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#### Thomson West Seeks State Trial Judge Opinions for Publication

NAWJ Resource Board member Thomson West is interested in publishing State trial judges' opinions and selected orders on Westlaw.com. They are primarily interested in opinions and substantive orders written in civil cases from 2000 to the present, but we will review and consider all opinions and orders that contain substantive legal reasoning on important issues for the court, the jurisdiction in question, or Westlaw customers. All published opinions and orders will be researchable and linked on Westlaw in a new trial opinions database.

Interested judges may submit their opinions electronically by e-mailing them to [West.TrialOpinions@Thomson.com](mailto:West.TrialOpinions@Thomson.com), or sending them to:

Thomson West Litigator  
Attn: Dianne Selbitschka  
Trial Opinion Receiver  
610 Opperman Drive, D2-5158  
Eagan, MN 55123

If you would prefer to mail the documents, you may send them via 2-day Federal Express, using account #137762358, or West will provide self-addressed, stamped envelopes or boxes (to request, please call Kristi Davis at 1-800-328-9378, ext. 78736).

If you have any questions or concerns, please call David I. Tevelin, Manager, Content Acquisition, at (202) 423-2986 or e-mail him at [dtevelin@thomson.com](mailto:dtevelin@thomson.com).

#### New NAWJ Web Site Launches

#### 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](mailto:nawj@nawj.org) to let us know so we can update our membership database.

#### NAWJ Latest News

#### NAWJ Announces the Host Hotel for the 2007 Annual Conference

The 29th Annual NAWJ

NAWJ is happy to announce the launch of our new and improved Web site. You will now be able to quickly and easily navigate the site to find the information you're looking for. A new "members only" section provides access to member benefits such as *Counterbalance* and the *Monthly Update*. The current temporary userid is **member@** (this is the literal userid) and the password is **nawj.org**.

Phase 2 is currently underway. Eventually you will be able to log in with a unique userid and password to access and update your membership data, post district calendar events, register for events, and buy NAWJ logo items.

Please take a minute to check out our [new site](#) and [let us know](#) what you think. And be sure to update your old bookmarks.

### New NAWJ Bench Book: The Bankruptcy Card and How to Play It

Are you confused about bankruptcy law or would you just like to know more about it? If so, get your copy of our newest bench book "The Bankruptcy Card and How to Play It" today. Written by Hon. Sarah Sharer Curley of the United States Bankruptcy Court, District Of Arizona, this bench book is full of information and resources to help you make your way through the bankruptcy maze.

Over the years, federal and state court judges have sought assistance in the analysis of bankruptcy matters which may be presented to trial and appellate judges who have little or no familiarity with bankruptcy law. Non-bankruptcy judges, even at the federal level, oftentimes receive little, if any, practical training as to how to proceed. Given the exponential increase in bankruptcy filings over the last decade, non-bankruptcy judges at all levels have increasingly faced various issues concerning or related to the bankruptcy law with few resources. "The Bankruptcy Card and How to Play It" can help you understand it.

The bench book is available on the [NAWJ Web site](#) in PDF and HTML formats, and hard copy. If you would like a printed copy, please send an e-mail request to [sbrown@nawj.org](mailto:sbrown@nawj.org), and remember to include your mailing address and telephone number.

### New York State Association of Women Judges Annual Meeting

January 27, 2007, 10:45 a.m.  
Marriott Marquis Hotel  
Odets Room, 4th Floor  
1535 Broadway  
New York, NY

The following new officers will be installed:

#### President

La Tia W. Martin

#### First Vice-President

Barbara Howe

#### Secretary

Jeanette E. Ogden

#### Vice Presidents

Sherry Klein Heitler  
Renee Forgenski Minarik  
Barbara I. Panepinto  
Sheri S. Roman

#### Treasurer

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Sue B. Levy  
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Sandra K. Pardes  
Jane A. Restani  
Patricia P. Satterfield

Conference is November 7 - 12, 2007 at the Four Season 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 great rate. The group Identifier is National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ)

**Call today!**

**1-866-516-1100  
215-963-1500**

### Fall 2006 Issue of Counterbalance Ships!



The latest issue of Counterbalance was shipped last month. If you haven't received your copy yet, please let us know.

[Download the Latest Issue of Counterbalance \(PDF\)](#)

### Upcoming Events

**New York State Association of Women Judges Annual Meeting**  
January 27, 2007  
New York, NY

**Save the Date!**  
**NAWJ Mid-Year Meeting**  
March 23 - 25, 2007  
New York, NY

**Save the Date!**  
**NAWJ 29th Annual Conference**

Judith Ann Hard  
 Marcia P. Hirsch  
 Angela G. Iannacci  
 Debra A. James  
 Linda S. Jamieson  
 Marcy L. Kahn  
 Deborah Kaplan

Denise L. Sher  
 Bernice D. Siegal  
 Leslie E. Stein  
 Marsha L. Steinhart  
 Shirley Troutman  
 Mary M. Werner  
 Betty J. Williams

November 7 - 11, 2007  
 Philadelphia, PA

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

## Women Judges Successful in Races Across the Nation

Immediately after this year's elections, we asked our members to let us know of women judges who had successfully been elected (in both contested and uncontested elections), reelected or retained in judicial elections this past November 7th. We appreciate your feedback, and want to congratulate all the outstanding women whose names are set forth below (with the titles they will have when their new term begins). We realize, however, that they are only a small part of a much larger group of women jurists who prevailed on November 7th and apologize in advance. We want this list to be all-inclusive, so *please* take a moment to let us know of all the additional women judicial electees of whom you are cognizant, simply by e-mailing their names and court (and, if possible, contact information) to Jeff Groton at [jgroton@nawj.org](mailto:jgroton@nawj.org). Thank you, as always, for your support of NAWJ.

### Alabama

Chief Justice-Elect Sue Bell Cobb (newly elected, Alabama Supreme Court)

### Arizona

Chief Justice Ruth McGregor (retention election)

### California

Justice Carol Corrigan (retention election)  
 Justice Joyce Kennard (retention election)  
 Court of Appeal Presiding Justice Judith McConnell (former NAWJ President)  
 Court of Appeal Justice Patricia Benke (retention election)  
 Court of Appeal Justice Joan Irion (NAWJ Secretary) (retention election)  
 Court of Appeal Justice Judith Haller (retention election)  
 Court of Appeal Justice Cynthia Aaron (retention election)  
 Superior Court Judge Sandra Thompson (NAWJ Past-President)  
 Superior Court Judge Daviann Mitchell  
 Superior Court Judge Bobbi Tillmon  
 Superior Court Judge Sharon Mettler  
 Superior Court Judge Sheila Hanson  
 Superior Court Judge Sandra Kay Bean  
 California Court of Appeal Justice Madeleine Flier  
 California Court of Appeal Justice Patti S. Kitching  
 California Court of Appeal Justice Nora M. Manella  
 California Court of Appeal Justice Victoria M. Chavez  
 California Court of Appeal Justice Candace D. Cooper  
 California Court of Appeal Justice Frances Rothschild  
 California Court of Appeal Justice Laurie D. Zelon

### Florida

Circuit Court Judge Rochelle Curley

### Georgia

Supreme Court Justice Carol Hunstein

### Illinois

Chief Judge Ann E. Callis: retained in the Third Circuit  
 Barbara Crowder: elected Circuit Judge in the Third Circuit  
 Circuit Judge Kathleen Moran  
 Circuit Chief Judge Ann Callis (retention election)  
 Circuit Judge Barbara Crowder

### Indiana

## Announcements

### In Memoriam

Hon. Peggy Bernheim, Bronx Supreme Court Justice, retired, died on November 21, 2006 after a long illness. Read the [NY Times obituary](#).

### 2006 Annual Report

The National Office still has copies of NAWJ's 2006 Annual Report. If you would like to distribute some to your colleagues, please contact Jeff at (202) 393-0222 or [jgroton@nawj.org](mailto:jgroton@nawj.org).

### New NAWJ Logo Pin Available



### Order Now!

NAWJ has placed a final order for the silver pins, including some additional ones that will remain available to purchase until they are sold out.

This stunning NAWJ logo pin, created by award-winning jeweler

Court of Appeals Justice Pat Riley (retention election)

**Kentucky**

Supreme Court Justice Mary C. Noble

**Maryland**

Court of Appeals Judge Irma Raker (retention election)

Court of Special Appeals Judge Ellen Hollander (retention election)

**Michigan**

Judge Susan Moiseev

**Minnesota**

District Court Judge Elena Ostby

District Court Judge Patricia Karasov

**Missouri**

Supreme Court Justice Mary Rhodes Russell (retention election)

Judge Brenda Loftin

Judge Nannette Baker

Judge Judy Draper

Judge Barbara Peeples

**Mississippi**

Chancellor Jacqueline Estes Mask (retention election)

**New York**

Appellate Division Justice Angela Mazzaelli

Supreme Court (NY state trial court of general jurisdiction) Justice Elizabeth Garry

Supreme Court Justice Darrell Gavrin

Supreme Court Justice Joan Lobis

Supreme Court Justice Delores Thomas

Civil Court Judge Rita Mella

Civil Court Judge Jacqueline Williams

Civil Court Judge Deena Douglas

Judge Catherine Schaewe

Supreme Court (10th Judicial District in New York) Justice Randy Sue Marber

**Nevada**

Supreme Court Justice Nancy Saitta

District Court Judge Susan Johnson

District Court Judge Elizabeth Halverson

Justice Court Judge Ann Zimmerman

Justice Court Judge Abbi Silver

Justice Court Judge Natalie Tyrrell

Justice Court Judge Patricia Lynch

**North Carolina**

Supreme Court Justice Sarah Parker

Supreme Court Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson

Supreme Court Justice Robin Hudson

Court of Appeals Justice Donna Stroud

Chief District Court Judge Elizabeth Keever

District Court Judge Lisa Bell

District Court Judge Rickye McKoy-Mitchell

District Court Judge Nancy Norelli

District Court Judge Becky Tin

**North Dakota**

District Court Judge Karen Braaten

District Court Judge Sonna Anderson

**Ohio**

Common Pleas Court Judge Denise Cross

**Oregon**

Supreme Court Justice Virginia Linder

Judith Kinghorn for the 1999 NAWJ annual conference in Florida (Google "Judith Kinghorn jewelry" for samples of her work at museums/shows around the country), will be available on a one-time, advance order basis only and ready by the Philadelphia conference. To get yours, you must order now and pay in advance. Silver pins are \$250. You may send a check payable to "National Association of Women Judges" to NAWJ, ATTN: Pin Offer, 1341 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite 4.2, Washington DC 20036, or call (202) 393-0222 to pay by credit card. Don't delay. Get your NAWJ pin today! Because Judith is providing the pins at cost, \$100 of your payment represents a charitable donation to NAWJ.

Court of Appeals Judge Ellen Rosenblum:

#### **Texas**

County Court at Law Judge Sarah Clark  
 Court of Appeals Justice Diane Henson  
 Harris County Judge Elsa Alcalá  
 Harris County Judge Susan Brown  
 Harris County Judge Vanessa Velasquez  
 Harris County Judge Mary Lou Keel  
 Harris County Judge Annette Galik  
 Harris County Judge Lynn Bradshaw-Hull  
 Harris County Judge Joan Campbell  
 Judge Gina M. Benavides  
 Judge Julie Gonzalez  
 Judge Janet Leal  
 Judge Kathleen H. Olivares  
 Judge Bonnie Rangel  
 Judge Guadalupe Rivera  
 Judge Yvonne Rodriguez  
 Judge Marisela Saldaña  
 Chief Justice Linda Thomas  
 Judge Catherine Torres-Stahl  
 Judge Alma R. Trejo  
 Judge Linda Chew  
 Judge M. Sue Kurita  
 Judge Lora Livingston  
 Justice Ann Crawford McClure  
 Judge Maria A. Salas-Mendoza  
 Judge Rose Vela

#### **Washington**

Supreme Court Justice Susan Owens

#### **Other**

Commissioner Maria Hernandez  
 Commissioner Vickie Hix  
 Commissioner Jane Shade  
 Judge Martha Walters

### **2007 Annual Membership Directory**

#### **Getting the Information Correct is Key!**

Each year, National sends each NAWJ member (via email, fax or U.S. mail) a copy of all of the member's contact data. We do this to ensure we have the most current data for the printing of the NAWJ Annual Membership Directory. The Directory is only as good as the information in it, so if you have received an update form or reported your changes to us, please do so.

Thank you!

### **Counterbalance Call for Submissions**

#### ***Call for Submissions – Counterbalance Spring 2007***

Yes, we're planning ahead! 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 Stephanie Brown at [sbrown@nawj.org](mailto:sbrown@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 Stephanie keep track of everything and make sure nothing gets lost or overlooked. If you have any questions or problems getting something to Stephanie, please don't hesitate to call (202/393-0222) or e-mail ([sbrown@nawj.org](mailto:sbrown@nawj.org)) Stephanie is extremely comfortable with computers and willing to help in any way she can to ensure a smooth operation.

### 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 [sbrown@nawj.org](mailto:sbrown@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:

E-mails without the above information may cause a delay or error in posting. You may attach flyers or registration forms to be posted along with your event, but it is most helpful if you can extract the required information and present it in the above format. Events are automatically included in the most current issue of *Counterbalance* if submitted by the deadline. Thank you for your help.

### 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](http://www.nawj.org) or call 202.393.0222.