



November 27, 2023
Report from District 7
Honorable Miriam A. Perry

Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia

State Bar of Michigan Face of Justice Program: October 17, 2023

NAWJ Mentor Jet Program in collaboration with JD advising: October 26, 2023, via zoom.

Cooley Law School Mentor Jet Program: November 3, 2023

Upcoming Event: Holiday High Tea at Madam Restaurant: December 17, 2023

Congratulations To Our Outstanding 2023 NAWJ Members!

[The Appointment of NAWJ Member Judge Deborah McNabb.](#)



Governor Whitmer announced the appointment of Judge Deborah McNabb, of Kent County, to the Michigan State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision on November 8th, 2023. Judge McNabb received her undergraduate degree in Political Science and Spanish from Alma College in 1984, and her JD in 1987 from DePaul University College of Law. Following her education Judge McNabb served as a staff attorney for the Michigan Migrant Legal Aid service before her time as a Circuit Court Referee. Judge McNabb currently serves as Chief Judge Pro Tempore of the 17th Circuit Court Family Division. In her appointment, Judge McNabb succeeds Judge David Tomlinson, whose term has expired.

The Appointment of NAWJ Member Judge Tara Hovey.



Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the appointment of Judge Tara Hovey on September 22nd to fill the vacated seat for the 55th Circuit Court of Clare and Gladwin Counties. Judge Hovey received her undergraduate degree in 1992 from Central Michigan University and her J.D. from Ohio Northern University College of Law in 1995. Judge Hovey will be sworn in on October 11th, and will remain on the bench for the remainder of the term. Previously, Judge Hovey has practiced privately, working on criminal, family, real estate, probate, and civil litigation. Judge Hovey has a long history of public service having served on the boards of directors of Big Brother Big Sister of Mid-Michigan, Friends of Clare County Parks and Recreation, and Isabella Citizens for Health. A huge congratulations to Judge Tara Hovey on this important appointment!

Congratulations to Zenell Brown.



Following her retirement, NAWJ Member Zenell Brown has continued to excel. This year, Zenell Brown was appointed as the President of the Detroit Bar Association, the third oldest bar association in the country; and, on September 21st, named by the Michigan Supreme court as the Region 1 Administrator for the State Court Administrative Office. Additionally, Ms. Brown received, from the State Bar of Michigan, The Alternative Dispute Resolution Section 2023 Award and the Cynthia Diane Stephens Award from the Black Slate. NAWJ applauds and recognized Ms. Brown's exemplary accomplishments. Congratulations to Zenell Brown on her outstanding and continued achievements!

Appointment of Judge Jacquelyn McClinton.



NAWJ member, Judge Jacquelyn McClinton, began her legal career with the Michigan Department of the Attorney General, where she spent several years as an assistant attorney general. Judge McClinton earned her master's degree in dispute resolution from Wayne State University and completed her J.D. at Wayne State University Law School. Prior to Judge McClinton's appointment as the 36th District Court of Michigan in December of 2019, she served as an administrative law judge with the Michigan Office of administrative Hearings and Rules. This year, Judge McClinton was appointed as an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration in Detroit. NAWJ applauds Judge McClinton on her appointment and continued achievements!