

NAWJ District 8 Report  
July 8, 2022

I worked on the Child Marriage Seminar held in Chicago, in person, June 16. and moderated two of the panels. ISBA was the sponsor and Loyola School of Law the host. NAWJ District 8 co-sponsored with NAWJ Human Trafficking and LGBTQ Committees and other numerous entities and ABA Judicial Division, SOGI, and Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence, It was a stellar presentation opening with an Illinois Supreme Court Justice stating that he, when contacted to give opening remarks, noted he did not have a great deal of knowledge on the topic. He proceeded to give a lengthy and detailed overview of child marriage locally and globally, and then stated that as a Supreme Court justice he could not take any kind of a position. We had the opportunity to hear from four international experts. Also included were survivors, advocates, attorneys, and judges. There was discussion about legislation in some states to end child marriage under the age of 18, without exception. Some states have already passed it. There is a video replay on July 21, 2022.

Judge Ann Breen-Greco