District Court in Detroit since 2020. She is a graduate of Wayne State University, and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Welcome Judge McClinton!



Judge Tracey Yokich serves as a Circuit Court judge in Macomb County. She served in the Michigan Air National Guard from 1995-2006. Judge Yokich served as a Macomb County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, from 1986 to 1989, Macomb County Assistant Corporation Counsel from 1989 to 1990. She returned to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney in 1997. She has also served three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives representing the citizens of Eastpointe, St. Clair Shores, Lake Township and Harrison Township from 1991-1996.

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Respectfully submitted, Michelle Rick