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NAWJ 2006 Conference

To view the full draft agenda visit:

http://www.nawj.org/2006_conference/2006_conference.html

Rooms are going fast for the NAWJ 2006 Annual Conference. Call today!



**RIO ALL-SUITES HOTEL
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
October 4 - 8, 2006**

LODGING: Rooms at the Rio All Suite Hotel & Casino have been guaranteed at the rate of \$175.00 plus tax, single or double occupancy. This rate is available from October 1 through October 10.

For reservations, call 1-888-746-6955. State that you are with the National Association of Women Judges conference (#S10NAW6). Reservations must be made on or before September 19, 2006, to guarantee the conference rate (subject to availability).

To register for the conference, contact:

Justice Miriam Shearing, Conference Chair
shearing@nvcourts.state.nv.us

Jeff at the National Office
jgroton@nawj.org

You can also register online at:

http://www.nawj.org/2006_conference/2006_conference.html

NAWJ Nominating Committee Seeking Applicants

Dear Members,

The NAWJ staff is pleased to bring you a new, enhanced format for our Monthly Update. This is just one example of how we are working each day to make your membership a more valuable experience.

In addition to text, this new format supports photos and graphics. When submitting input for the Monthly Update, feel free to send along an accompanying photo or graphic. Please send us your [suggestions](#) so we can continue to make Monthly Update even better.

The Staff at National

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The Nominating Committee of the National Association of Women Judges is seeking nominations for the following positions for the 2006-2007 term:

President-Elect
Vice President for Districts
Vice President for Publications
Secretary
Treasurer

We invite you to nominate yourself or another member (with her consent) for any of these offices. Please submit a letter stating the roles the nominee has played in NAWJ activities, including particular accomplishments you wish to bring to the committee's attention, and the nominee's curriculum vita. The letter also should include a paragraph on the strengths the nominee would bring to the leadership of the organization. Current officers seeking a different office, or a second term in the case of the Vice President positions, must submit a letter of nomination. Only voting members in good standing are eligible to hold office; this now includes retired judges who remain subject to the canons of judicial conduct

The President-elect must have served a term as Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary, or as Chair of the Projects Committee, the Resource Development Committee, or the Finance Committee.

From NAWJ Bylaws:

"The Nominating Committee shall present at least one (1) nominee for each officer's position. A nomination for each officer's position also may be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee by petition of no less than nine (9) voting members of the organization at least **sixty (60) days (August 5, 2006)** prior to the Annual Meeting. The list of nominees for each position designated by the Nominating Committee and by petition shall be circulated to the voting membership at least **thirty (30) days (September 4, 2006)** prior to the Annual Meeting. Nominations for all officer positions may also be made by voting members from the floor at the Annual Meeting provided such nominees' names have previously been submitted to the Nominating Committee and the Nominating Committee has failed to endorse their candidacy."

Nominating Committee members are listed below. Please address letters to the Chair and send a copy to each committee member.

Hon. Sandra Thompson
Chair, Nominating Committee
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2006 Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

Keep an Eye out for the 2006 Member-Get-A-Member Campaign!

Win an All-Expenses-Paid Trip to the 2006 Annual Conference!*

Campaign Dates: June 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006

The rules are simple, and will be included in the mailing on the campaign. It can be as simple as sending in the name of a judge to be contacted by NAWJ for possible membership, or you can sign a member up during the campaign and indicate to us

[Federal Communications Act to Ensure Fairness in Provision of Telephone Service for Incarcerated Persons](#)

[NAWJ Co-Sponsors ABA Pipeline Diversity Resolution](#)

[Alaska Supreme Court Justice Dana Fabe Selected Chief Justice](#)

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

Upcoming Events

[APALA/NJ Installation Dinner](#)

June 8, 2006
Parsippany, NJ

[District 4 Edna Parker Award Banquet and Reception](#)

June 13, 2006
Washington, DC

[District 1 Annual Dinner Meeting](#)

June 13, 2006
Cambridge, MA

[Annual Judicial College "Welcome Reception"](#)

Sponsored by California member Judges of NAWJ, District 14
June 21, 2006
6:00 - 7:30 PM
Home of Judge Carol Brosnahan

[California Women Judges Present "So, You Want To Be A Judge?"](#)

A seminar on the judicial appointments and elections process
June 24, 2006
Sacramento, CA
Details [here](#).

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

that you were the person who recommended them for membership. A drawing will be held to give one judge who "gets a member" free registration to the Las Vegas annual meeting.

Counterbalance Update



Did you receive your Spring issue of Counterbalance?

The DVD that was included in the mailing has both a DVD of the Justice Sandra Day O'Connor Gala event AND it also has all of the pictures taken at the event that you can access via your computer. If you have any questions on access either the movie or the pictures email Stephanie Brown at sbrown@nawj.org!

Call for Submissions – Counterbalance Fall 2006

Yes, we're planning ahead! The deadline for the next issue of *Counterbalance* is **July 10, 2006**. If you have articles, announcements, or events that you'd like included, please pass them along to Stephanie Brown at 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) 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 and include the following information (in this format) in the body of that e-mail—

Event date:

Announcements

NAWJ Welcomes New Summer Intern

Lindsey Silver joins us from Wellesley College. She is a rising senior, majoring in Political Science and Philosophy. She will be here through August, assisting National with programs and various research projects.

From the Chief Justice of Indiana

The Honorable Randall T. Shepard, Chief Justice of Indiana, asked that we share with NAWJ members the new Indiana Judicial Center E-Journal entitled *Judicial Balance*.

Judicial Balance is a newsletter of articles on how to deal with judicial "life issues". A copy of the first issue can be accessed [here](#).

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.

NAWJ Web Site Gets A New Look!

The NAWJ Web site is currently undergoing a much-needed facelift. Stephanie Brown, NAWJ's program and publication assistant, has created a wonderful new design and is working closely with our Web designer to bring it online. Members can expect a more useful and informative Web site. The site is being designed in phases. We will be adding more advanced features after the new design is implemented. A special area designed for members only will allow you to update your member account information, read and post messages on a message board, and much more. You'll also be able to buy NAWJ logo items, order educational materials, and register for events in our secure online store. Keep an eye on your inbox for news of our new site launch.

ABA Margaret Brent Awards Luncheon In Hawaii

Sunday, August 6, 2006
 11:30am – 1:30pm
 Kalakaua Ballroom, Hawaii Convention Center

In the past, NAWJ has secured a table at the Awards lunch. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket (\$150) for the event and joining NAWJ email Jeff ASAP at jgroton@nawj.org.

This year's distinguished honorees are:

- **Ellen Godbey Carson**, Director, Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing and community activist; in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- **Constance Slaughter-Harvey**, Civil rights attorney and activist, former Assistant Secretary of State of Mississippi, and champion of education of youth; in Forest, Mississippi.
- **Peggy A. Quince**, Justice, Supreme Court of Florida and first African-American woman to serve on the Florida Supreme Court; in Tallahassee, Florida.
- **Betty Roberts**, Former Oregon Supreme Court Justice and first woman on the Oregon Supreme Court; in Salem, Oregon.
- **Joan C. Williams**, Distinguished Professor, Hastings College of the Law, University of California and author of groundbreaking scholarly contributions to the field of work/life studies; in San Francisco, California.

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.