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We are excited to announce that a new tool is available to help educate the public about the American justice system.

The National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) has long been recognized for its leadership in educating the public about the justice system, the rule of law, and the importance of judicial independence in our constitutional design.

We are pleased to make available the engaging, new video highlighting the importance of having judges and juries make decisions that are free from outside influence, pressure, and politics. Produced by the NAWJ Judicial Independence Committee with support from the American Board of Trial Advocates, and the ABOTA Foundation, the video is available without charge for public education purposes, including school and community outreach as well as juror education or orientation programs. Please feel free to use the video to advance your efforts to educate citizens about America's justice system.

The video is available in two lengths. One version is a five-minute video that includes information about the American jury system. Courts may wish to use this version as part of their jury orientation program. The video is also useful with general education and outreach efforts. A shorter three-minute video is also available. **We ask that you make no edits or additions to the video without our approval.** See video links below.

Jury Orientation and Public Education Video (Five-minute version): https://drive.google.com/file/d/106FVSB1Qb5h0Gu21RIZ4ZvJM3ZCMDP3y/view

Shortened Video (Three-minute version): https://drive.google.com/file/d/12FPC0IhVr7GUaO5hb8xWEyEAooPA6kqz/view

This public service video follows in the tradition of NAWJ's Emmy Award-winning *Fair and Free* video which judges and court administrators across the country found to be a helpful resource for their jury orientation and public education programs. Today, we are hearing more and more judges and court professionals from across the country express how critical it is to share the story of our justice system and the importance of having a fair and free judiciary.

We hope this new video may be helpful to you in these efforts. Should you have any questions about the video, or about how to access other educational resources from the NAWJ Judicial Independence Committee, please contact Laurie Denham at ldenham@nawj.org.

Thank you for your efforts to speak out on these critical issues with a clear and positive voice.

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