



August 11, 2022
Report from District 9
Honorable Celene Gogerty

Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin

Chief United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa and NAWJ member Helen C. Adams has been elected as the Secretary of the Federal Magistrate Judges Association. Congratulations Helen!

On October 6, 2022, Iowa NAWJ members are assisting with The Infinity Project's program From Grad to Gavel, aimed at increasing diversity and equity on the bench. The G2G Program is presented at University of Iowa College of Law, Drake University Law School and via Zoom in order to reach a wide audience of law students and recent grads. At G2G, judges and lawyers will discuss the importance of filling the judicial applicant pipeline, including seeking/providing opportunities for internships, clerkships, court appointments, and court committees. The Iowa and federal judicial selection processes will be discussed, including the role of attorneys on Merit Selection Panels.

Small group discussions will allow participants to explore options for engaging in judicial selection and service. The Infinity Project's goal is to increase diversity and equity in judicial selection in all of the states comprising the 8th Circuit, in order to increase diversity on the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, which only has one woman. Contact The Infinity Project, www.theinfinityproject.org, for G2G materials. NAWJ members Emily Chafa, Celeste Bremer, Susan Christensen, Anu Vaitheswaran, Mary Tabor, Celene Gogerty, Sharon Greer, and Rebecca Goodgame Ebinger are participating in the Grad to Gavel program.