



April 7, 2022
Report from District 9
Honorable Celene Gogerty

Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin

District Director Celene Gogerty attended the mid-year meeting in Washington D.C. in March 2022. She reports it was a wonderful event and was thrilled to get to know some of her sister judges in person.

District 9 is also going full steam ahead on their first Color of Justice event in recent memory. We have a lot of legal professionals who are chomping at the bit to participate and inspire the next generation on April 20, 2022 in Des Moines, Iowa.

NAWJ member Emily Chafa reports the following accomplishments this month:

Today, March 30, at noon, I participated in an ABA JD SCDJ (Standing Committee on Diversity in the Judiciary, chaired by Marcella Holland) Women's History Month program with fellow NAWJ members Ann Breen-Greco, Linda Murnane, Vivian Medinilla, as well as Judge Romonda Belcher, Henry Hamilton, and Judge Peter Reyes. The program was entitled "Trailblazing Women in the Legal Profession: Their Stories and Legacies For Us" We featured Margaret Brent, Myra Bradwell, Arabella Mansfield and Gertrude Rush. The program was recorded and will soon be available to view free of charge.

I'm moderating a panel for an ABA JD program on April 13, entitled "Recognizing Impaired Attorneys, Parties, and Witnesses" as part of the Wellness Wednesday series. Panelists are ALJ Sharon Steckler and Prof. Amy Stark.

I'm participating and moderating a panel for an ABA JD program on May 11, entitled "All Hands on Deck: We're All in the Judicial Outreach Business" as part of the Wellness Wednesday series. Panelists include NAWJ member Kristin Rosi, Nicole Colbert-Botchway, Prof Greg Parks, Judge Paul Wilson, and Judge Andra Sparks.

The ABA JD Wellness Wednesday programs are offered free to charge and are recorded for later viewing.

I'm participating in the NAWJ Webinar on April 21st, "Paths to the Administrative Judiciary: Many Roads, Many Destinations" which includes NAWJ members Dorothy Chou Proudfoot, Kristin Rosi, Susan Formaker, Gwen D'Souza, and two others.

All the ABA JD programs can be searched and found at this link:

<https://www.americanbar.org/groups/judicial/>

The NAWJ webinar is included in the NAWJ newsletters and on the website.

I'm also involved in numerous Diversity CLE programs for the Iowa State Bar Association.