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**National Association of Women Judges
Chicago Membership Reception
Friday, May 15, 2009**

5:30pm –7:30pm

In Honor of
Hon. La Tia W. Martin
President, National Association of Women Judges
Supreme Court, Westchester County, NY

Host Committee:
Hon. Shelvin Louise Marie Hall, Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court
Hon. Sophia H. Hall, Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County
Hon. Cheryl D. Cesario, Associate Judge, Circuit Court of Cook County
Hon. Jane Spencer Craney, NAWJ District 8 Director, Morgan Superior Court 3, IN

Location:
At the home of Hon. Anne M. Burke, Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court
&
Alderman Edward M. Burke

For More Information Contact Jeff Groton, 202-393-0222

Annual New York Chapter Dinner
June 8th at 6:00 PM
Penthouse Restaurant, Terrace in the Sky

New York City

This event will be held at the New York City restaurant, Terrace in the Sky at 400 West 119th Street, New York, New York. The restaurant's phone number is (212) 666-9490.

For more information, please contact NAWJ District 2 Director Judge Loren Baily-Schiffman at lorenbaily@aol.com.

PLEASE JOIN!
DISTRICTS 3 & 4 and the Maryland Chapter
for
BRUNCH AT THE BEACH

With Judges from Delaware
&
Hon. La Tia W. Martin
President, National Association of Women Judges

Where: An ocean front home in beautiful
Bethany Beach, Delaware
Address and directions will be supplied by email upon receipt of reservations.

When: Sunday, June 14, 2009, 11am

Cost: \$20.00

Contact Jeff Groton, 202-393-0222 or jgroton@nawj.org

Alaska Color of Justice

Three Program Tracks:
Educators, Youth Program Leaders and Career Counselors
High School Students
Careers for College Students and Adults

Anchorage, Alaska

June 18 - 19, 2009

Next month, from June 18 through June 19th Alaska will present its annual Color of Justice extravaganza. Programs will provide workshops on law and legal careers taught by Law School Professors throughout the Northwest and Judges and Attorneys from Alaska. The *Color of Justice* program brings diverse youth from across the state together for two days of exciting workshops and activities designed to encourage them to consider legal and judicial careers and to introduce them to campus life. The program also offers educators, youth organization leaders, career counselors and other youth advisors an opportunity to learn more about supporting and encouraging youth of diverse backgrounds as they consider legal and judicial careers.

The Advisors Track for Educators, Youth Program Leaders and Career Counselors will take place June 18 from 9:00AM – 5:30PM, and on June 19th from 8:30AM until late afternoon.

The High School Track for students in grades 9-12 will be held June 18 from 10:00AM – 5:30PM, and June 19 from 8:30AM – 4: 30PM.

The Career Track for college students and other interested adults will be held on the afternoon of June 19.

Programs will be held at the University of Alaska at Anchorage campus, and the Anchorage courthouses of the Alaska Court System.

For more information contact Margaret Newman at mnewman@appellate.courts.state.ak.us or call (907) 264-0864.

Luncheon at Pennsylvania's Governor's Mansion
hosted by First Lady of Pennsylvania
Hon. Marjorie O. Rendell, U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit
September 26, 2009
Harrisburg, PA

This event will include a luncheon on Saturday, September 26, 2009, at the PA Governor's Mansion hosted by First Lady of PA, Hon. Marjorie O. Rendell who sits on the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Plans are being discussed for a weekend at the Hotel Hershey which is a beautiful spa resort/five star hotel near Harrisburg which has chocolate galore and great chocolate spa treatments. Rooms are \$249 plus taxes - limited rooms are available at that rate and meals are not included

For more information, please contact Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca at (724) 228-6830 or Judge Stephanie Domitrovich at (814) 451-6230.

NAWJ's 2009 Annual Conference
October 15-18
The Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee

Justice on the River, Navigating Change

NAWJ 31st Annual Conference
October 15-18, 2009
Memphis, Tennessee

JOIN US!

Keynote Luncheon Speaker Justice Sandra Day O'Connor (Retired)

Host Hotel

Reservations are now being accepted at The Peabody Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee for this year's Annual Conference. Room rates are \$199.00 per night and you may reserve accommodations by calling 1-800-PEABODY (Press 2) and identifying our group name National Association of Women Judges. The NAWJ room block is limited and the rate is subject to availability.

Registration

Conference registration fees are \$475 for NAWJ members, \$495 for non-members, and \$450 for first-time attendees. Download registration form or register online at www.nawj.org.

Program Topic Highlights*

Gender Bias in Media Coverage

Bankruptcy

Judicial Independence

Developing our Authentic Leadership

Implicit Bias

Emerging Issues in Litigation Resulting from New Legislation

Open Courts and Secret Settlements

Judicial Productivity and Stress Management

Role of the Courts in Overseeing Executive Functions in Difficult Economic Times

Immigration

Law and Literature

International Technical Assistance and Outreach

*subject to change

Conference Chairs

Hon. Earnestine H. Dorse, Memphis City Court
Hon. Janice M. Holder, Tennessee Supreme Court

Conference Chairs Planning Assistants
Danielle Mitchell, Law Clerk, U.S. District Court, Western Tennessee
Stevie N. Phillips, Law Clerk, Tennessee Supreme Court

Conference Committees

Education and Programming

Chair: Hon. Bernice B. Donald, U.S. District Court, Western Tennessee
Hon. Paulette Delk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western Tennessee
Ron Dowling, Chief Deputy Clerk of Court, U.S. District Court, Western Tennessee
Hon. Julia Gibbons, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
Hon. Holly Kirby, Tennessee Court of Appeals
Liz Mason, LexisNexis
Hon. Camille McMullen, Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals
Hon. Diane Vescovo, U.S. District Court, Western Tennessee

Confirmed Program Sessions *Thusfar*

Thursday, October 15 – Conference Opening Day

9:30 am to 10:15 am	Conference Opening/Welcome
10:15 am to 11:45 am	Plenary Session: Gender Bias in Media Coverage
12:00 pm to 1:45 pm	Keynote Luncheon featuring Retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
2:00 pm to 3:15 pm	Concurrent Programs Program 1: The Level Playing Field Program 2: Designer Justice: Movement for Specialized Courts Program 3: First Amendment Center
3:30 pm to 4:45 pm	Concurrent Programs Program 1: Immigration Issues Program 2: Judges in the Movies

Friday, October 16 – Day Two

9:00 am to 10:30 am Concurrent Programs
Program 1: Re-entry Programs/Issues
Program 2: Open Courts & Secret Settlements: A Perspective on the Sedona Conference
Program 3: International Technical Legal and Judicial Assistance and Outreach – How to Get Involved

10:45 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Concurrent Programs
Program 1: What’s Your Point, Honey?
Program 2: Law & Literature
Program 3: Jericho Project

2:00 p.m.to 4:00 p.m. Plenary Session: Judicial Independence

2:00 p.m.to 4:00 p.m. Plenary Session: Judicial Leadership

Saturday, October 17 – Day Three

9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Concurrent Programs
Program 1: Judicial Productivity and Stress Management
Program 2: Exploring Technology & Hands on Demo with LexisNexis
Program 3: Financial Planning

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon Concurrent Programs
Program 1: Professional Satisfaction: The New Science of Happiness
Program 2: Book Club
Program 3: Diversity in the Profession: Report Card on Women in Law Firms

Friends Committee

Co-chair: Jeana Littrell, FedEx Express

Co-chair: Jill Steinberg, Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC

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**American Bar Association
Appellate Judges Education Institute Summit
November 19-22, 2009
Regal Sun Resort
Lake Buena Vista (Orlando) Florida**

The American Bar Association is planning the Appellate Judges Education Institute Summit, November 19-22, 2009 in Orlando, Florida. This seminar will focus on the challenges facing appellate judges and lawyers. Featured speakers will include Judge Diane Wood of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit, who is also touted as a possible future nominee for the United States Supreme Court, Dean Kenneth Starr, Professor Pamela Karlan, Dean Erwin Chemerinsky and a host of appellate judges, lawyers and staff attorneys from across the country. This seminar is a great networking opportunity not only for judges but also for your clerks and for appellate attorneys.

More seminar details can be found soon at www.law.smu.edu/AJEI. This seminar remains a great value as registration rates have not increased over time. Registration for ABA members is \$475- CASA, \$575- Judges, and \$675- CAL. Non ABA members is an additional \$50. The registration form and more information will be posted at www.law.smu.edu/AJEI.

The conference is Thursday, November 19 to Sunday, November 22 at the Regal Sun Resort, in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The AJEI has been able to secure tremendous group rates, starting at just \$89.00/nt. We encourage people to book early! The hotel contact information is Regal Sun Resort (800) 624-4109 or (407) 828-4444, 1850 Hotel Plaza Blvd. Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830.

For online reservations please go to <http://www.regalsunresort.com/> and enter Attendee Code: AJE1109.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon Appoints Justice Shireen Avis Fisher to the Special Court for Sierra Leone

In April, Justice Shireen Avis Fisher, NAWJ International Parental Abduction Liaison Network Committee co-chair was appointed to the Appeals Chamber of the United Nations Special Court for Sierra Leone.

According to Ralph Zacklin, 2002 head of the United Nations planning team for the Sierra Leone Special Court, the purpose The Special Court for Sierra Leone is to try persons "who bear the greatest responsibility" for crimes that have been committed in Sierra Leone from 30 November 1996 onwards. The Court would hold individuals accountable for their crimes and to deal with impunity, Mr. Zacklin noted.

The Special Court acts independently of both the Government of Sierra Leone and the UN. Its independence supported by its structure, with an international, non-Sierra Leonean prosecutor appointed by the UN Secretary-General, as well as two of the three judges in the Trial Chamber, and three of the five judges in the Appeals Chamber.

Pre-IAWJ 2010 Conference Tour Itinerary now up on the Web

NAWJ International Director Hon. Carolyn Temin has now narrowed down a proposed itinerary for the pre-conference excursion through Asia which immediately precedes the International Association of Women Judges' 10th Biennial Conference which will take place from May 11-15, 2010 in Seoul, Korea. While you need not confirm your attendance until Feb 1, 2010, Judge Temin would like to have an idea of the number of those who might plan to join the pre-Seoul Conference tour party by November 1, 2009.

Peruse the proposed itinerary from NAWJ's homepage now, www.nawj.org. The summer will come and go before you know it.

Please contact Judge Carolyn Temin by email at cetemin@netzero.com, or call (215) 683-7038, if you have any questions. Learn more about IAWJ's 2010 Biennial Conference in Seoul at www.iawj.org

Keep NAWJ Up-to-Date on Your Local Activities!

If you would like to post events on the NAWJ Web calendar please send an e-mail with “**NAWJ Calendar Submission**” in the subject line to lcousin@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:

You may attach flyers or registration forms to be posted along with your event. Thank you for your help.
