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## NAWJ 2007 Annual Conference

Due to technical difficulties with the NAWJ on-line registration system, the October 1st registration deadline has been extended to October 8th at which time the \$50 late registration fee will apply. Online registration is now working. If you prefer a conference registration form, contact Jeff at [jgroton@nawj.org](mailto:jgroton@nawj.org).



Join your Friends and Colleagues  
at the NAWJ 29th Annual Conference  
**"WE THE PEOPLE..."**

Co-Chairs:

Hon. Norma L. Shapiro  
Hon. Carolyn Engel Temin

*Philadelphia: November 7-11, 2007*

**Register today by responding to this email for a registration form.**

**Late fees apply as of **October 8, 2007****

**Hotel reservations must be made on or before October 8, 2007,**

**to guarantee the conference rate (subject to availability)**

### Conference Highlights

- Let us welcome you at an inviting reception at the beautiful Four Seasons Hotel where you will meet Judges from all over the United

## 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 Executive Director, Drucilla Stender Ramey, Receives Award!**

**BASF Foundation Announces Champion of Justice Honorees**

The BASF Foundation and BASF's Volunteer Legal Services Program (VLSP) recently announced the recipients of its Champion of Justice Awards. The honorees

States and the world including, Asia, Bosnia, Egypt, and Ireland.

- Come to the soup-to-nuts program for new judges --judges who have recently assumed their current position.
- Experience the Constitution at the National Constitution Center
- Enjoy unique architecture and amazing art at the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts
- Lunch with leading Lawyers and NAWJ supporters at the historic Park Hyatt
- Attend the investiture of the NAWJ 2007 – 2008 Board Of Directors
- Bid on an incredible selection of items at our silent Auction
- Celebrate with our 2007 Honorees and applaud the accomplishments of NAWJ President, Hon. Brenda Stith Loftin, at the closing Annual Awards Banquet

#### Learn About and Discuss:

- Separation of Powers
- The Public Perception of Women Judges
- The Roberts Court Evolving
- The Innocence Project
- The Impact of Immigration Law on Women
- Gender and Sexuality in the Law
- Women in International Law
- International Justice for Women

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### Conference Registration Form NAWJ 29th Annual Conference – Nov 7-11, 2007

#### Registration INFORMATION

NAWJ Member registration fee includes all educational sessions, receptions, meals, transportation to events listed in the program and use of the hospitality suite. Partner/guest registration fee includes all receptions, meals, transportation to events listed in the program and use of the hospitality suite.

#### Registration Deadline and Late Registration

Registration forms postmarked after the registration deadline of October 1, 2007, must include a \$50 late registration fee.

#### Cancellation Policy

If notice of cancellation is received after October 1, 2007, the registration fee, less a \$50 processing fee, is refundable. Cancellations received within 3 days of the conference are refundable less a \$50 processing fee plus the cost of any hotel meals or guest guarantee expense incurred by NAWJ.

#### Lodging

Rooms at the historic Four Seasons Hotel, located in Centre City Philadelphia have been guaranteed at the single rate of \$198.00 plus tax, single or \$228.00 double occupancy. Upgrades are available. For reservations, call 1-215-963-1500 and state that you are with the NAWJ/Women Judges conference. Reservations must be made on or before October 8, 2007, to guarantee the conference rate (subject to availability).

#### Registration

Please print your name and title as you wish them to appear on your name badge.

are members of the legal community who have shown exemplary leadership and commitment to the advancement of justice or to the support of the charitable, youth and diversity efforts of BASF. The awards will be presented at the BASF Foundation Gala, which will also celebrate VLSP's 30th Anniversary, on October 25.

The Champions of Justice Honorees are: Christopher Emley, Law Offices of Christopher Emley; Melvin Goldman, Morrison & Foerster; and **Drucilla Stender Ramey, National Association of Women Judges**. "We are enriched and blessed by our long and deep association with these caring and committed friends, who have over many years diligently supported The Bar Association and its crown jewel, the Volunteer Legal Services Program," said Daniel Burkhardt, BASF's executive director.

VLSP Executive Director Tiela Chalmers sums up why the honorees were selected, "Chris, Mel and Dru all worked with VLSP's first Executive Director, Tanya Neiman to expand the services of VLSP. Our Champions of Justice honorees raised funds to support the growth of VLSP, were strategic partners and true champions for the program and its vision of holistic advocacy. The program we have today—the largest provider of legal services to the poor in San Francisco—is in

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NAWJ Member: \$475 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Spouse/Guest: \$450 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-NAWJ Member: \$495 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Does not include education sessions.

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Mel Goldman and  
Drucilla Ramey.**Help NAWJ Identify  
New Judges**At this year's Annual  
Conference in  
Philadelphia NAWJ  
will present its New  
Judges Program on  
Wednesday November  
7, 2007 from 4:00 pm  
– 6:00 pm. In an effort  
to reach as many  
judges as possible we  
need your assistance  
in identifying them. If  
you are aware of any  
women judges who  
are recent arrivals on  
your bench or in your  
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Cousin,  
[lcousin@nawj.org](mailto:lcousin@nawj.org),  
with their names and  
contact information.**Upcoming Events****You can find more  
details about these  
events on our [Web  
calendar](#).****[NAWJ Reception  
Dinner](#)**September 17, 2007  
Galveston, TX**[Meeting of Virginia  
Association of  
Women Judges](#)**September 24 - 25,  
2007  
Reston, VA**[2007 American  
Judges Association  
Annual Educational  
Conference](#)**September 25 - 29,  
2007  
Vancouver, British  
Columbia, Canada**NAWJ 29th Annual  
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**NAWJ Announces Date and Location for 2008 Conference!**

**Portland, Oregon – October 15-19, 2008**

### **District 3 Seminar - "The Bankruptcy Card and How to Play It"**

"On November 28, 2007 (from 5-9PM) a seminar which is being co-presented by the National Association of Women Judges and the New Jersey State Bar Association, Bankruptcy Law Section will be held at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square, New Brunswick, NJ.

This program focuses on the recent publication by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Arizona (and National Association of Women Judges Finance Committee Chair) Sarah Curley's materials, *The Bankruptcy Card and How to Play It*.

The seminar will guide bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy practitioners as well as state and federal judges in analyzing bankruptcy matters and addressing how to proceed through jurisdictional and other bankruptcy related issues. The materials will provide practical information on bankruptcy law and be a clear and concise resource, including relevant information from the recently enacted Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 ("BAPCPA")."

Panelists are:

Honorable Rosemary Gambardella, United States Bankruptcy Judge, District

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of New Jersey  
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### Submitting Events for the NAWJ Web Calendar

#### ***Keep NAWJ Up-to-Date on your local activities!***

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Event date:  
Event time:  
Event title:  
Event description:  
Contact:  
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### **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.