



July 17, 2023

Report from District 8

Honorable Patrice Ball-Reed and Honorable Julie Verheye

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### **Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky**

On June 29, 2023, Judge Ball-Reed and I held a conference call with Kristen Miller of the Louisville Bar Association. Laurie facilitated the e-introduction. Kristen reached out to Judge Annette Karem on the Kentucky Court of Appeals who is currently the only KY NAWJ member. Judge Karem has recommended scheduling meetings that coincide with the KY judicial conferences to invite KY judges to join NAWJ. We are exploring scheduling NAWJ officers to participate in this effort.

Kristen who is the executive director of the Louisville Bar Association reported that there have been a significant number of women judges elected to the Kentucky Bench and who have no prior judicial experience. She felt that her members would benefit from the NAWJ educational programs and mentorship opportunities.

At the end of the conference call with Ms. Miller, we shared links to the NAWJ website about the Indy conference and some invitations to upcoming webinars to share with Louisville Bar members.