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Save the Date! NAWJ Regional Conferences

**Did you get your Invitation to the NAWJ South Beach, Florida
Getaway: a Regional Conference?
April 27-29, 2007**

**Due to a delay in mailing invitations, the host hotel
reservation deadline has been extended to
April 15th!**

Call Jeff at 202-393-0222 with questions.

Programs to include:

- The Impact of Technology on the Courts and Jurisprudence, including Fourth Amendment issues
- Disaster Planning and Response
- Healing Babies and Toddlers in Court: The Marriage of Law and Science

Justices Luncheon:

Honoring Women Leaders of State Courts - A discussion on Judicial Leadership and Presentation of NAWJ Access to Justice Scholarship

Honorees Planning to Attend:

- Judge Donna M. Barnes Mississippi Court of Appeals
- Presiding Judge Pamela Baschab, Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals
- Justice Janice Holder, Supreme Court of Tennessee
- Justice Robin Hudson, Supreme Court of North Carolina
- Justice Carol Hunstein, Supreme Court of Georgia
- Justice Barbara Pariente, Supreme Court of Florida
- Chief Justice Sarah Parker, North Carolina Supreme Court
- Judge Paula Thomas, South Carolina Court of Appeals

Host hotel:

We will be staying at the beautiful, ocean front Savoy Hotel

Rate is \$185.00 per night plus

Hotel Service Fee: Quoted rates are not inclusive of the \$13.00 resort fee. This fee covers local and 1-800 dial-up calls, daily newspaper delivery,

**Have You Moved to A
New Court or A New
Home?**

If you're not getting e-mail, postal mail, or faxes from us, it could very well be that we don't know where you are. Don't miss out on anything. If you have recently moved to a new court or a new home, please take a minute and send us an e-mail at nawj@nawj.org to let us know so we can update our membership database.



NAWJ Latest News

**Welcome New
Landmark Sponsors**

[O'Melveny & Myers](#)

**NAWJ Co-Sponsors
the American Bar
Association Summit
on Unified Family
Courts**

NAWJ will co-sponsor this event scheduled

chaise lounges & umbrella at the pool and beach, access to the fitness center and usage of in-room safe. Wireless High speed internet access is also available (*please ask for rates and details*).

To make your reservation: Call 305.532.0200 ext 5271 (Maria Green)

**We would like to thank our supporters of
the NAWJ South Beach Regional Conference:**
(As of April 1, 2007)

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Save the Date!

**West/Southwest Regional Conference
August 24 - 26, 2007
San Diego, CA**

Featured speaker: Retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
Presentation of the second Sandra Day O'Connor Scholarship

More info to come!

Save the Date! NAWJ Annual Conference

**Reserve your room now!
NAWJ 29th Annual Conference
Historic Philadelphia, PA
November 7 - 11, 2007 (Veteran's Day Weekend)**



Hotel:

Conference Attendees will enjoy the comforts of the spectacular Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. Room rates are \$198.00 Single and \$228.00 Double. Register today to ensure you are able to take advantage of this amazing rate. The group identifier is National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ). Call today! 1-866-516-1100 or 215-963-1500.

Conference Program Highlights (subject to change):

- New Judges Program
- Separation of Powers: What Does It Mean?
- Public Perception of Women Judges
- The Roberts Court Evolving
- The Innocence Project
- Gender and Sexuality Law in the 21st Century
- International Justice for Women

for:

May 3-4, 2007
Marriott Inner Harbor
Baltimore, MD

The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts was a co-sponsor for the 1998 ABA Summit on Unified Family Courts, in Philadelphia, PA.

This conference contributed significantly to the creation of unified family court pilot site and programs around the country. Many states have continued to refine and implement this model. There are significant needs that have yet to be met. With the direction of new ABA president, Karen Mathis, another Conference is being held for much-needed follow up. Get more [details](#).

**CounterbalanceSpring
2007 Issue
Coming in May!**

Fall 2006 Issue:



[Members can download
the Latest Issue of
Counterbalance \(PDF\)](#)

Upcoming Events

***You can find more
details about these
events on our [Web
calendar](#).***

[Meeting of Virginia
Association of
Women Judges](#)

Fabulous Receptions at the Four Seasons, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, and the National Constitution Center. Luncheon at the Historic Bellevue-Stratford (now Hyatt) Hotel with an outstanding speaker TBA.

For up-to-date conference information, visit us at
<http://www.nawj.org/conference.asp>

Make your plans today!

We would like to thank the early supporters of the NAWJ 29th Annual Conference, with many more to come!
 (As of April 1, 2007)

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April 22 - 24, 2007
 Annapolis, MD

**Military Judges
 Training Institute
 Icebreaker Reception**
 April 23, 2007
 Charlottesville, VA

**2007 Southern
 Regional Conference**
 April 27 - 29, 2007
 Miami, FL

Color of Justice
 April 28, 2007
 Newport News VA

Are you keeping up
 with all NAWJ events?
 If not, check out our
 NAWJ website at
<http://www.nawj.org>

NAWJ Welcomes New Landmark Sponsors

**NAWJ Welcomes O'Melveny & Myers as the newest member of the
 NAWJ Landmark Sponsor Program!**

Among other benefits, NAWJ Landmark Sponsors are prominently highlighted at all major NAWJ events and member publications and are entitled to appoint two representatives to serve on NAWJ's Resource Board, a vital advisory board of the NAWJ Board of Directors which meets a minimum of twice a year with the full NAWJ Board and more often with District leaders. RB members also participate in regional and national NAWJ judicial education programming. Please review the complete list of our Landmark Sponsors at www.nawj.org.

NAWJ Thanks Sponsors of Mid-Year Leadership Conference

**We would like to thank the supporters of the very successful NAWJ
 Mid-Year Leadership Conference:**

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NAWJ Launches Members Only Section on Web Site

NAWJ is pleased to announce the launch of the members only section of our Web site. All active members should have received an e-mail on March 26 with their login information.

As an active member, you can log in 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from anywhere in the world to update your membership information. You can also change your userid and password at any time as often as you wish, perform basic and advanced searches of the member directory, and view current and past copies of the Monthly Update and Counterbalance. To access the members-only section, simply click the "members only" link on the gray navigation bar near the top of any Web page (www.nawj.org).

If you have questions about or problems logging in, please send an e-mail to membership@nawj.org.

If you have questions about your membership, please contact the National Office at (202) 393-0222 or nawj@nawj.org.

Program Announcements**Keeping the Courts Open in an Emergency: Policy Issues for the Judiciary****What is the Role of the Courts in a Health Emergency?**

Friday, April 13, 2007

9:30 am -- 12:00 pm

Brooklyn Law School (For directions, see <http://www.brooklaw.edu/map/>)

Sponsored by the Brooklyn Law School Center for Health, Science and Public Policy

From the risk of a natural disaster like Hurricane Katrina or pandemic flu to the threat of terrorism, emergencies create the potential to close down the courts. Yet keeping the judicial system open and functioning is essential to society's ability to respond effectively while also maintaining the rule of law. The questions raised by health emergencies, like those raised by issues of national security, cut to the heart of the role of courts in a free society.

This panel discussion will bring together judges who have first-hand experience with emergency situations along with other experts in law and public health. They will explore the difficult legal and policy questions raised by such issues as the judicial role in quarantine, what constitutes due process in an emergency, and how a disabled court system can cope with speedy trial laws and jury demands.

Speakers:

The Hon. Helen G. Berrigan, Chief Judge of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana

The Hon. Linda L. Chezem, former Judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals and co-author of "Bench Books" on Public Health Emergency Law for Indiana

and Kentucky state court systems

Ronald Younkins, J.D., Chief of Operations and Co-Chair of the Task Force on Court Security for the New York State Office of Court Administration

Moderator:

Nan D. Hunter, Professor of Law and Director, Center for Health, Science and Public Policy, Brooklyn Law School

Court Security Issues Featured in Latest Edition of *Justice System Journal*

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Williamsburg, VA (March 15, 2007) – The National Center for State Courts today released the new issue of *Justice System Journal (JSJ)*, which features a special mini-symposium on court security. This centerpiece is a first-of-its-kind discussion among court practitioners, legislators, and architects who discuss their definitions of “court security.” This issue is available at www.ncsconline.org/D_Comm/Services/Submissions/JSJ1.htm, or call 757-259-1811 or email wraftery@ncsc.dni.us. Mini-symposium articles include:

- William E. Raftery, mini-symposium guest editor and editor of the National Association for Court Management’s 2005 *Court Security Guide*, discusses the expectations vs. the reality of court security.
- Dow Constantine, King County councilmember and former member of the Washington State House and Senate, discusses the legislature’s responsibilities and the public’s right to safe courthouses.
- Carolina S. Cooper, associate director of the Justice Programs Office, at the School of Public Affairs at American University, details how the idea of court security has evolved over the last three decades.
- Sheriff John E. Zaruba of Dupage County, IL, asks whether court security is a direction or a destination and outlines what is required for the modern court.
- Judge Colin F. Campbell, formerly of the Maricopa County Superior Court, and Marcus W. Reinkensmeyer, that court’s administrator, discuss the role of judicial leadership plays in court security.
- Edward A. Feiner, who served as chief architect of the U.S. General Services Administration, discusses the abilities and limitations of architecture in securing our courts.
- Zygmunt A. Pines, Pennsylvania’s state court administrator, talks about prudent risk management from an administrator’s perspective.

The issue also includes the following two articles:

- *Security at What Cost? A Comparative Evaluation of Increased Court Security* George Mason University professor Jon B. Gould examines two courthouses and finds that although increased attention has been paid to court security, little evaluation has been conducted of the effects of heightened security on court operations or court users.
- *Emergency Management in the Courts: Trends after September 11 and Hurricane Katrina*, Thomas A. Birkland and Carrie A. Schneider of the State University of New York at Albany, examine the nature and extent of emergency planning in the courts, its variability across jurisdictions, and the extent to which other branches of government consider court security a priority.

The National Center for State Courts (NCSC), founded in 1971 by Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger, is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice and provides leadership, research, technology, education, and training to the state courts.

Justice System Journal (JSJ), a peer-reviewed journal, is published three times a year by the NCSC. JSJ is printed by the West Group as a public

service for scholars, practitioners, and others interested in judicial administration. Stephen L. Wasby, professor emeritus, University at Albany, serves as editor-in-chief.

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Williamsburg, VA 23185-4147**

Counterbalance Call for Submissions

Call for Submissions – Counterbalance Spring 2007

The deadline for the next issue of *Counterbalance* is **April 10, 2007**. If you have articles, announcements, or events that you'd like included, please pass them along to us at nawj@nawj.org. When submitting articles for review, please refer to the following guidelines:

- E-mail documents are preferred. You may attach either a Word or WordPerfect document, or include the text in the body of your e-mail. You may attach photos along with the document to ensure I receive your entire submission package. See guidance on photos below.
- When sending submissions, please include "For Counterbalance" in the subject line. If you have an idea where you'd like your submission placed (District News, Awards & Recognition, etc.), please feel free to let us know.
- Please submit a complete article. If you have information from some other source (article, newsletter, Web site, etc.) that you want included, please place that information in your article rather than making reference to it.
- If you have photos you would like to accompany your submission, please attach the photo file (.JPG, .GIF, .BMP, etc.) and include a caption alongside the filename (e.g., image1.jpg – Judge Jane Doe presents award to John Doe). If you must send a PDF document from which you would like me to extract a photo(s), please indicate which photo(s). **Please remember that the higher the quality of the image (directly from a camera or scanner), the better the print quality.**
- Copyright restrictions do apply even though we are a non-profit organization. Unfortunately, NAWJ cannot reproduce articles from newspapers or Web sites unless you own the rights or have been granted reprint permission. If you just want to include a summary from the source, please write and submit it as you would an article you had written yourself.

These procedures will help us keep track of everything and make sure nothing gets lost or overlooked. If you have any questions or problems getting something to us, please don't hesitate to call (202/393-0222) or e-mail (nawj@nawj.org).

Submitting Events for the NAWJ Web Calendar

Keep NAWJ Up-to-Date on your local activities!

If you would like to post events on the NAWJ Web calendar or in *Counterbalance*, please send an e-mail with "**NAWJ Calendar Submission**" in the subject line to nawj@nawj.org and include the following information (in this format) in the body of that e-mail—

Event date:
Event time:
Event title:
Event description:
Contact:
Location:

About NAWJ

The National Association of Women Judges is a non-profit organization which has for 27 years served as the nation's leading voice for jurists dedicated to preserving judicial independence; ensuring equal justice and access to the courts for women, minorities and other historically disfavored groups; providing judicial education on cutting-edge issues; and increasing the numbers and advancement of women judges at all levels to more accurately reflect their full participation in a democratic society. For more information, visit www.nawj.org or call 202.393.0222.