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Save the Date! NAWJ Annual Conference

**Save the Date for NAWJ's 29th Annual Conference
to be held in Historic Philadelphia, PA!**

November 7 – 11, 2007



Your Host Committee is working very hard to provide yet another spectacular Conference for one and all.

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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

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**NAWJ Co-Sponsors
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**Association Summit
on Unified Family
Courts**

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.

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

Conference Program Highlights (in development; 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
- Immigration Program (to include Immigration ALJ)

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](#).

Fabulous Luncheon, Awards Dinner and Reception: venues to include the Four Seasons and the National Constitution Center.

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!
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**Fall 2006 Issue of
Counterbalance**



The latest issue of Counterbalance was shipped in December 2006. If you haven't received your copy yet, please let us know.

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

Save the Date! NAWJ Mid-Year and Regional Conferences

NAWJ Mid-Year Leadership Conference
March 23-25, 2007 in New York City
Formal Invitations are being mailed this week!

Special Events being held over the weekend:

March 23rd - 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
The Bankruptcy Card and How To Play It
The Honorable Sarah Sharer Curley, U. S. Bankruptcy Judge and former Chief Bankruptcy Judge, District of Arizona, and the Honorable Cecelia G. Morris,

Upcoming Events

You can find more details about these events on our Web

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Southern District of New York, will provide an up-to-date, entertaining, and informative program on bankruptcy issues affecting non-bankruptcy state and federal judges and attorneys.

March 24th – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

NAWJ Gala Reception Honoring Women in the Federal Judiciary and the New York State Judiciary, held at The Rubin Museum of Art (<http://www.rmanyc.org>). Visit NAWJ at www.nawj.org to learn more about this wonderful event.

We would like to thank the early supporters of the NAWJ Mid-Year Leadership Conference:
(As of March 1, 2007)

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South Beach Getaway: A Regional Conference
April 27-29, 2007

Formal invitation to be mailed in March!

Hosted by: NAWJ Districts 5 & 6

Host Committee: Judge Mary Becnel
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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:

- A discussion on Judicial Leadership
- Presentation of NAWJ Access to Justice Scholarship

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, chaise lounges & umbrella at the pool and beach, access to the fitness center

calendar.

From Clerking for a Judge, to Becoming a Judge

March 5, 2007
Washington, DC

13th Annual Join Dinner Meeting, NAWJ Maryland Chapter and Women Legislators of Maryland

March 6, 2007
Annapolis, MD

NYCLA Gala Auction

March 7, 2007
New York, NY

District 4 Conference and Spa Retreat

March 16 - 18, 2007
Cambridge, MD

Justice Thurgood Marshall: The Supreme Court Years A Retrospective

March 20, 2007
Washington, DC

NAWJ Mid-Year Board Meeting

March 23-25, 2007
New York, NY

Edith I. Spivack Award Reception

March 26, 2007
New York, NY

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

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 early supporters of the NAWJ South Beach Regional Conference:
(As of March 1, 2007)

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NAWJ Welcomes New Landmark Sponsors

NAWJ Welcomes Boies Schiller & Flexner LLP, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP and Folger Levin & Kahn LLP as the newest members 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 Members Only Section on Web Site

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 user id is **member@** (this is the literal user id) and the password is **nawj.org**.

Phase 2 is currently underway. Soon you will be able to log in with a unique user id and password to access and update your membership data, post District calendar events, register for events, and more. Keep an on your inbox for details.

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.

California Women Lawyers Reception

**CWL's 7th Annual Northern California Judicial Reception
Friday, March 23, 2007, in Oakland, CA— Rose Bird Memorial Award**

On March 23, 2007, CWL will hold its 7th Annual Northern California Judicial Reception at Wendel, Rosen, Black & Dean in Oakland, CA from 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. This year we are proud to honor Alameda Superior Court **Judge Brenda Harbin-Forte** as the recipient of the Rose Bird Memorial Award. Judge Harbin-Forte is widely known throughout the state and the nation for her wisdom, courage and commitment to community service. As our sister organization, please join us in the opportunity to co-sponsor this wonderful event.

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, 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.

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.