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**Bankruptcy Program for Attorneys and Judges**

The Bar Association of San Francisco, The National Association of Women Judges and The American Bar Association Judicial Division Bench Bar Bankruptcy Council present:

**The Bankruptcy Card and How to Play It:  
Bankruptcy Issues for  
Attorneys, Federal and State Judges**

Thursday, August 9th  
BASF Conference Center  
301 Battery Street, 3rd Floor  
San Francisco, California

**MCLE:** 2.25 Hours

**MCLE Registration:** 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch and Program: 2:00 – 4:30 pm  
(Event code: G071616)

**Fees:**

\$25 Students  
\$35 National Association of Women Judges and ABA Judicial Division  
\$50 BASF Members  
\$75 All Others

(All prices increase \$10 on the day of the program.)

**Contact:** Continuing Legal Education Department  
The Bar Association of San Francisco  
465 California Street, Suite 1100  
San Francisco, California 94101-1826

**Speakers:**

**The Honorable Sarah Sharer Curley**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Arizona, Board Member, National Association of Women Judges

**The Honorable Elizabeth Snow Stong**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of New York

**The Honorable Leslie J. Tchaikovsky**, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California

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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.



**Upcoming Events**

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

**NAWJ/CCWI Luncheon**  
July 12, 2007  
Washington, DC

**NAWL Awards Luncheon**  
August 2, 2007  
New York, NY

**Bankruptcy Card and**

**Lorraine S. McGowan**, Co-Chair, Bankruptcy and Debt Restructuring Group, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, New York City

**The Honorable Diane Wick**, San Francisco Superior Court

**Topics:**

- Recent changes resulting from the enactment of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act (BAPCPA)
- The automatic stay and how it impacts pending litigation in the state and federal courts
- Jurisdictional issues: Who decides the scope and extent of the automatic stay?
- Special concerns of Federal District Court Judges: appeals, removal, and new issues related to withdrawal of the reference.

**Join NAWJ at the Margaret Brent Awards Luncheon!**

In keeping with tradition, NAWJ has purchased a table at the Margaret Brent Awards luncheon. Tickets are \$150 and are very limited. If you would like to join us, contact Jeff Groton at [jgroton@nawj.org](mailto:jgroton@nawj.org) or 202-393-0222.

**17th Annual Margaret Brent  
Women Lawyers of Achievement  
Awards Luncheon**

Sunday, August 12th  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Moscone West Convention Center  
San Francisco, California (ABA Annual Meeting)

**2007 Honorees**

**Roxana C. Bacon**, Executive Director, Western Progress and first woman president of the State Bar of Arizona; in Phoenix, Arizona

**Marsha S. Berzon**, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; in San Francisco, California

**Angela M. Bradstreet**, Labor Commissioner for the state of California and champion for the advancement of women; in San Francisco, California

**Marva Jones Brooks**, Partner, Arnall Golden Gregory LLP and first woman and first African-American City Attorney for Atlanta; in Atlanta, Georgia

**Irma S. Raker**, Judge, Court of Appeals of Maryland, pioneering jurist and leader in criminal justice policy development; in Annapolis, Maryland

**NAWL 2007 Annual Awards Luncheon**

NAWJ Co-Sponsors NAWL's  
2007 Annual Awards Luncheon in New York

Thursday, August 2, 2007  
Noon-2:00 p.m.  
Waldorf Astoria

honoring

Karen J. Mathis  
President, American Bar Association  
Arabella Babb Mansfield Award

Bank of America, N.A.  
NAWL President's Award

**How to Play It**  
August 9, 2007  
San Francisco, CA

**Margaret Brent  
Awards Luncheon**  
August 12, 2007  
San Francisco, CA

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

**NAWJ 29th Annual  
Conference**  
November 7 - 11,  
2007  
Philadelphia, PA

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Carol Robles-Román  
Deputy Mayor, New York City  
NAWL Public Service Award

Heather Giordanella  
Bobbi Meloro  
NAWL Outstanding Member Awards

Laurie N. Robinson  
Assistant General Counsel and Director of  
CBS Training and Diversity, CBS  
M. Ashley Dickerson Award

9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.  
CLE Program  
Her Place at the Table:  
Negotiating for Yourself  
and With Your Clients

For more information visit <http://www.abanet.org/nawl/>

### NAWJ Annual Conference

**NAWJ 29th Annual Conference  
to be held in  
Historic Philadelphia, PA  
November 7 - 11, 2007 (Veteran's Day Weekend)**



The Conference Registration Form will be mailed to you  
in the next issue of Counterbalance.

Contact Jeff Groton at [jgroton@nawj.org](mailto:jgroton@nawj.org) if you would like  
a registration form sent to you now.

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

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Conference Attendees will enjoy the comforts of the spectacular Four Seasons  
Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. Room rates are an astounding \$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.

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**Save the Date! NAWJ Southwest Regional Conference**

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**National Association of Women Judges  
 Southwest Regional Conference**

**August 24-26, 2007**

**Hilton San Diego Resort  
 Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice**

**A FOCUS ON JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE AND JUDICIAL DIVERSITY**

**Friday, August 24 Highlights**

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Judge Brenda Stith Loftin, NAWJ President  
 Presiding Justice Judith McConnell, California Court of Appeal

**Remarks**

*Justice At Stake: The New Politics of Judicial Elections 2006*  
 Hon. Roger Warren, Chairman

**Plenary Session**

*Judicial Diversity: Sine qua non for Judicial Independence?*

Moderator

Professor Miranda McGowan, University of San Diego School of Law

Panelists

Associate Justice Carlos Moreno, California Supreme Court  
 Chief Justice Ruth McGregor, Arizona Supreme Court  
 Hon. Bonnie Dumanis, San Diego District Attorney  
 Judge Conesulo Marshall, Federal District Court-Los Angeles  
 Justice Maria Rivera, California Court of Appeal  
 Judge Brenda Harbin-Forte, Alameda County Superior Court  
 Judge Fumiko Wasserman, Los Angeles County Superior Court

**Remarks**

Hon. Sharon Majors-Lewis, California Judicial Appointments Secretary

**Garden Terrace Reception**

Presentation of NAWJ Access to Justice Scholarships by Judge Brenda Stith  
 Loftin

Sarah Yousuf, California Western School of Law  
 Hasmik Badalian, University of San Diego School of Law

**Saturday, August 25 Highlights**

**Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice**

**Introduction and Opening Remarks**

Introduction of Chief Justice Ruth McGregor  
 by Judge Brenda Stith Loftin, NAWJ President

Remarks by Chief Justice Ruth McGregor, Arizona Supreme Court

**Plenary Session**

*Racial and Gender Bias in Judicial Selection, Retention and Evaluation and  
 the Relationship to Judicial Independence*

Speakers

Professor Cheryl I. Harris, UCLA School of Law  
 Professor Jerry Kang, UCLA School of Law  
 Professor Sherrilyn Ifill, University of Maryland School of Law  
 Pamela Meanes, Esq. Thompson Coburn LLP, St. Louis

**Luncheon**

Keynote Address

Justice (Ret'd) Sandra Day O'Connor, United States Supreme Court

Presentation of NAWJ Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Scholarship  
 by Justice Fernande Duffly

Christie Edwards, Thomas Jefferson School of Law

**Sunday, August 26 Highlights  
 Hilton San Diego Resort**

**Farewell Breakfast**

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## **NAWJ to Meet With the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues**

NAWJ Second Annual Luncheon of the members of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues ("Caucus") and the leading women of the American judiciary--primarily those currently serving as State Supreme Court Chief Justices and Federal Circuit Chief Judges. The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2007 at noon, in the United States Capitol, Room HC-5.

NAWJ last year inaugurated the First Annual Women Chiefs/Congressional Caucus Capitol luncheon in the belief that such a meeting between the women leaders of the judicial and legislative branches of government could be the start of an invaluable process of building meaningful relationships and mutual understanding between leaders of these two critical, often misunderstood branches of government, hopefully creating a basis for common support and assistance whenever possible and appropriate.

The uniformly acclaimed Luncheon, held on July 11, 2006, drew an attendance of 25 Chief Justices, Associate Justices, Chief Judges, and other judges from across the country, together with 18 Congresswomen representing states from New York to California, including now-Speaker Pelosi, who spoke eloquently to the need for collaboration and mutual understanding. We were particularly pleased by the bipartisan attendance and interest in working with NAWJ.

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Event date:  
Event time:  
Event title:  
Event description:  
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