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Report from District 9
Honorable Celene Gogerty

Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin

NAWJ member Susan E. Block was recently elected to the board of Missouri Foundation for Health. In addition, she was named to the inaugural LGBTQA class of awardees by the St. Louis Business Journal for her leadership in the community and support of members of the LGBTQA community as well as at large. She was also selected as the Woman of the Year for the Greater Missouri Leadership Institute.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Celeste F. Bremer moves to Recall Status effective June 1, 2021. She was appointed as a half-time U. S. Magistrate Judge in 1985 for the Southern District of Iowa. She has held the position full-time since January 1990. She will continue to work in the Southern District of Iowa, and other Districts as requested. She can continue to be reached at Celeste_Bremer@iasd.uscourts.gov. She's been a member of NAWJ since 1985. She completed her Doctorate in Adult Education in 2002 at Drake University; her dissertation topic was on Judicial Occupational Stress. Not surprisingly, she found that women judges had higher stress levels than male judges. She hopes to continue her work with ABA ROLI on judicial education projects.

The Iowa Organization of Women Attorneys (I.O.W.A.) and District 9 of NAWJ plan on joining the ABA in participation in the 21-Day Grit & Growth Mindset Challenge. The 21 Day Grit and Growth Mindset Challenge was created to help women attorneys and judges develop and enhance their grit and growth mindset by consistently engaging in short, daily challenges: reading thought provoking articles, watching videos, reviewing case studies, and taking concrete, habit-forming actions. We plan on arranging for facilitated Zoom conversations in support of the challenge.