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National Association of Women Judges
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THE ROOTS OF INDEPENDENCE
Philadelphia and its four surrounding counties may be the best living textbook available for understanding the history of our nation. Why do we think so? The roots of American democracy are found in Philadelphia. The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were not drafted here by accident. Instead, they stand as the most recognized symbols of the American Enlightenment, which had its roots in Philadelphia 100 years before 1776.

William Penn founded Philadelphia in 1682 and his legacy is evident throughout the region. Philadelphia’s historic city plan is one of his most enduring contributions. Walking around the streets and squares is a visual and educational treat, with architectural landmarks from every period and historical markers that tell the stories of significant people, places and events.

In Bucks County, Pennsylvania Manor recreates the life and times of Pennsylvania’s founder. His commitment to religious tolerance, democratic government, and peaceful relations with Native Americans was remarkable for its time and still inspires us today.

When the aristocratic Penn decided in 1682 to apply his Quaker ideals of racial harmony and religious tolerance to his namesake colony, he set into motion forces that would produce the America we recognize today. By opening the floodgates of immigration, regardless of creed, Pennsylvania became, in effect, America’s first multicultural society.

Penn’s great Holy Experiment generated numerous mini-experiments, still visible in the stone farmhouses of Welsh Quaker and German Mennonite families scattered across the fertile countryside in Bucks County and beyond.

By connecting this patchwork of agricultural communities to the global economy of the 18th century, Philadelphia quickly became the busiest port in all the colonies. And Penn’s “city of brotherly love” would become the model for their new nation.

With such a thriving economy, radically diverse populations and central location, it should come as no surprise that the contrasting colonies united in Philadelphia to plot a revolution.

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
The fight for freedom took hold here at Carpenters Hall in 1774, site of the First Continental Congress. In July 1776, independence rang out with the signing of the Declaration of Independence (at what is now Independence Hall).

The same unique factors that attracted trade, immigrants and ideas to Philadelphia also lured the subsequent invading armies, thus, crucial battles of the Revolutionary War were waged here.

Washington Crossing Historic Park tells the story of George Washington’s crossing of the Delaware River on Christmas Day, 1776, and his dramatic victory over the British.

The British counterattack and their occupation of Philadelphia is the subject of several historic sites which you can still trace. Sir William Howe pressed toward the rebel capital in the fall of 1777.

The first major clash and General Washington’s greatest defeat came on September 11, 1777 at the Battle of Brandywine along the Brandywine River, 20 miles south of the city.

Then in October, the two armies engaged in brutal house-to-house fighting with George Washington’s failed surprise attack in Germantown (Cliveden), just outside Philadelphia (in 1777, today Germantown is inside Philadelphia). Meanwhile, rebels harried the British fleet from Fort Mifflin on the Delaware in one of the heaviest artillery bombardments of the era.

Only the defense of Fort Mifflin and Washington’s retreat to Valley Forge in December, 1777, saved the American army. Their perseverance during that bitter winter, a strategic alliance with France, and Washington’s courageous leadership finally led to triumph at Yorktown in 1781.

THE 19TH CENTURY
Of course, history did not end in 1776, and there is much to discover beyond the American Revolution. In 1787, our nation’s founders came to Philadelphia for the Constitutional Convention. Once the Constitution was written, Philadelphia served as the capital city of the new nation from 1790 to 1800.

In the 19th century, Philadelphia continued to be the nation’s center of culture, attracting writers like Edgar Allan Poe. Throughout the region are reminders of the ongoing commitment to fulfill the principles and ideals of the American Revolution. It was also home to the nation’s largest free African American population by 1790, and this vibrant community built many of the earliest black cultural institutions, including the first A.M.E. church, and a network of Underground Railroad stations extending out into the countryside.

The Johnson House in Germantown tells the powerful story of the opposition to slavery and the stirring efforts of African-Americans, Quakers, and other conductors on the “underground railroad.”

The monument Eastern State Penitentiary, founded by the Pennsylvania Prison Society in 1829, was a bold and innovative departure in criminal justice which emphasized solitary confinement, repentance and rehabilitation of prisoners. In Chester County, the historic college campuses of Lincoln University and Cheyney State University are significant landmarks of the education of African-Americans.

After the Civil War, a great iron rail network radiated from Philadelphia—the undisputed center of America’s industrial revolution. You can still trace the course of America’s urban expansion by starting at Reading Railroad Terminal (a monument to this country’s first billion-dollar industry), sampling the delicious diversity of a market which owes its very existence to the trains that knitted together the hinterland with urban consumers. Then follow those same rails in the opposite direction, along the old lines which spurred wealthy industrialists like Baldwin and Lippincott to build palatial suburban mansions.

At places like Hopewell Furnace in Chester County and Rittenhouse Town in Philadelphia’s Fairmount Park, the manufacture of iron, paper and other basic products provided a framework for the economic independence of a fledgling nation. An elaborate system of canals and railroads connected Philadelphia to raw materials and resources from Pennsylvania’s rich farms and mines. The Delaware Canal from Easton to Bristol, completed in 1832, was a great engineering feat that featured 23 lift locks and nine aqueducts.

Perhaps the region’s greatest monument to both art and engineering is Philadelphia’s Fairmount Waterworks. The five-acre site acquired for this complex in 1812 became the nucleus of the 8,000 acres that now comprise Fairmount Park, one of the largest city parks in the world and home to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Philadelphia Zoo, and eight city parks. For over a century, the Waterworks housed the machinery that provided a continuous supply of potable water to a growing city. The functional purpose of this site is in harmony with its magnificent location along the Schuylkill River, and a restored Water Works opened as the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center.

The list of historic attractions in Philadelphia and The Countryside spans the centuries and covers every theme in American history. A visitor to the region is sure to come away with an understanding of the value and meaning of this history and with a greater appreciation of the purpose and promise of a great nation. In short, if you want to understand how America evolved into the nation that it is, take a look at Philadelphia!
Registration
All conference attendees should check-in at the Registration Desk in the Four Seasons Hotel upon arrival. Each conference attendee will receive a name badge, conference program, course materials, and a welcome gift at check-in.

Name Badges
All conference attendees will receive name badges at registration. Name badges will serve as the means of admission to most conference functions. Please wear your name badge during all meals, educational programs, on-site meetings and events, and to board buses when in public places, but please keep your name badge with you throughout the conference so that you may wear and remove it, as appropriate, when going to and from off-site functions and events.

Registration and Information Desk
The Registration and Information Desk will be open all day, every day throughout the conference, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 and ending at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 11, 2007.

First Time Attendees
First time attendees will be welcomed at the First Time Attendees Meeting on Wednesday, November 7th, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Jefferson of the Four Seasons Hotel. The Welcoming Reception for the Annual Conference will follow immediately in the Ballroom of the Four Seasons Hotel.

Cell Phones and Pagers
Please set all cell phones and pagers on silent mode during all educational offerings and other conference events.

Hospitality Suite
Faithful to tradition, this year’s conference offers a hospitality suite for all conference participants to mix, mingle, and relax. Join friends and colleagues in the Presidential Suite at the Four Seasons Hotel, during the times listed on the Schedule of Events. All are welcome.

Local Points of Interest
Philadelphia offers many exciting cultural activities, amusements, and tourist attractions. Saturday and Sunday afternoons are free so that conference attendees and guests may meet, mingle, and enjoy the culture and excitement of Philadelphia. Information about local points of interest and activities including nearby places of worship, with service times is located in the Official Visitors Guide Booklet.

Special Needs
Conference attendees who have special needs may obtain assistance by contacting the hotel conference coordinator or the concierge. Volunteers will be available to assist at all special excursions and off-site events. Advance notice is appreciated.

Top 10 Places in Historic Philadelphia

Whether you’re an area resident exploring your own backyard or a visitor to the region, there are a few places that you really must see. There are literally hundreds more that you can choose from. Philadelphia is the city where our nation began 225 years ago. It remains one of the nation’s most historic cities.

Betsy Ross House
239 Arch Street
(between Second and Third Streets)
Philadelphia, PA 19106-1915
215-627-5343

Franklin Court
316-322 Market Street
(between 3rd and 4th Street)
also accessible from Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA

Independence Hall
Chestnut Street
(between 5th and 6th Streets)
Philadelphia, PA
215 597-8974

Liberty Bell
Market Street
(between 5th and 6th Streets)
Philadelphia, PA
215 597-8974

Penn’s Landing and Society Hill
Penn’s Landing
Columbus Avenue
(between South and Vine Streets)
Philadelphia, PA

Society Hill
Located between the Delaware River and 5th Street bounded by Walnut Street to the North and Lombard Street to the South.
The National Association of Women Judges mission is to promote the judicial role of protecting the rights of individuals under the rule of law through strong, committed, diverse judicial leadership, fairness and equality in the courts, and equal access to justice.

Who is NAWJ?

Since its formation in 1979, NAWJ has inspired and lead the American judiciary in achieving fairness and equality for vulnerable populations. Led by two visionary women – Justice Joan Dempsey Klein and Justice Vaino Spencer – 100 brave and intrepid women judges met and formed an organization dedicated to the following ideals: ensuring equal justice and access to the courts for all including women, youth, the elderly, minorities, the underprivileged, and people with disabilities; providing judicial education on cutting-edge issues of importance; developing judicial leaders; increasing the number of women on the bench in order for the judiciary to more accurately reflect the role of women in a democratic society; and improving the administration of justice to provide gender-fair decisions for both male and female litigants.

From the day it was founded, NAWJ has been committed to diversity in our membership. Our organization welcomes both men and women. We include appellate, trial, tribal, administrative law judges, state and federal judges, and members from every state in the nation.

NAWJ takes pride in its accomplishments. We were at the forefront in the establishment and implementation of gender bias task forces in both federal and state courts. We have greatly advanced the administration of justice in areas of domestic violence, child support and child custody; and the treatment of women in the courts of America. We are also respected as a leader in educating judges on bioethics, elderly abuse, the sentencing of women offenders with substance abuse problems; improving conditions for women in prison; and the problems facing immigrants in our court system. Currently we are developing curricula on the effect of genetic advances on women and vulnerable populations; the impact of international law on state and federal courts, and cognitively disabled persons in criminal courts.

In addition to addressing these and other important issues, NAWJ provides an opportunity for judges to meet and discuss professional issues of mutual concern in a supportive atmosphere. Connecting with others with the same values, we laugh, enjoy life and mentor one another nationwide.

We also connect with judges internationally through our membership in the International Association of Women Judges. Early in a new century, NAWJ judges are working together to ensure fairness, equality, and due process for everyone.

Welcome to NAWJ’s 29th Annual Conference, We the People. For those of you who are regular attendees—and there are many—your wonderful memories of conferences past and the opportunity to show support for everything NAWJ stands for and reconnect with good friends in an interesting city, is a yearly draw. If you are a first-time attendee, you are in for a treat: an intensely educational conference with first-rate talent, and—no less important—a congenial atmosphere and much fun. For those who are relatively new judges, we again have designed a special program on the first day of the Conference to help your transition to the bench or to your new court.

This is a time to learn, to step back, to recharge, and to relax in the company of other judges from across the country, and a large contingent from abroad, all of whom share your commitment to judicial excellence and to making that extra effort to ensure fairness and equality in our courts. The educational sessions on the Conference agenda are timely, varied and feature expert presenters. They include and appeal to the broad range of NAWJ members: federal, state, administrative and military judges—whether trial or appellate. Wherever you sit, there are sessions that will enhance your judicial skills and inform you about new developments we are all often too busy to learn about in dealing with our everyday caseload. Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Conference Co-Chairs Judge Norma Shapiro and Judge Carolyn Temin and their nonpareil Conference Committee, who have worked tirelessly to prepare and present this wonderful conference for us. Thanks also to the incomparable Philadelphia Friends Committee, an extraordinary group of women representing the very heart and soul of the Philadelphia legal community.

And let us not forget that we are in historic Philadelphia, our nation’s first Capital and home to the signing of the Declaration of Independence, with the added treat of having as our headquarters hotel the extraordinary Four Seasons Hotel.

Lastly, my fellow NAWJ members, I want to thank you for your efforts on behalf of NAWJ’s programs and for the incredible personal support and encouragement you have given me as NAWJ President. At the conference, I will be giving you a report of our work and achievements during the past year, as well as an account of the steps we have taken to ensure that NAWJ has the necessary institutional core strength in place to continue with its important work in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Brenda Stith Loftin
NAWJ President
St. Louis County Circuit Court
Dear Friends:

Welcome to Philadelphia, where, once again, we are proud to host the Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges. Many of you may remember our first Philadelphia Conference in 1993 when we showcased the future and included venues such as the Benjamin Franklin Museum. This year, we will be visiting the beautiful historical building of Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, and the National Constitution Center, an institution that was still on the drawing boards in 1993.

The subjects covered by our sessions this year reflect the changes that have taken place in the world and in NAWJ during the past years. We will be discussing the increasing inclusiveness of the Constitution, Separation of Powers, the Roberts Court, the Innocence Project, Immigration, Gender and Sexuality Law, The Public Perception of Women Judges and International Justice for Women. We have chosen to use a format of plenary sessions only so that all attendees can participate in discussion of all these important topics.

We are delighted to host a number of women judges from other countries such as Egypt, Korea, Taiwan, Nepal, Bosnia and Herzegovina, England and Ireland, and we will be hearing from them about their personal experiences on and off the bench.

Networking has always been an important part of these meetings and we expect the receptions and the hospitality room to provide a wonderful ambiance for these opportunities.

We look forward to sharing these experiences with you and hope that you will return home, enriched in mind and spirit, with many new friends.

Thank you to our President, the Honorable Brenda Sith Loftin, President-Elect Fernande R. V. Duffy, and the NAWJ Board of Directors for their leadership, assistance and confidence in us.

Thank you especially to the hard-working members of our Executive Committee and to our Friends Committee for incredible efforts in support of this event.

Thank you also to all our speakers and panelists who give so generously of their time and expertise to give our program depth and meaning. And a big thank you to each of you for the personal and unique contribution that your participation will make to the success of our meeting.

With warm personal regards,

Norma L. Shapiro and Carolyn Engel Temin
On behalf of all the judges in the Third Circuit, it is a great pleasure to welcome the National Association of Women Judges to Philadelphia for your 29th Annual Conference. The judges of our Circuit, from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virgin Islands, hope your stay here will be enjoyable. As colleagues, we applaud your leadership and dedication to the rule of law, to fairness and equity in the courts, and to equal access to justice.

Your theme this year, “We the People,” is well suited to these goals. We hope the education program and social venues unique to Philadelphia make this a productive and meaningful experience.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Scirica, Chief Judge
Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges

Dear Colleague:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Philadelphia on behalf of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for the 29th Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges. In this Commonwealth, you have come to a hospitable meeting place. Many of your members reside here. We are proud to have many women serving on our minor judiciary, on our trial courts and on our appellate courts. We are honored that you have chosen our state for your conference. My colleagues and I look forward to meeting with you at social events and attending some of the excellent programs on your schedule in the days ahead. We hope you have a wonderful conference and thoroughly enjoy your stay.

Very truly yours,

Ralph J. Cappy
Chief Justice of Pennsylvania

November 7, 2007

National Association of Women Judges
1541 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 4 2
Washington, DC 20036-1854

Dear Colleagues:

It is my great pleasure to welcome the National Association of Women Judges to Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth Court, one of Pennsylvania’s two intermediate appellate courts, hears those cases involving governmental issues, administrative law and a wide variety of civil matters in which state and local agencies or officials are parties.

Our court was created in 1970 following the Constitutional Convention of 1968. Soon thereafter, on January 5, 1972, our first woman judge, Genevieve Blatt, assumed office. Judge Blatt was joined in 1980 by Madaline Palladino, and of the fifteen judges appointed or elected to the Commonwealth Court since Judge Palladino, six have been women. With the election in 2001 of Judges Renee Cohn Jubelirer and Mary Hannah Leavitt, we became one of the first statewide appellate courts in the country in which a majority of the judges were women. In January of this year, I became our court’s first woman president judge.

As you can see, Pennsylvania is a woman-judge friendly state, and we hope you will feel right at home!

Very truly yours,

BONNIE BRIGANCE LEADBETTER

*In addition to those otherwise mentioned are Judges Doris A. Smith-Ribner (1988), Rochelle S. Friedman (1992), and (later Justice) Sandra Schultz Newman (1994) (retired).
WELCOME LETTERS

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GREETINGS:

On behalf of the First Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I welcome the National Association of Women Judges, and all who are attending this prestigious event. Our Judicial District is truly privileged to be the situs of such a marvelous and diverse assembly of outstanding members of the judiciary and bar. Our Judicial District has a proud history of association with NAWJ. We support your endeavors by providing every interested judge the opportunity, both financially and with judicial education time, to attend NAWJ's educational conferences. The benefit to all our citizenry is invaluable.

The First Judicial District is honored, and its prestige elevated by one of our member's status of Co-Chair of this 29th Annual Conference. We therefore salute Hon. Carolyn Engel Temin, an icon on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. We also are honored by the distinguished Hon. Norma L. Shapiro, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania who shares this awesome responsibility as Co-Chair.

I invite you to tour our historic City Hall, Family Court and Criminal Justice Center buildings during your stay. Our judges are excited that you are here, and welcome the opportunity to speak with you concerning the myriad of legal matters we address.

Congratulations and enjoy the best of Philadelphia, which begins with a hearty welcome from the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

C. Darnell Jones II,
President Judge
Chair
Administrative Governing Board
First Judicial District of Pennsylvania

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Dear NAWJ Members, Friends and Guests:

On behalf of the Judges of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the City of Philadelphia. We are extremely gratified that you have chosen this great city as the site for your 29th Annual Conference. In addition to attending the conference which is filled with first rate programming and outstanding speakers, we hope that you are able to spend some time exploring Philadelphia’s historical and cultural attractions.

Best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely,

Kate Ford Elliott
President Judge

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Kate Ford Elliott
President Judge
Dear NAWJ Members:

On behalf of the 13,000 members of the Philadelphia Bar Association, I am pleased to offer greetings to the distinguished attendees of the National Association of Women Judges’ 29th Annual Conference.

The Philadelphia Bar Association is America’s first chartered metropolitan bar association and Pennsylvania’s largest local bar association. As such, it is a keystone in the ongoing developments of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania legal systems. Attorneys and judges alike look to the Philadelphia Bar Association for guidance on legal issues and for an organized meeting ground for professional support and information sharing.

We applaud and support the NAWJ in its mission to promote equal access to justice for vulnerable populations. Day after day, our attorneys and judges dedicate themselves to the advancement of social justice through the work of our Committee on Women in the Profession, Women’s Rights Committee, Committee to Promote Fairness in the Philadelphia Legal System, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness, and many other groups and initiatives.

We extend our congratulations to the Honorable Norma L. Shapiro, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the Honorable Carolyn Engel Temin, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, as Co-Chairs of the 29th Annual Conference, and thank them for their outstanding contributions to our profession and tireless dedication to ensuring fairness and gender equality in our courts. As trailblazers who have paved the way for many, they are invaluable role models who continue to inspire us always. Likewise, we congratulate the Honorable Brenda Stith Loftin, NAWJ President, and Honorable Fernande R.V. Duffly, President-Elect, for their accomplished leadership and vision.

Congratulations and best wishes for a productive and inspirational conference.

Sincerely,

Jane Leslie Dalton
Chancellor
Philadelphia Bar Association
Dear NAWJ Members:

As Co-Chairs of the NAWJ Friends Committee, we are delighted to welcome you to Philadelphia. We are happy that you could attend the 29th Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges.

The Conference has received overwhelming support from the Philadelphia legal community. That support, which is due to the hard work performed by the Friends Committee, is a testament to the important efforts by NAWJ to promote equal justice and access to the courts for women and minorities and to provide judicial education on cutting-edge issues. The NAWJ Friends Committee is proud that the substantial funds it has helped to raise will further the salutary mission and goals of NAWJ.

The distinguished Co-Chairs of this year’s Conference, United States Senior District Judge Norma L. Shapiro and Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Carolyn E. Temin, deserve special recognition. They are trailblazers who consistently lead by example and are mentors for numerous women attorneys in Philadelphia. We want to thank them and the other members of NAWJ for their tireless dedication to ensuring gender fairness in the courts and for their leadership in advancing the role of women in the legal profession. We also want to extend our congratulations to the Co-Chairs of the Conference Program, United States District Judge Anita B. Brody and retired Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Phyllis Beck. This year’s Conference features exciting programs that will be very informative and interesting.

Have a wonderful Conference, and enjoy your stay in Philadelphia.

Robert Liebenberg
Stephanie Resnick
Fine, Kaplan & Black, R.P.C.
Fox Rothschild, LLP
Co-Chairs, NAWJ Friends Committee
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2007 (CONTINUED)

8:30 am - 9:30 am  Opening Session  Ballroom
Honorable Brenda Stith Loftin, President, NAWJ, presiding
Welcome from:  Honorable John F. Street
Mayor, City of Philadelphia
Greetings by:  Chief Judge Anthony Scirica
United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
Chief Judge Harvey Bartle, III
United States District Court
Eastern Division

Presentation of the National Center for State Courts 2007
Harry L. Carrico Award

Presenters:  Chief Justice Jean H. Toal
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Mary Campbell McQueen
President, National Center for State Courts

Honoree:  Honorable Ralph J. Cappy
Chief Justice of Pennsylvania Supreme Court

9:00 am - 9:30 am  President's Report  Ballroom
Honorable Brenda S. Loftin
St. Louis County Circuit Court
St. Louis, Missouri

9:30 am - 10:45 am  Separation of Powers: What does it mean?  Ballroom
Moderator:  Professor Charles J. Ogletree, Jr.
Harvard Law School
Jessie Cilmenko
Professor of Law
Vice Dean for Clinical Programs

Panelists:  Honorable Marjorie O. Rendell
Third Circuit Court of Appeals
First Lady of Pennsylvania
Honorable Deancell R. Tacha
Chief Judge
Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals
Laurie Magid, Esquire
First Assistant United States Attorney,
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Former Professor of Law,
Widener University Law School
Professor Catherine Struve
University of Pennsylvania Law School
Honorable Constance H. Williams
Pennsylvania State Senator
Honorable Melissa A. Hart
Former Member
United States House of Representatives,
Pennsylvania Fourth District

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2007

11:00 am - Noon  Public Perception of Women Judges  Ballroom
Speaker:  Lisa Scottoline, Esquire, Journalist
Philadelphia Inquirer, Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania Law School,
New York Times Bestselling Author

12:15 pm - 1:45 pm  Luncheon  Ballroom
Keynote Speaker:  Professor Penny J. White
Interim Director, Center for Advocacy and Associate Professor of Law at
University of Tennessee College of Law,
Former Justice, Tennessee Supreme Court

1:45 pm  Departure for the National Constitution Center
(Buses will depart from the front of the hotel)

2:15 pm - 3:15 pm  The Roberts' Court Evolving  National Constitution Center
Speaker:  Professor Pamela S. Karlan
Stanford Law School
Kenneth and Harle Montgomery
Professor Public Interest Law

3:15 pm - 5:00 pm  National Constitution Center activities
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  Reception at the Center  National Constitution Center
Dinner on your own
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm  Hospitality Suite  Presidential Suite
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### Awards

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  - LexisNexis and Morrison & Foerster, LLP
  - Justice Joan Dempsey Klein
  - Honoree of the Year Award
  - Honorable Carolyn Engel Temin
  - Honorable Mattie Bell Davis Award
  - **Honorine Sandra Farragut-Hemphill**
  - Justice Vaino Spencer Leadership Award
  - **Honorine Sarah Sharer Curley**

**Honorable Brenda Stith Loftin presiding**

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Cynthia A. Baldwin was nominated by Governor Edward G. Rendell to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to serve an interim term in December 2005 and was overwhelmingly confirmed by the Senate on February 15, 2006. She will serve through January, 2008. Prior to her nomination, she served on the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas for over 16 years in the Civil, Family and Juvenile Divisions. Justice Baldwin received her B.A. and M.A. from the Pennsylvania State University in English and American Literature, respectively. She served as president of its alumni association from 1989 to 1991 and is a gubernatorial appointee to the Board of Trustees. Justice Baldwin was elected Chair of the Board of Trustees in January, 2004 and served until January, 2007. She is currently Immediate Past Chair. Justice Baldwin also serves as Vice Chair of the Association of Governing Board of Colleges and Universities located in Washington, D.C. Receiving her J.D. from Duquesne University where she was a member of its Law Review, Justice Baldwin again maintained a relationship with the institution. She has served in both visiting and adjunct professorships. She is a member emerita of the Duquesne University Board of Directors and was a member of its Law Alumni board. Justice Baldwin also taught in the Widener School of Law Intensive Trial Advocacy Program and lectures widely in family law, constitutional law and jurisprudence. Justice Baldwin is a former member of the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, a former Master in the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Inns of Court and the Matrimonial Inns of Court. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, Allegheny County Bar Association, Homer S. Brown Law Association and the Women’s Bar Association. Justice Baldwin is extremely active in the community, serving on several non-profit boards. Justice Baldwin is a past gubernatorial appointee to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, serving for twelve years and is a past member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing. Justice Baldwin is also a seasoned attorney having been associated with several law firms and having served as attorney-in-charge. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection. Justice Baldwin was chosen as a Fulbright Scholar for the summer of 1994 and lectured at the University of Zimbabwe Law Faculty in Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence. She also assisted in researching the constitutional issues coming before the Zimbabwe Supreme Court. In the summer of 1995, Justice Baldwin was on a team sponsored by the American Bar Association, National Judicial Conference and D.C. Superior Court which conducted judicial education programs in Malawi, Uganda and Tanzania. In the summer of 1998, Justice Baldwin was chosen as part of a national team of five judges to go to Mainland China to do seminars for their judges, law professors and students. The group was sponsored by the National Committee for U.S.-China Relations and the United States Information Agency. Justice Baldwin was the only non-Federal judge chosen. Justice Baldwin is very active with the International Women’s Forum and the International Association of Women Judges. Justice Baldwin is a guest scholar at the Wolfensohn Center of the Brookings Institution working on anti-corruption projects in developing nations. She is the wife of Arthur L. Baldwin and mother of two adult children.

Maddy deLone became the Executive Director of the Innocence Project in March, 2004. Before joining the Innocence Project, Ms. deLone was an attorney with the Prisoners’ Rights Project of the Legal Aid Society, a Skadden Fellow and staff attorney with Children’s Rights, Inc., and a law clerk to the Honorable Robert W. Sweet. Prior to becoming a lawyer, she held various administrative and policy positions in New York City involving juvenile justice, public health, and the City jails. She is the editor of the American Public Health Association’s Standards for Health Services in Correctional Institutions (3rd edition). Ms. deLone is a graduate of Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges, holds a Masters in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard School of Public Health and is a graduate of New York University School of Law, where she was an Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Fellow.


Karen Hanscom, PhD, is the recipient of the APA International Humanitarian Award. Hanscom is the founder and director of Advocates for Survivors of Trauma and Torture (ASTT), a nonprofit organization dedicated to treating torture survivors who have immigrated to the United States. In 1998, Hanscom was asked to work with the Guatemala Human Rights Commission in order to train local healers in the treatment of survivors of torture and trauma. She spends 12 weeks each year in Guatemala conducting training sessions. Also to Hanscom’s credit is the development of the National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs.
Melissa A. Hart is a former member of the United States House of Representatives for the Fourth Congressional District of the state of Pennsylvania. A Republican, Hart became the first Republican woman in history to represent Pennsylvania at the federal level. Prior to her Congressional tenure, Hart served in the Pennsylvania State Senate, where she chaired the finance committee. She was defeated for reelection to the 4th Congressional District in the November 7, 2006 elections and her term ended January 4, 2007.


Laurie Magid serves as the First Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Philadelphia. The United States Attorney’s Office, located in Philadelphia, is comprised of nearly 250 attorneys and support staff, and has jurisdiction over nine counties with five million residents. As First Assistant, Ms. Magid is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the office in both the Civil and Criminal Divisions of the office. She has served by appointment of the Attorney General on the Appellate Chiefs’ Working Group. Before joining the Department of Justice in 2001 as U.S. Attorney Patrick Meahan’s Deputy, she served as an Assistant District Attorney in Delaware County for four years and as an Assistant District Attorney in Philadelphia for nine years. She also served for five years, by appointment of Governor Thomas Ridge, as a Commissioner on the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing. Ms. Magid taught, for thirteen years, at Villanova Law School, Temple Law School, and Widener Law School. She has published widely on criminal law and pedagogical issues, in the Columbia, Michigan, Houston, Ohio State, Wayne, and San Diego Law Reviews. She has presented on ethical and constitutional issues at the National Institute of Justice Conference on Sentencing Reform and for the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association.

Magid graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in 1982 and from Columbia Law School, where she was a Notes and Comments Editor for the law review, in 1985. From 1985 to 1986, she served as a clerk for the Honorable James Hunter III on the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Judge Rosalind K. Malloy was appointed Immigration Judge in December 1998 and is assigned to the Immigration Court in Los Angeles, California. She received her B.A. in 1964 from Hunter College, City University of New York; an M.A. in 1971 and an M.Ed. in 1975 from Teachers College, Columbia University; and her J.D. in 1979 from Rutgers University. Judge Malloy was an Assistant District Counsel with the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York from 1995 to 1998. From 1993 to 1994, she served as a Hearing Officer with the Georgia Department of Corrections in Atlanta, Georgia. Judge Malloy was in private practice in Atlanta from 1990 to 1993. She was an Assistant District Attorney in New York from 1984 to 1989. Previously, Judge Malloy served as a Teacher/Guidance Counselor with the New York City Board of Education, John F. Kennedy High School, Bronx, New York, and was a volunteer in Nigeria. Judge Malloy is a member of both the New York and Georgia Bars.

Mary McQueen, President of the National Center for State Courts, took office on August 9, 2004. Washington State Court Administrator, 1987-2004. Director of judicial services, Washington State Office of the Administrator for the Courts, 1979-87. Court planning officer, District of Columbia courts. Planning coordinator, Kentucky Department of Justice. Manager, evaluation unit, Kentucky Department of Corrections. Member, former member National Center for State Courts Board of Directors; Conference of State Court Administrators (President - 1995 - 96); Warren E Burger Society of the National Center for State Courts; former Chair, American Bar Association/
Jaya Ramji-Nogales - Assistant Professor of Law - Temple University.

Charles Ogletree, the Harvard Law School Jesse Climenko Professor of Law and Vice Dean for the Clinical Programs, is a prominent legal theorist. He has made an international reputation by taking a hard look at complex issues of law and by working to secure the rights guaranteed by the Constitution for everyone equally under the law. Professor Ogletree has examined these issues not only in the classroom, on the Internet and in the pages of prestigious law journals, but also in the everyday world of the public defender in the courtroom and in public television forums where these issues can be dramatically revealed. Armed with an arsenal of facts, Charles Ogletree presents and discusses the challenges that face our justice system and its attempt to deliver equal treatment to all our citizens. He furthers dialogue by insisting that the justice system protect rights guaranteed to those citizens by law. In 1998, Professor Ogletree was awarded the Jesse Climenko Professor of Law chair at Harvard Law School. He holds honorary doctorates of law from North Carolina Central University, New England School of Law, Tougaloo College, Amherst College, Wilberforce University and the University of Miami School of Law.

Assistant Professor Jaya Ramji-Nogales teaches civil procedure and evidence. She received her B.A with highest honors from the University of California at Berkeley and her J.D. in 1999, from Yale Law School. Following law school, Prof. Ramji-Nogales was awarded the Robert L. Bernstein Fellowship in International Human Rights to create a refugee law clinic at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. In 2001, Prof. Ramji-Nogales joined the international law firm of Debevoise & Plimpton, where she focused on international arbitration, and pursued pro bono projects in the areas of international and domestic refugee law and international human rights law. In 2002, she joined the American Civil Liberties Union in New York as a staff attorney. From 2004 - 2006, Prof. Ramji-Nogales was a clinical teaching fellow in the Center for Applied Legal Studies at Georgetown University Law Center, where she supervised students representing asylum seekers. She also co-taught Refugee Law and Policy as an adjunct professor at Georgetown. Prof. Ramji-Nogales' primary research interests concern procedural due process and the intersection of immigration and international human rights law. She has also been published in the area of transitional justice, most recently co-editing a book on accountability for the crimes of the Khmer Rouge.

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In 1994, Dr. Judith Rodin became the first woman to be named to the presidency of an Ivy League institution. During nearly a decade of service, Rodin has guided the University through a period of outreach by insisting on balanced growth and development. Transcending the traditional academic core and dramatically enhancing the quality of life on campus and in the surrounding community. Under her leadership, Penn has invigorated its resources, doubling its research funding and tripling both its annual fundraising and the size of its endowment, launched a comprehensive and widely acclaimed neighborhood revitalization program, attracted record numbers of undergraduate applicants, creating Penn’s most selective classes ever; and risen in the U.S. News & World Report rankings of top national research universities from 16th in 1994 to 5th in 2003. Dr. Rodin’s presidency has also marked the largest capital construction period in Penn’s history, with more than $1 billion invested in new buildings, renovations and restorations. In addition to being the first woman to be named to the presidency of an Ivy League institution, Dr. Rodin is also the first Penn alumna to serve as president. She holds faculty appointments as a professor of psychology in the School of Arts and Sciences and as a professor of medicine and psychiatry in the School of Medicine. She returned to Penn after 22 years on the faculty of Yale University, where she served as provost from 1992-1994. Rodin serves on the boards of the Brookings Institution and Catalyst, and on the boards of Actua, Inc., AMR Corporation, Electronic Data Systems and Comcast Corporation, she is also a Trustee of the Black Rock Funds. She chaired the Council of Presidents of the Universities Research Association. She chairs the board of Innovation Philadelphia and the Knowledge Industry Partnership, serves on the steering committee of college presidents for America Reads and the executive committee of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. Rodin is also a member of the Council on Competitiveness. Rodin served on President Clinton’s Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology and co-chaired the transition team of Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter.
Trudy Rubin is the foreign affairs columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer, and a member of The Inquirer's editorial board. Her column appears twice weekly in The Inquirer and runs regularly in many other newspapers around the United States. In 2001, Ms. Rubin was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in commentary for her columns on Israel and the Palestinians. She is the author of Wilful Blindness: The Bush Administration and Iraq.

Ms. Rubin has special expertise on the Middle East, Russia and Eastern Europe and travels abroad frequently. In 2003-07 she made eight trips to Iraq and visited Iran, Israel, the West Bank, Gaza, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, China and South Korea. In recent years she has visited Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, South Africa, Nigeria, Central Asia, Russia and Georgia.

Before coming to The Inquirer in December 1983, she was Middle East correspondent for The Christian Science Monitor, covering Israel and the Arab world, and lived in Jerusalem and Beirut. Earlier, she was a national correspondent for The Monitor, covering election campaigns and national political and social issues. Prior to that she was a staff writer on American politics for The Economist of London. During the Prague Spring of 1968, she worked in Prague, Czechoslovakia as a radio correspondent.

In 1993, Ms. Rubin was a Jefferson Fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu. In 1990 she was invited as an exchange journalist to the Moscow News in Moscow. She spent 1975-1976 as a fellow at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University as a participant in the program for senior diplomats started by Henry Kissinger. In 1974-75, she was an Alicia Patterson Foundation Fellow in Cairo and Beirut. She is a graduate of Smith College and The London School of Economics and travels abroad frequently.

Elizabeth M. Schneider is the Rose L. Hoffer Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, and has also been Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard and Columbia Law Schools. Professor Schneider teaches Civil Procedure and courses on federal civil litigation, gender law and domestic violence and is Director of the Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Law Fellowship Program at Brooklyn Law School. She is also Chair of the Judicial-Academic Network of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), a member of the American Law Institute and a frequent commentator for both print and broadcast media.

She has written many articles on civil litigation and civil rights, women’s rights and violence against women and her most recent article is The Dangers of Summary Judgment: Gender and Federal Civil Litigation, 59 Rutgers L. Rev. ___ (forthcoming 2007). She is the author of Battered Women and Feminist Lawmaking (Yale University Press 2000), which won the 2000 Association of American Publishers Professional Scholarly Publishing Award in Law, and co-author of the law school casebook Domestic Violence and the Law: Theory and Practice (Foundation Press, forthcoming 2007) (with Cheryl Hanna, Judith G. Greenberg and Clare Dalton, 2nd edition of Battered Women and the Law (2001)). She lectures widely in the United States and abroad, most recently in Vietnam and China, and worked with the Women’s Rights Section of the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women as a consultant for the Secretary-General’s In-Depth Study of Violence Against Women in 2006.

Professor Schneider graduated from Bryn Mawr College cum laude with Honors in Political Science, was a Leverhulme Fellow at The London School of Economics and Political Science where she received an M.Sc. in Political Sociology, and received a J.D. from New York University Law School, where she was an Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Fellow. She clerked for United States District Judge Constance Baker Motley of the Southern District of New York in 1975.

Lisa Scottoline is a New York Times bestselling author and former trial lawyer. She has won the Edgar Award, the highest prize in suspense fiction, and the Distinguished Author Award from the Weinberg Library of the University of Scranton. She has served as the Leo Goodwin Senior Professor of Law and Popular Culture at Nova Southeastern Law School. Her novels are used by bar associations for the ethical issues they present. Her books are published in more than twenty languages. All of Lisa Scottoline’s books draw on her experience as a trial lawyer as well as her judicial clerkships in the state and federal justice systems. She wrote her first novel, Every Wherethat Mary Went (1994), while serving as an administrative law clerk. She has now written more than 11 legal-suspense best-selling novels, with 9 million copies in print and published in 25 countries. She is a recipient of the Edgar Award for her second novel, Final Appeal (1995), and her most recent novel is Dirty Blonde (HarperCollins, 2006). Currently serving as a board member of the Mystery Writers of America, Ms. Scottoline is a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she teaches Justice and Fiction, a course she created. She lives in the Philadelphia area.

David Shepard served almost 10 years in prison in New Jersey for a rape he did not commit. He was exonerated on April 25, 1995. David now lives in Newark, NJ, and is a founding president of the Northeast Council of the Wrongfully Convicted.

Marciarose Shestack, for the past 34 years, has been a member of the Board of Directors of Vestaur, a closed-end investment company on the New York Stock Exchange. Long active in a multitude of civil causes, Marciarose currently is an active member of the Board of Directors of the Mann Center for the Performing Arts and the Marian Anderson Award Committee. She was elected for an unprecedented 15 terms as the public member and only non-architect on the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and, in 2001, they named her an honorary member of the A.I.A. Marciarose has been honored by dozens of organizations.
Catherine Struve teaches and researches in the fields of civil procedure and federal courts. She currently serves as reporter to the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules and as co-reporter to a Third Circuit task force that has prepared model jury instructions in civil cases. Her recent research explores the effects of jury procedures and instructions on the functioning of the civil justice system.

Judge Deannell Reece Tacha. U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Nominated by Ronald Reagan on October 31, 1985, to a new seat created by 98 Stat. 553. Confirmed by the Senate on December 16, 1985, and received commission on December 16, 1985. Served as Chief Judge: 2001—present. Over the course of her 20 years on the Tenth Circuit, Judge Tacha has been at the forefront of a number of important legal issues of our time. Tacha and the rest of the Tenth Circuit, for example, were deeply affected by domestic terrorism long before the events of September 11, 2001. At the time of the attack on the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, it housed a number of federal officers, as well as their children who died while in the building’s day care center. That event had a profound impact on Tacha, who is the mother of four children. “It’s still hard for me to talk about it — the staff people and the children. I was down there just a few days later and the site of the rubble was beyond imagination, as was the knowledge of what an atrocious act it was.”

Shirin R. Tahir-Kheli was appointed by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to serve as her Senior Adviser for women’s empowerment. In this capacity, she will focus especially on multifaceted outreach to the women of the Muslim world. The empowerment of women is vital to the President’s agenda for promoting democracy and freedom. Strengthening the role of women and providing opportunities for them are important elements in economic development as well as social and political progress. Ambassador Tahir-Kheli most recently served as the Secretary’s Senior Adviser on United Nations reform. She engaged the UN Secretary General and Security Council as well as other UN member states on UN reform efforts. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Penny White presently serves as an Associate Professor of Law, the Interim Director of the Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution and the University of Tennessee College of Law. The Center for Advocacy and Dispute Resolution is a curricular pathway for law students who are interested in careers in litigation, trial and appellate advocacy, and alternative dispute resolution. White earned her J.D. from the University of Tennessee where she served as Editor in Chief of the Tennessee Law Review and was named to Order of the Coif. She received her LLM from Georgetown University Law Center where she was an E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow. White began her legal career in private practice with an emphasis on criminal law and civil rights handling cases ranging from pro bono work for the Animal Rescue and Welfare League to the case of Houston vs. Lack which she successfully argued as a solo practitioner in the United States Supreme Court. She subsequently served as a judge in all courts of record in Tennessee. She was elected the first woman Circuit Court Judge in the First Judicial District and appointed to the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals, the second woman to serve on that court. She was also the second woman and the youngest person to serve on the Tennessee Supreme Court. In addition to teaching at UT and directing the Center, White has demonstrated a particular interest in judicial education. She has been a member of the faculty at the National Judicial College for more than fifteen years, serving as the Chair of the Faculty Council in 2005. White has also presented dozens of judicial educational programs in more than thirty states, speaking on issues including judicial independence, judicial ethics, evidence, capital punishment, and the media’s impact on justice. She presently serves as a Co-Chair of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation Task Force on the Independence of the Judiciary and as a member of the American Judicature Society Center for Judicial Independence Advisory Committee.

Judge Carolyn Engel Temin - is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (BFA 1955) and University of Pennsylvania Law School (JD 1958). She began her career as the first woman to be hired on the staff of the Defender Association of Philadelphia and later served as Chief Counsel to the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, and as an Assistant District Attorney. She was elected to the bench of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County (the court of general jurisdiction) in 1985, retained for a second ten year term in 1995 and a third term in 2003. She has served in both the civil and criminal divisions of the court and from 1994 to 1999 she served as Chief Criminal Calendar Judge. In 1992 Judge Temin became the first woman to be elected President of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. She is the principal author of the Pennsylvania Benchbook for Criminal Proceedings. This book, which is present in its third edition, has been distributed to all trial judges in Pennsylvania and is the official Criminal Benchbook of the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges. Judge Temin is active in many professional and community organizations, including the National Council on Crime and Delinquency Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Committee on Racial and Gender Bias in the Justice System, Jewish Publication Society, the Philadelphia Arts and Education Partnership, and the American Law Institute. She served as Chair of the National Conference of State Trial Judges of the American Bar Association’s Judicial Division from 2002-2003, and as President of the National Association of Women Judges from 2003-2004. Judge Temin has served on the faculty of the National Judicial College and has frequently served as a panelist for continuing legal education programs, judicial training sessions, and as a featured speaker at various national symposia and conferences.

Her numerous awards include the President’s Distinguished Service Award from the Pennsylvania Conference of State Trial Judges, the Thurgood Marshall Award from the Criminal Justice Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association, an award from the Joseph J. Peters Institute for fifteen years service as President of the Board, The Lifeguard on Duty Award for Justice and Equality from Blacks Networking for Progress, Inc., the Anne X. Alpern Award from the Pennsylvania Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession, and the Honorable Sylvia H. Rambo Award from The Dickinson School of Law.

From September 2004 - November 2005 Judge Temin served on the International Panel of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina. hearing complex organized crime and public corruption cases. She is presently a Senior Judge on the Court of Common Pleas.

The Florence K. Murray Award is presented annually by the Association in honor of one of its founding mothers, Justice Florence K. Murray. It is presented to an individual or entity, who, by example or otherwise, has influenced women to pursue legal careers, opened doors for women attorneys, or advanced opportunities for women within the legal profession. We are proud this year to present this award to two extraordinary institutions whose support has been of paramount importance to the National Association of Women Judges and its mission.

LEXISNEXIS - NAWJ is pleased to bestow the Florence K. Murray Award, first, on LexisNexis, Research Partner of NAWJ, whose Senior Vice President, Government and Academic Markets Business Unit, Catherine Morales, will be accepting this Award on its behalf. From its very earliest days as the revolutionary standard bearer for the use of cutting-edge technology in the law, LexisNexis has devoted enormous resources to the achievement of equality of opportunity for women.

Whether through LexisNexis’ support for legal efforts to end international trafficking of women and children, its recent training of women judges in the Middle East, its invaluable partnerships over many years with NAWJ, the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession and the ABA’s Judicial Division’s award-winning Minority Clerkship Program, to name but a few, or through its support of dozens of diversity initiatives by local, state and international bar associations, or its provision of thousands of hours of pro bono time to a broad panoply of human rights and legal services organizations serving thousands of low-income and marginalized women in this country and abroad, LexisNexis’ support has been instrumental in catalyzing the advancement of women, and minorities, in the legal profession, the judiciary, and the system of justice.

LexisNexis’ longstanding support of NAWJ reflects its profound commitment to the advancement of women in the legal profession and the judiciary. Since the mid-1980’s, the corporation has supported NAWJ not only through major financial contributions to NAWJ conferences and programs, but also by providing critical hands-on assistance in technology training for member judges, and sharing with NAWJ the extraordinary talents and commitment of its top people. These include Victoria Cashman, Consultant, Government Markets, who has chaired the National Advisory Committee, lead the effort to establish the vitaly important Resource Board, participated as faculty in NAWJ conferences, and consistently provided informed and wise counsel; and Matt Cegalis, National Sales Manager, Courts Markets, who has provided technical assistance on NAWJ’s web site and developed a scholarship program essential to landmark programs including “Color of Justice” and innovative initiatives in immigration law.

NAWJ is proud to recognize LexisNexis’ contributions by presentation of the Florence K. Murray Award.
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Morrison & Foerster, LLP - NAWJ is proud to present the 2007 Florence K. Murray Award to Morrison & Foerster, LLP, whose support for NAWJ reflects its long and distinguished tradition of commitment to the advancement of women and other historically disadvantaged groups in the legal profession, the judiciary and the system of justice.

Morrison & Foerster’s contributions to NAWJ have included not only the firm’s generous support as NAWJ’s first Landmark Sponsor firm, but also, under the leadership of Chair Keith Wetmore and New York Office Managing Partner Karen Hagberg, the provision of invaluable office space and services for NAWJ’s New York-based Executive Director, which have been central to NAWJ’s growing visibility and interaction with leading women—and men—of the practicing bar. At every level, the firm has given most remarkably of its “women power,” including, most prominently, New York partner Jamie Levitt’s service as Co-Chair of NAWJ’s Resource Board.

The first law firm to receive the prestigious Catalyst Award honoring companies that promote the leadership development of their female employees, Morrison & Foerster can consistently be found among national listings of top-ranking firms in areas including women’s leadership, advancement opportunities, work/life balance, mentoring, and diversity. With women currently 19% of its partnership ranks and leaders of many of the firm’s largest offices, major practice areas and administrative positions, Morrison has developed one of the most successful comprehensive flexible work time programs in the nation, with dozens of partners and associates working on flexible schedules. Since 2000, nine women have been elected to the partnership while working in a part-time arrangement, including four in 2007 alone. In 2006, Morrison launched its Women’s Initiative, intended to promote recruitment of women at lateral partner levels, retention of women, and the advancement of women into the partnership.

Morrison & Foerster’s multi-tiered approach to advancing women in the legal profession has included substantial support of gender-related programs of judicial groups, women’s, and national, state and local bar associations, including firm support for the New York City Bar Committee on Women in the Profession’s production of the documentary, “Trailblazers: Pioneering Women in New York Law.” Morrison & Foerster supports the work of legal services offices across the nation, and provides pro bono representation in hundreds of cases defending the rights of women.

In recognition of its remarkable record of contribution, the firm has been the recipient of prestigious awards from the ABA and numerous other organizations devoted to the advancement of women. On behalf of the women judges of this nation, NAWJ is most pleased to present the Florence K. Murray Award to Morrison & Foerster, LLP.

Mattie Belle Davis Award

Sandra Farragut-Hemphill - The Honorable Sandra Farragut-Hemphill currently serves as a Judge of the 21st Judicial Circuit in St. Louis, Missouri. She is the first African-American to serve on the Circuit Court bench in St. Louis County, Missouri having been appointed in March, 1991. Prior to joining the bench she was associated with the law firm of Bell Harris, Kirksey & Thomas and was a partner in the firm of Cahill, White & Hemphill. Her legal career also included employment as an Assistant County Counselor for St. Louis County, Missouri and as a staff attorney at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. Judge Hemphill is committed to the pursuit of legal education and has served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at St. Louis University School of Law and Washington University School of Law. She is also a faculty member for the Missouri State Trial Judges Judicial Education Program

A major highlight of Judge Hemphill’s career occurred in March 1998 when she was elected President of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. This selection by her peers from throughout the State of Missouri made her the first African American to be elected President of the 83 year old organization.

Justice Vaino Spencer Leadership Award

Honorable Sarah Sharer Curley - The Honorable Sarah Sharer Curley currently serves as a Bankruptcy Judge in Arizona, having been appointed by the Ninth United States Circuit Court of Appeals, in 2000, to a second, fourteen-year term. During her term as the Chief Judge of the Arizona Bankruptcy Court, from 2001-2005, she implemented strategic planning for the Court, including the transfer of the Court to an “electronic” or “paperless” system, assisted in the opening of a self-help center at the Court for those individuals who wish to proceed without the assistance of counsel, and led the Court group in the renovation of the courthouses in Phoenix and Tucson and the move to commercial space in Prescott Valley. She just finished two terms on the Ninth Circuit’s Bankruptcy Education Committee, having served as its Chair in 2003-2004. She is active in the National Association of Women Judges (“NAWJ”), currently serving on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors as Chair of the Finance Committee. She previously served on the NAWJ Board of Directors as a Director (2003-2005) and as Treasurer (2002-2003). She received the LexisNexis Scholarship Award (best new project proposal) at the NAWJ 25th Anniversary Convention in October 2003, which led to the electronic and hard-copy publication of the book, The Bankruptcy Card and How to Play It (2005). In 2005-2006, she was selected by the American Bar Association, Judicial Division, to serve as the first Co-Chair of the newly created Bench-Bar Bankruptcy Council and served as the Vice Chair from 2006 to August 2007. On the local level, she just finished a term as President of Soroptimist International of Phoenix, Inc. (2006-2007), which organization is a non-profit chapter of an international organization that has received Non-Governmental Organization status at the United Nations. The organization focuses on the empowerment of women and providing the necessary educational and financial resources to improve the status of women and families on a global scale.
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