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Have You Registered Yet?

**Join Us for the NAWJ 2009 Annual Conference!
"Justice on the River; Navigating Change"**

**THE PEABODY HOTEL
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE
October 14 - 17, 2009**

To view the full draft agenda and more visit:

http://www.nawj.org/annual_2009.asp

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration forms must now include a \$50 late registration fee

To register for the conference, contact: Jeffrey Groton, email: jgroton@nawj.org

Or find registration forms are available online at:

http://www.nawj.org/annual_2009.asp#registration

Rooms are going fast! Call today!

LODGING: 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 plus tax, single or double occupancy, 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. Reservations must be made on or before September 26, 2009, to guarantee the conference rate (subject to availability).

Please note, **the Peabody Hotel is full on October 14th**; however, all other conference nights are available. The Doubletree Hotel, across the street from the Peabody, has been designated as the overflow hotel.

[Doubletree Hotel](#)

LOCATION: The hotel is located just across the street from the Peabody

GUEST ROOM RATES: \$158 plus taxes

ROOM RESERVATION PROCEDURES:

Individual: The Group will inform each individual attendee to contact the hotel to make reservations no later than September 24, 2009 at 5:00pm CST. Please advise them to call the hotel directly at 901-528-1800, or central reservations at 1-800-222-TREE (8733) to make their own reservations. Each individual will be responsible for providing a valid credit card to confirm the reservation and will receive a confirmation number. Individual reservations can be cancelled up to 24 hrs in advance. Upon cancellation, an 8 digit cancellation number shall be obtained for verification.

2009-2010 Candidates for NAWJ Board of Directors Announced

In accordance with the NAWJ Bylaws the NAWJ Nominating Committee announces the following NAWJ members as Nominees for the 2009-2010 Executive Committee and Special Directors positions:

President

Justice Dana Fabe (automatically assumes office)
Alaska Supreme Court, Anchorage, AK

President- Elect

Judge Marjorie Laird Carter
Orange County Superior Court, Newport Beach, CA

VP, Publications

Judge Amy L. Nechtem
Massachusetts Juvenile Trial Court, Boston, MA

VP, Districts

Judge Joan V. Churchill
Immigration Judge, Retired, Chevy Chase, MD

Secretary

Justice Sheri S. Roman
New York State Supreme Court, Kew Gardens, NY

Treasurer

Justice Patricia A. Hurst
State of Rhode Island Superior Court, Providence, RI

ABA Delegate

Judge Barbara Ann Zúñiga (Special election to replace Hon. Cara Lee Neville)
Contra Costa Superior Court, CA

International Director

Judge Sue Pai Yang
NJ Workers' Compensation Court, Newark, NJ

Members of the Nominating Committee:

Hon. Anna Blackburne-Rigsby/District 4/District of Columbia Court of Appeals
Hon. Darcel Clark/District 2/Bronx Supreme Court, New York
Hon. Sandra Farragut-Hemphill, District 9/St. Louis County Circuit Court, Missouri
Hon. Joan Irion/District 14/ California Court of Appeals
Hon. Marcia Krieger/District 12/U.S. District Court, District of Colorado
Hon. Rosalind Malloy/District 3/ U.S. Department of Justice, Pennsylvania
Hon. Denise Owens/District 6/Chancery Court, Fifth Judicial District, Mississippi
Hon. Shirley Tolentino/District 3/Superior Court of New Jersey
Hon. Shirley Troutman/District 2/Erie County Court, New York

The nominees will assume their roles upon vote at the NAWJ member Business Meeting to be held Saturday October 17th at NAWJ's Annual Conference in Memphis, Tennessee.

**NAWJ President-Elect Dana Fabe Announced
2010 Distinguished Lecturer at
Golden Gate University School of Law**

Former NAWJ Executive Director Drucilla Ramey in her first act as Dean of Golden Gate University School of Law has instituted the Chief Justice Ronald M. George Distinguished Lectureship, which will annually feature an address by a distinguished state Chief Justice. NAWJ Member California State Supreme Court Chief Justice Ron George has graciously agreed to inaugurate the Keynote Address at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at Golden Gate, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco. NAWJ President-Elect Dana Fabe has agreed to be the 2010 Distinguished Lecturer.

All NAWJ members are most cordially invited.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Regional Legal Congress on Reproductive Rights
November 5-7, 2009
Arequipa, Peru

Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Promsex (a Peruvian NGO), in a strategic alliance with the Arequipa (Peru) Bar Association and the Lima Bar Association, will hold the **First Regional Legal Congress on Reproductive Rights in Arequipa, Peru during November 5, 6, 7, 2009**. The purpose of this Regional Conference is to increase the legal debate and promote a favorable attitude towards reproductive rights among the legal community, particularly judges and academics, in the Latin America region.

As legal mechanisms are increasingly being used in Latin America to discuss issues related to reproductive rights, this conference comes at a strategic crossroads. On one hand, there has been groundbreaking progress such as in Colombia's recent court ruling and the Federal District of Mexico's Criminal Code reform. On the other, there have been several backward steps violating the human rights of women in the region, including in Nicaragua and Honduras. The Regional Conference is intended to take account of these developments and provide training, increase awareness, and establish discussion forums within the legal community on reproductive rights issues. Among the institutions sponsoring this event are Florida International University, the Human Rights Clinic at Columbia Law School, the Center for Reproductive Rights, Amnesty International-Peru, Comisión Andina de Juristas (Andean Commission of Lawyers), Red Latinoamérica de Académicos/as del Derecho- Red Alas (Latin American Women Law Professors Network), and Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos (Peruvian Coordinator of Human Rights).

Confirmed speakers include Professor Rebecca Cook, José Ramón Cossío Díaz (Justice Minister of the Supreme Court, Mexico), Jaime Araujo Rentería (Former Judge at the Colombian Constitutional Court), Carlos Gaviria (Former Judge at the Colombian Constitutional Court), Javier Vasquez (Regional Legal Advisor at PAHO), Martín Hevia (Argentina, Global Health Program at Georgetown University), Silvia Pimentel (CEDAW Member), Rocio Villanueva (Peru), Lidia Casas (Law Professor at the Diego Portales University, Chile), Lilian Sepulveda (Regional Coordinator and Legal Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean region at the Center for Reproductive Rights), Monica Roa (Programs Director at Women's Link Worldwide), Doctor Ana Cristina Gonzalez (International advisor in public health for the World's Health Organization, Ford Foundation, IPPFA), Roger Evans (Senior Director of Public Policy Litigation and Law at PPF), Doctor Luis Távora (President of FLASOG), Alda Facio (International expert on gender and women's rights). [IAWJ members](#)

Planned Parenthood Federation of America is actively soliciting the participation of US-based judges, prosecutors, attorneys, human rights activists and others with an interest in reproductive rights. For further information about the conference, or to register, kindly contact:

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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: AJEI1109.

GAO Seeks Board Members for Personnel Appeals Board

JDG Associates has been retained by the Government Accountability Office's Personnel Appeals Board (PAB) to identify individuals with **expertise in employment and labor law** to be members of the Board responsible for adjudication of personnel appeals. Given that this is a part-time opportunity, we are focusing on identifying **retired attorneys** with experience in federal personnel matters.

Board members are typically appointed for 5-year terms and work approximately 30-40 days per year. They will hear and make final decisions on complaints filed by GAO employees or applicants for employment with GAO. Contact Walter Sczudlo for a position announcement.

Please also feel free to share this note with others in your professional networks.

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- Conducts cutting-edge judicial education programs on immigrants in court, bioethics, child custody, family violence, the problems of women in the criminal justice system, genome justice, and other important issues;

- Provides judicial outreach programs and leadership training for judges and judicial educators;
- Presents a forum for interacting and networking with judges from all levels of state, federal, administrative, military and tribal courts, as well as international tribunals; and
- Honors individuals for significant legal, judicial and leadership contributions.

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