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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.

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 States and abroad.

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

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

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.

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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Registration Fees (Please add $50 to each category after October 1, 2007)

NAWJ Member: $475 $____________________
First Time Attendee: $450 (member only)
*Spouse/Guest: $450 $____________________
Non-NAWJ Member: $495 $____________________
Total: $____________________
*Does not include education sessions.

Method of Payment (Payment due at time of registration)
Enclosed is a check payable to NAWJ for $________ or Credit Card: MasterCard, Visa or AMEX
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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
of New Jersey
Honorable Nancy Sivilli, J.S.C., Superior Court (Essex County), State of New Jersey
Diane E. Vuocolo, Esq. of Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Florham Park, NJ
Richard D. Trenk, Esq., Trenk DiPasquale Webster DellaFera & Sodono, PC, West Orange, NJ

Submitting Events for the NAWJ Web Calendar

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

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Event date:
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