



Message from the President

Hon. Carolyn Engel Temin



Hon. Carolyn Temin

Back in 1984, when I joined NAWJ, I never dreamed that this would be my ticket to the realization of my longings for exciting foreign travel, but it has. I have always believed that the best way to see a country and learn about its people and its culture was to have a reason for being there that was more than just the usual tourist's curiosity. I always felt that the richest travel experiences come when you are able to visit with natives of the country or have work to do there, rather than take a mere sightseeing tour. Little did I know or suspect that NAWJ would give birth to IAWJ, and enable me to experience world travel in the manner I thought most satisfying. I was surprised to learn that the results of our survey revealed that very few of those responding considered membership in IAWJ as a significantly important benefit of membership. Having attended all but one of IAWJ's bi-annual meetings, I must disagree. Perhaps after reading this column – you will too.

Previous meetings of the IAWJ have been in the U.S., Rome, Singapore, Toronto, Buenos Aires and Dublin. Each was its own unique combination of sights, culture, food, and special perspectives on local and global judicial interests. This year was particularly significant

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The 26th Annual Conference, *At the Crossroads*, to Feature Outstanding Speakers and Activities

Cristina Silva, Director of Programs and Outreach

At the Crossroads, NAWJ's 26th Annual Conference, is right around the corner and the excitement surrounding the educational programs and entertainment continues to grow! While the Conference has been shortened so attendees do not have to take as much time off work, the agenda is packed with outstanding material through Sunday morning so you will not miss out on anything. The Conference begins Thursday night with a reception featuring Dr. Kathy Reichs, a forensic anthropologist for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, State of North Carolina, and for the Laboratoire des Sciences for the province of Quebec. Her work as a forensic anthropologist is internationally recognized. She has traveled to Rwanda to testify at the UN Tribunal on Genocide, helped to identify individuals from mass graves in Guatemala, and done forensic work at Ground Zero in New York. She has identified war dead from World War II from all of Southeast Asia, and even examined remains from the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The Conference agenda allows for extra viewing time of the Silent Auction items!

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as it took place in Uganda - until now, not a place that would have been on the top of my wish list of places to visit. How wrong I was! Although far from the United States even by air, and although a visit requires getting a visa and the necessary inoculations well in advance of your trip, and despite the fact that there is still a war raging in the northern part of the country, this was a conference I would not want to have missed.

I was very fortunate to have the company of Judges Judith Friedman and Cynthia Baldwin who are colleagues of mine from Pittsburgh. Cynthia's husband Arthur also accompanied us and acted as the main photographer on our trip. Cynthia and Arthur have traveled extensively in Africa and their advice made acclimating much easier. As we were coming from different ports of embarkation, Judy and I met up at Heathrow Airport in London where we had a 10 hour layover until the next part of our trip. This turned out to be fortuitous, as one of Judy's friends was also a friend of Dame Brenda Hale, the first woman appointed as a Law Lord on the highest court of Great Britain. The friend arranged to have us meet Dame Hale for lunch in a small restaurant in St. James Park. Dame Hale is a delightful person and very modest about her incredible achievement. She is a founder of the British women judges' association.

After lunch, we returned to Heathrow for the flight to Uganda, where we met other NAWJ members who had flown in from Dulles Airport. Judges Brenda Murray, Arlene Pacht and Leslie Alden were part of this group. We were also joined by

some judges from other countries around the world. After an eight hour flight, we finally landed in Entebbe.

Winston Churchill called Uganda the "pearl of Africa" and, if you visit there you,



Hon. Judith Friedman, Judge Temin, Dame Brenda Hale, and another conference attendee.

will instantly know what he meant. Uganda is a lush green country that, in many ways, reminded me of the Island of Jamaica. The conference was held in the seaside resort of Entebbe, a suburb of the capital, Kampala. The conference

site, the Imperial Beach Resort Hotel, was an imposing modern edifice that had just opened prior to our arrival. In fact, it was in the process of opening all during our stay. When completed, it will be a truly luxurious milieu. It sits on the shores of Lake Victoria with a long and picturesque beachfront. It is surrounded, as we discovered on our early morning fitness walks, by various types of houses from walled mansions to wooden shacks and there is a fishery school nearby. The people of Uganda, from the poorest to the richest and from the lowliest to the most important, are uniformly pleasant and welcoming.

Unfortunately, our joy at being there and reuniting with our friends from around the world was marred by our discovery that the government of China had prevailed on the government of Uganda to deny visas to the judges from Taiwan. This was an especially hard blow to the conference since the Taiwanese judges are extremely active members. At a business meeting of IAWJ, it was proposed that a resolution be passed regretting the inability of the Taiwanese judges to attend, but when it appeared that

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CONRAD LEE KLEIN, ESQUIRE, SELECTED THE 2004 FLORENCE K. MURRAY AWARDEE

Cristina D. Silva, Director of Programs and Outreach



Mr. Conrad Klein with wife & NAWJ Founding Mother, Hon. Joan Dempsey Klein

NAWJ is proud to announce that Conrad Lee Klein, Esq., has been selected as the 2004 Florence K. Murray awardee. Mr. Klein is the husband of NAWJ Founding Mother, Hon. Joan Dempsey Klein, and has been a supporter of the NAWJ since its birth in 1979.

Mr. Klein devoted thirty years to the private practice of law and work briefly for several major law firms including Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler in New York, and Pacht, Ross, Warne, Bernhard & Sears in Los

“Conrad has always supported me in my career advancements, and has been supportive of other women professionals seeking to move forward. In the process, we have made many friends in and out of NAWJ, but NAWJ has remained primary.”

- Hon. Joan Dempsey Klein

Angeles. In 1996, he left the practice of law and became a full-time, executive vice-president and director of a major international public corporation. After the death of the founder and principal shareholder, he embarked upon his two present occupations: the lead trustee charged with the prudent care and growth of the fortune left by the decedent for his beneficiaries, and co-

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NAWJ FOUNDING MEMBER, HON. ROSALIE WAHL, SELECTED AS NAWJ'S HONOREE OF THE YEAR

Cristina D. Silva, NAWJ Director of Programs and Outreach



Hon. Rosalie Wahl

The NAWJ's Joan Dempsey Klein Honoree of the Year Award will be presented to Founding Member, Hon. Justice Rosalie Wahl (Ret.), during the 26th Annual Conference in Indianapolis. Justice Wahl, a long-time supporter of NAWJ, retired in 1994 at the mandatory retirement age of 70. At the time of her retirement, women held four of the seven Supreme Court seats in Minnesota, the first state judicial body to have a majority of female justices.

Justice Wahl's life experiences and achievements speak to her selection as the 2004 Honoree of the Year. Appointed to the Supreme Court of Minnesota in 1977, Justice Wahl was the first woman to sit on the state's highest court. While serving on the Supreme Court, she was its liaison to the Court's Study Commission on the Mentally Disabled, and chaired Minnesota's Gender Bias in the Courts Task Force. She entered law school at the age of 38, "tired of sitting outside doors waiting for the men inside to make the decisions."¹ She graduated from the William Mitchell School of Law in 1967, and spent the first six years of her legal career defending indigent

Speaking on the challenges facing the courts during the 1990s at the 13th Annual Conference in Minneapolis, Justice Wahl noted that: "We have no money, we are told, for programs and services essential to human life and health and dignity in our communities. No money for children, no money for education, no money for at-risk kids, no money for treatment programs, no money for job training programs and jobs, no money for health care. We do have money, though, to keep more and more adults and juveniles in prison on longer and longer sentences...." Her statement continues to ring true almost 15 years later.

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Hon. Randall T. Shepard Receives the Norma J. Wikler Excellence in Service Award

Kelly McDonald, NAWJ Intern



Hon. Randall Shepard

The Chief Justice of Indiana, Hon. Randall T. Shepard, is the recipient of NAWJ's 2004 Norma J. Wikler Excellence in Service Award. The award is given to an individual who has performed above and beyond the call of duty in support of NAWJ. Chief Justice Shepard was selected for his outstanding support of NAWJ's mission and its 2004 Annual Conference. He received the award in July, 2004, from NAWJ President Hon. Carolyn Temin, at the Conference of Chief Justices in Salt Lake City.

Chief Justice Shepard was appointed to the Indiana Supreme Court by Governor Robert D. Orr in 1985. In 1987, at only 40 years of age, he became the youngest chief justice in the United States. He has held several positions of national leadership in the ABA, and has served as the past-chair of the Appellate Judges Conference and the Section for Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, which oversees the accreditation of the nation's 180 law schools.

Before becoming a justice on the Indiana Supreme Court, Chief Justice Shepard served for five years as Judge of the Vanderburgh Superior Court. He earlier served as Executive Assistant to Mayor Russell Lloyd of Evansville and as the Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Hon. Shepard also has served as chairman of Indiana's State Student Assistance Commission and the Board of Advisors and trustee of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Last year, the NAWJ Board of Directors elected to rename the *Excellence in Service Award* in honor of Norma J. Wikler, Esq., a long-time friend and advocate of NAWJ. She was the founding director of National Judicial Education Project (NJEP), and worked with NAWJ to eradicate gender bias in the courts until her death in 2002. NAWJ salutes Chief Justice Shepard for his on-going commitment to NAWJ, and to its 26th Annual Conference, which will take place in his hometown, Indianapolis, this October!

26th Annual Conference (continued from page 1)

The educational programs begin Friday morning, following a breakfast discussion on Personal, Family, and Ethical Issues. Featured topics include *Globalization of Decision Making*, *Evidence in the Digital Age*, *Judicial Independence*, *Access to the Courts Related to Health Care Issues*, *Decisions' Disparate Impact on Women*, and many more. During the Friday luncheon, attendees will hear a keynote address from Cokie Roberts, political commentator for ABC News. Check out the official 26th Annual Conference website, www.nawjindy2004.org, to download a copy of the full agenda.

In addition to the educational programs, the Conference will include great entertainment! The always popular Hospitality Suite will host a "Night of Chocolate" on Friday evening, after a dinner at the Indiana State Museum. On Saturday, judges will have free time to visit Indianapolis museums, do a little shopping, or to take some extra time to view the Silent Auction items. A portion of the proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit *Dress for Success*, a non-profit that assists low-income women make a tailored transition into the work force. Don't forget to pack those extra accessories hanging in your closet at home. From purses, to shoes, to scarves and jewelry, *Dress for Success* will be accepting donations throughout the Conference.

Registration for the Conference is available on the last page of this issue of *Counterbalance*, as well as on-line at www.nawjindy2004.org. You can save \$50 by registering before September 9, 2004, so register today! We look forward to seeing you *At the Crossroads*.

Executive Director's Report

Constance L. Belfiore, Esq.



Connie Belfiore

Yes, sadly it is true, I am leaving NAWJ at the end of August to pursue a new challenge. During the past 3 ½ years, I have enjoyed guiding NAWJ into a new era, transforming it from small operation into a professional organization with an increasing national, indeed international, reputation. I have enjoyed enabling new and exciting educational projects, publicizing our diversity outreach programs, enhancing the profile of the Resource Board, establishing affiliations with like-minded groups, and generally growing NAWJ into a budding “judicial think tank”. Representing NAWJ to the outside world has been my privilege, and the hours spent spreading the “good word” of NAWJ have been rewarding.

I also remember vividly my first eight weeks in the office, alone, the first full-time NAWJ employee in over 16 months. I am eternally grateful to my staff over the years – Jane Browning, Donna Campanella, Amy Fettig, Naomi de Silva, Alexis Hill, Geoffrey Platnick, Britta Gustafson, Jeffrey Groton, Cristina Silva, and now Sonia Queralt – for their dedication, expertise, support, fun and friendship. I also wish to recognize the 20 interns, from colleges and law schools around the country, who have provided us with invaluable research and administrative assistance.

What I shall miss most about NAWJ, however, are you, the members. Smart women and men all, you care about justice not only inside your courtrooms, but also nationwide. You participate in NAWJ in part because its cutting-edge and innovative judicial education programs help you to be a better judge, in part because its diversity outreach programs provide a means for you to influence your communities, in part because it provides support for your professional advancement, and in part because you benefit from the opportunity to socialize and network with judges from all levels of courts across the country and the world. Those of you who are not judges should be commended specially for your support of NAWJ. All of you are superb, and I have enjoyed immensely working and playing with you.

As NAWJ enters a new phase of existence, it is time for me to move on to the next challenge. I welcome continued contact with you. As I take a short but much-needed break to finalize plans for my next position, you may contact me at home: conniebelfiore@comcast.net. Thank you all.

Farewell, Cristina!... Sadly for our organization, Cristina Silva, Director of Programs and Outreach, is leaving. Happily for our profession, she is leaving to enter law school. She will matriculate at American University's Washington College of Law in late August, and plans to pursue a career in public interest law. During her time with NAWJ, Cristina has taken increasing responsibility for encouraging and monitoring *Color of Justice* and *Bar to Bench* outreaches, editing and publishing *Counterbalance* and the *Monthly Update*, anchoring the Judicial Education Committee, updating the website, supervising interns, and generally advancing the mission of NAWJ. She is very dedicated, and adept at juggling many tasks at once.

We shall miss her but we are happy that she will continue to work with us to publish *Counterbalance*. We are indebted to Judge Sue Kurita for referring Cristina to us over 20 months ago, and are pleased that NAWJ networking is so productive!

Welcome, Sonia!... With Cristina's departure, we welcome Sonia Queralt to our staff as a part-time administrative assistant. Sonia is a 2004 graduate of American University, where she received her B.A. in Justice, with a minor in Psychology. She has tremendous interest in NAWJ's mission, demonstrated by her enthusiasm as well as her coursework as an undergraduate, which included Gender & the Law, Justice & Public Policy, and Corrections & the Constitution. Originally from New York, and an immigrant from Spain at an early age, she is a dynamic young woman who brings varied work and volunteer experiences to the position.

Sonia has assumed some of Cristina's responsibilities, and is responding to member and other inquires, handling our outreach programs, and assisting Connie and Jeff with other tasks as needed. She is working Monday-Friday, from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m., and can be reached via email at squeralt@nawj.org.



Cristina D. Silva



Sonia Queralt

Hon. Maxine White to Receive the 2004 Mattie Belle Davis Award

Kelly McDonald, NAWJ Intern



Hon. Maxine White

Hon. Maxine White will receive the Mattie Belle Davis Award during NAWJ's 26th Annual Conference in Indianapolis. The award, created in honor of NAWJ founding member Hon. Mattie Belle Davis who passed away last year, is presented to a member who demonstrates growing leadership within NAWJ. Judge White, the current NAWJ District 9 Director, has been a Milwaukee Circuit Court Judge for the past 12 years. She has presided over a wide range of criminal and civil cases. Previously, she served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Wisconsin, practicing before the federal district and appellate courts in civil, criminal and bankruptcy cases.

As a judge, she has led several statewide efforts to improve the justice system, as co-chair of the Wisconsin Supreme Court's Gender Equity Committee, chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Profiling and co-chair of the Wisconsin Legislative Committee on Judicial Selection. She also has organized two successful NAWJ *Color of*

Justice programs. Most recently, Judge White chaired the outstanding portrait program entitled *The Whole Tapestry: A Celebration of Wisconsin's Women Jurists*, which was featured in the spring issue of *Counterbalance*.

Judge White has received numerous awards including: the State Bar of Wisconsin's *Judge of the Year Award*; Professional Dimensions, Inc. *Sacagawea Award*; the YWCA's *Outstanding Women of Achievement* and *Racial Justice Award*; the United States Post Offices' *Women Who Put Their Stamp on Milwaukee Awards*; and Cardinal Stritch University's *Pioneer Award*.

NAWJ congratulates Judge White on her many achievements and her selection as this year's Mattie Belle Davis Award recipient.

Excerpts from Judge Maxine White's Letter of Appreciation for Her Selection as the 2004 Mattie Belle Davis Awardee

Dear Judge Shapiro and the Awards Committee:

Thanks so very much - I am humbled by the magnitude of this gift - I have shared it (and will continue to share it) with all of Wisconsin's judges and the many, many others who support us everyday. We are elated to be so recognized - and we are even more so because of the enormity of the late Judge Davis' contributions to women, our profession and the community....

I first noticed your faxed notice after returning from a community celebration of *Brown v. Board of Education's* 50th anniversary. Receiving an award named for such a hard working, compassionate jurist on the 50th anniversary of *Brown* is highly significant.... Judge Davis' life and legacy were confirmation and affirmation of the benefits of our justice system flowing from the legacy of *Brown*.

Having been born in 1951, the eighth of eleven children born to loving grade school-educated sharecroppers in the rural Deep South in Indianola, Mississippi, I experienced a world filled with racism and poverty. My hometown [was] like many other places in the nation, ... a watershed of violence and atrocities too numerous and painful to recount, because of the resistance to implementing the *Brown* promise in public education. It was not until 1965 that the first black family attempted to integrate public schools - the outcome was so dramatic that it has since been recorded as a book and film documentary.

...I said all of that to say - thank you - on behalf of all of the people who fought, bled and died - who stood up for justice so that I could have an opportunity to work hard to make this a better place for everyone. I am most grateful for Judge Davis' legacy and I extend my appreciation to NAWJ....

Maxine

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson, WI, has been selected to receive the American Judicature Society's first Dwight D. Opperman Award for Judicial Excellence.

Judge Fernande R. V. (Nan) Duffly, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court, and NAWJ Vice-President for Districts, was awarded the Distinguished Juror Award given by the Massachusetts Association of Woman Lawyers on June 10th.

Justice Nonnie S. Burnes, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court, was awarded the Boston Bar Association Citation of Judicial Excellence.

Hon. Wendie Gershengorn and Hon. Paula Carey recently received the Massachusetts Judges' Conference Excellence Award.

Hon. Lynda M. Conolly became the new Chief Justice of the District Court, in Massachusetts' Department of Trial Courts, on June 18, 2004.

The Superior Court of Los Angeles County named **Judge Alice C. Hill** its 2004 Judge of the Year.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the L. A. County Commission for Women presented **Judge Mary Thornton House** with their 2004 Woman of the Year Award.

Judge Barbara Howe was honored as a 2004 Woman of Accomplishment by the Erie County, Pennsylvania, Commission on the Status of Women.

This past March, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California honored several women at a reception themed "Imagining a New Way to Practice: First Women in the Law." The reception celebrated Women's History Month by honoring the following women who recorded "firsts" as judges, lawyers and law professors in the San Francisco Bay Area: **Hon. Shirley Hufstedler**, first woman judge to serve on the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; **Hon. Mary Schroeder**, former NAWJ President, first woman to serve as chief judge of the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; **Hon. Ellen Patricia Herron**, first woman Superior Court judge, Contra Costa County; **Hon. Marilyn Hall**

Patel, first woman district court judge, Northern District of California; **Hon. Leslie Tchaikovsky**, first woman bankruptcy judge in the Northern District of California; **Hon. Betty Barry-Deal**, first woman justice to sit on the California Court of Appeal, First District; **Hon. Claudia Wilken** and **Hon. Patricia Trumbull**, first women to serve as assistant public defenders in the Northern District; **Barbara Babcock**, first tenured woman law professor at Stanford University Law School.

Judge Susan Criss, Deputy District 11 Director, received the Outstanding Democratic Woman Officerholder award by the Texas Democratic Women.

Hon. Constance Cohen, Associate Juvenile Judge from Des Moines, Iowa, was recently awarded the Judges' Award of Merit by the Iowa Judges Association. The award is given to recognize a judge who has made extraordinary contributions to the association and who has been a role model to new judges. In addition to presiding over one of the busiest juvenile court dockets in the state of Iowa, Judge Cohen is active in local and national associations. Judge Cohen chairs the Iowa Supreme Court Juvenile Court Officers Training Committee, and is a member of that court's Commission for State Court Improvement on Child Welfare Matters. She chairs the Iowa Judges Association's Juvenile Court Committee. She is a past officer and currently serves on the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Hon. Annette Scieszinski, District Court Judge from Albia, Iowa, was elected president of the Iowa Judges Association this past June.

Hon. Nancy Whittenburg was appointed district court judge in the Third Judicial District in northwest Iowa. Prior to her appointment, she served as Clay County magistrate since 1989.

District Court **Judge Monica Ackley**, Dubuque, Iowa, was appointed to the district court bench in 2003. She worked as a law clerk and research assistant before going into private practice.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

May 2004- July 2004

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GENOME JUSTICE PILOT PROGRAM ENLIGHTENS JUDGES, PROVIDES A GLANCE AT THE FUTURE OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW

Cristina D. Silva, Director of Programs and Outreach



The first *Genome Justice* pilot program was held on the campus of the University of Washington, Seattle, from July 8-11, 2004. The program featured outstanding speakers and topics on a range of issues that are facing the courts today, or will be facing the courts in the near future. Topics included *The Role of Genetics in Prosecuting and Defending Alleged Criminals*, *Assisted Reproductive Technology*, *Policy Issues Surrounding Genetic Susceptibility Testing*, and *Research Liability Issues: Informed Consent and More....* More than 50 people attended, including participants, faculty, and guests.

Attendees hailed from across the U.S., including New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri, California, Alaska, and Washington. They represented a range of courts and experience. Judge Marjorie Carter, Orange County California, noted that "...*Genome Justice* was a great introduction to genetics and how it is already impacting our courtrooms. I thoroughly enjoyed attending." Connie Belfiore, Executive Director, remarked "This is an important educational program that will help judges better handle the new issues appearing in our courtrooms because of technology. The planning committee worked hard to provide a good balance of science and legal issues, so attendees can best evaluate important issues. I look forward to the second pilot program!"

The program is chaired by Hon. Ruth McGregor, Justice, Arizona Supreme Court, with co-chairs Hon. Christine Durham, Hon. Gladys Kessler, and Hon. Judith McConnell. We extend our gratitude to the planning committee members who volunteered many hours to organize the program: Kathryn Battuello, JD, MPH, University of Washington School of Law; Wylie Burke, MD, PhD, University of Washington School of Law; Gloria Hemmen, Washington State Gender and Justice Commission; Patricia Kuszler, MD, JD, University of Washington School of Law; and the Honorable Barbara Madsen, Justice, Washington State Supreme Court. Professors Kuszler, Burke, and Battuello have graciously volunteered to continue their leadership in planning the second pilot program slated to take place next spring in



Updates

COLOR OF JUSTICE PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE IN A VIDEO FORMAT

Cristina D. Silva, Director of Programs and Outreach

The *Color of Justice* program now can be enhanced by a video thanks to the hard work of Judge Susan Criss, Deputy Director for District 11. The new format is an 11-minute, fast-paced video filmed "MTV style" with short interviews and rock music playing in the background. Law students, judges and lawyers from across the State of Texas are featured in the video.



Hon. Susan Criss

The video took six months to complete and was made possible by a \$10,000 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation, and a \$2,500 grant from the Texas Young Lawyer's Association. Working with Judge Sue Kurita, District 11 Director, Judge Criss completed the project and will begin showing the video in Texas schools this fall. The long-term plan for the video includes promoting the program throughout Texas, **(continued on pg. 10)**



MANY THANKS

NAWJ expresses deep appreciation to the following firms for their support of the District 13 Reception in Seattle on July 9, 2004:

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Preston Gates &
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Phoenix, AZ. NAWJ also recognizes Kathy Kline, Conferences and Continuing Education Director, University of Washington School of Law, Kara Hinton, MPH student at the University of Washington, and Benjamin Berkman, JD, MPH student from the University of Michigan, for assistance on-site with the program, and Ms. Hinton for her work with the pre- and post-program evaluations.

The next pilot program will take place in April of 2005. NAWJ will publish more information about the program and issue applications shortly. Like the Seattle program, spaces for the Phoenix pilot program will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. We encourage all members and their colleagues to attend this cutting-edge judicial education program! For more information, contact the National Office at nawj@nawj.org or (202) 393-0222.

Color of Justice

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Hon. Susan Criss with children featured in Color of Justice Video

district court judge; Judge Sue Kurita, County Court, El Paso; Justice Bea Ann Smith, Third Court of Appeals in Austin; Judge Roy Quintanilla, County Court of Galveston; Judge Belinda Hill, District Court of Houston, who recently presided over the Andrea Yates case; Roland Garcia, of Locke Liddell & Sapp,



Hon. Belinda Hill

African American to serve on that court; Craig Washington, Attorney, former US Congressman and Texas State Senator who is responsible for much civil rights legislation in Texas; Sergio Moreno, law student at the University of Texas and law clerk to Justice Bea Ann Smith; and David Winters and Regina Lee, students at Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law.



Sergio Moreno, Law Clerk, & Hon. Bea Ann Smith

and then in the other 49 States. The video is a wonderful addition to this tremendously successful program, which was created in 2001 by Hon. Brenda Stith Loftin of St. Louis, Missouri. Since its creation, the program has been organized in over 15 states.

Speakers in the video include Justice Wallace Jefferson of the Texas Supreme Court, Austin, who is the first African American on the Court and a descendant of a slave owned by



Hon. Sue Kurita, District 11 Director

Houston, and former president of Texas Young Lawyers; Kelly-Ann Clarke, of Greer Herz & Adams, Galveston, who was the first African American in her firm; Gordon Quan, of Quan Burdette & Perez, Houston, and member of Houston City Council; Judge Morris Overstreet, law professor at Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law, former member of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, and the first and only



Hon. Roy Quintanilla

Judge Criss was quoted in the Galveston Daily News, stating "The goal of the project is to get young people to realize that they too can have careers in the law and the judiciary. I hope they will realize they can have a career and make a difference in the justice system." The new video is an excellent tool to expose today's youth to the law, and to the important roles that they can play in the justice system. The grant allows for distribution of 200 copies to Bar Associations and Young Lawyer Associations throughout Texas. Additional copies can be purchased through the film company (the cost varies depending on the number of videos ordered). For more information contact Judge Susan Criss at judgecriss@aol.com, or the national office at (202) 393-0222.

Picture Highlights from the 2004 Color of Justice that took place in Toledo, Ohio.

(The program was organized by Hon. Vernelis Armstrong, U.S. District Court, Northern District of OH.)



UPCOMING EVENTS

26th Annual Conference
Indianapolis, IN
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Honoree of the Year

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criminal appellants as an assistant state public defender. Over the next four years, she nurtured future lawyers as a Professor of Law at her alma mater. During her tenure at the law school, Justice Wahl created and directed a legal clinic where student attorneys represented indigent misdemeanants.

Justice Wahl has been an active member of the ABA. She was the first woman to chair the ABA's Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar and the Accreditation Committee of the Council. She has received many awards, including the 2002 Distinguished Minnesotan Award from Bemidji State University, and the ABA's coveted Margaret Brent Award. Hon. Rosalie Wahl is an exemplary judge and NAWJ member. We congratulate her on her life achievements and on her selection as this year's 2004 Joan Dempsey Klein Honoree of the Year.

1 Quoted by Donna Halvorsen in "Judge Wahl Leaves Historic and Personal Mark on Supreme Court," *Star Tribune*, August 28, 1994, sec. A.

IOWA JUDGES ORGANIZE DISTRICT 9 CONFERENCE

Hon. Eliza Ovrom

Iowa judges hosted a District 9 conference for women judges and attorneys April 29 – May 1, 2004 in Des Moines. Approximately 25 women judges from Iowa were in attendance, along with judges from neighboring states.

The conference featured a reception at a local art gallery, a dinner at the home of Judge Donna Paulsen, a continuing legal education seminar, and a half-day session on health and wellness. Iowa Lieutenant Governor Sally Pederson was the keynote speaker. Lieutenant Gov. Pederson spoke about the history of women in the legal profession in Iowa, noting that Iowa women have been leaders in the legal field from very early days. Participants finished the conference with chair massages, a yoga session, and lectures on nutrition and natural hormone replacement therapy.

The conference received rave reviews from participants. “It was a great conference,” said Judge Artis Reis of Des Moines. “We were all energized by this conference. We learned not just from the speakers, but from the interaction among women judges.” Judge Reis added, “The relaxed atmosphere added greatly to the benefits of getting together.”

The conference was planned by a group of NAWJ members from Iowa, including Hons. Celeste Bremer, Donna Paulson, Eliza Ovrom, Karen Romano, Connie Cohen, Artis Reis, and Roxann Ryan.

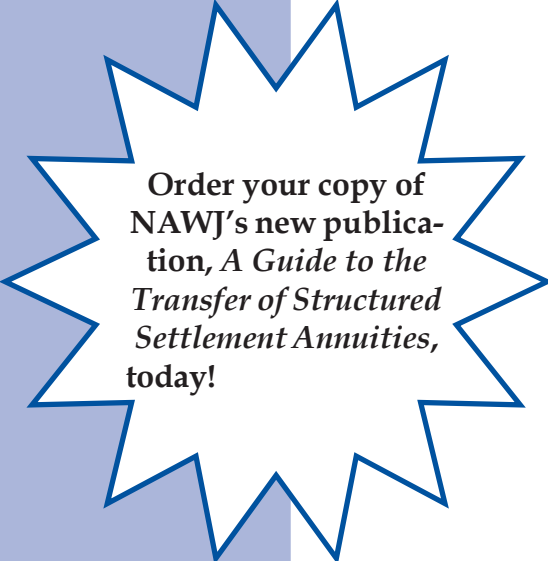
NAWJ’s *GUIDE TO THE TRANSFER OF STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT ANNUITIES* PUBLICATION PROVES POPULAR

Cristina D. Silva, Director of Programs and Outreach

NAWJ’s newest publication, *A Guide to the Transfer of Structured Settlement Annuities*, has proven to be very popular by the compliments and number of requests for copies that we have received. Since the publication’s release in May, the National Office consistently receives orders from interested judges, lawyers, and lay people alike. We are grateful to both William Skyrn, Esq., of J.G Wenworth, who authored the book, and Hon. Norma Shapiro, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, for her assistance in reviewing and editing the book.

The publication contains an analysis of the model act utilized by state legislators in adopting state laws, a step-by-step explanation of a typical structured settlement transfer, a CD-ROM with the full texts of individual state laws, and more. Copies of the Guide are available at no cost to NAWJ members. For non-members, the cost is \$55.00 (plus

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MARYLAND CHAPTER REACHES OUT TO WOMEN IN PRISON

Hon. M. Brooke Murdock

Upon becoming a judge in 1997, in a state circuit court (a court of general jurisdiction and the highest level trial court) with few women, I was invited by one of the senior female jurists, Hon. Kathleen O’Ferrall Friedman, to join NAWJ. I did, and, as an extra benefit, this membership included an option to join the local organization, the Maryland Chapter, which is part of District 4.



NAWJ’s MD Chapter is a strong, vital and inclusive organization. Lots of the programs we have helped to establish have become nationwide models. These include Tamar’s Children; Girl Scouts Behind Bars, Bridge Beyond Bars, and the Storybook Project.

Tamar’s Children is a multi-agency program that attempts to break the intergenerational cycle of abuse and trauma by helping incarcerated mothers in

Maryland overcome mental health problems and bond with their newborn babies. Previously, in the Baltimore City Detention, birthing mothers were shackled to stirrups while they delivered and then were sent back to detention from the hospital the following day with a Polaroid picture of their new born infant. The infants either went to live with a member of the inmate’s family or a foster home. The inmate mothers suffered. The infants, due to the disruption of their early attachments, were at risk for future mental health problems, as well.

The Director of Special Populations for the Maryland Mental Hygiene Administration approached the MD Chapter, asking for its assistance in establishing a program. She envisioned a program where eligible women inmates, starting in their third trimester of pregnancy, would serve their sentences in a community correctional facility. Here they would live with their babies



and receive intensive individual and group counseling each day. They would also receive comprehensive prenatal care, through a local university hospital, and educational services.

In 2001, a \$1.5 million grant was obtained, but help was needed to overcome a maze of bureaucratic challenges. The MD Chapter worked with various experts and in the summer of 2003, “Tamar’s Children” was born. For six months, the women live on the unit with their babies. At the end of the six months, case managers working with the program transfer the inmate mothers with their newborns to housing in the Baltimore area, funded by a HUD Shelter Plus Care Grant. The women continue to come to the unit for transitional counseling several times a week for an additional six months. Thus far the program appears to be very successful.

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MD Chapter News

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Girl Scouts Behind Bars and Bridge Beyond Bars are two additional programs for which the MD Chapter worked with various agencies to establish a girl scout troop for the daughters of incarcerated mothers. The troop meets weekly, twice a month with the daughters and incarcerated mothers in the prison facility. The daughters are brought to the institution for their meeting on a bus provided by the Girl Scouts. The troop meetings provide life-skills training and study skill reinforcement for mothers and their daughters. Recently, for their participation and hard work, the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland presented awards to four MD Chapter members: Judges Katy Friedman, Carol Smith, Ellen Heller, and Marcella Holland.



The MD Chapter next established Bridge Beyond Bars, another value-based Girl Scouts program, available to mothers and daughters once the mothers are released from incarceration. As a result of these programs, one mother proceeded to attend college and instill in her daughter the desire to attain life goals, and others also have benefited.

Several MD Chapter members have helped to establish Storybook Projects in their local jurisdictions. With the financial support of chapter members and others, children's books and recording equipment are purchased. The incarcerated parent records her reading of a book, and then her child is able to hear the mother read a bedtime story. The hope is that this connection will help to establish a stronger bond between incarcerated parents and their children.

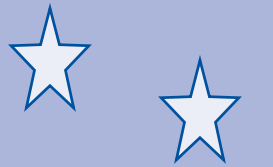
The MD Chapter has fun, too! Recently we attended WNBA Mystics basketball game, and the Mystics, tied for last place, unexpectedly beat the top team in the league. We have decided to encourage the team by attending another game, and thank Judge Toni Clarke for organizing the outings. We also regularly attend District 4 meetings and the Annual Conference.

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

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Hon. Fae Hoover-Grinde, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was appointed district associate judge in Iowa's Sixth Judicial District. She served as a public defender in Cedar Rapids and a Legal Service Corporation staff attorney.

Argus Realty Investors, LP, has named former Minneapolis District Court **Judge Barbara A. Halper**, as chief operating officer of the nationwide real estate investment company. Ms. Halper, with 20 years commercial real estate experience in acquiring and enhancing suburban office parks and warehouse-distribution properties, will head all Argus internal operations ranging from strategic planning to personnel management. Ms. Halper is a current member of the NAWJ, and sat on the bench of the First District Court in Minneapolis Minnesota from 1997 to 2004.



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Hon. Noël Kramer

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From the on-going war in Iraq, to the raging number of AIDS cases in India, our roles as judges and leaders are constantly being redefined by global events. Globalization has made us aware of the importance of supporting our international sisters, whose position in their countries' judiciary is often far more tenuous than ours. Because of our changing world, the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) needs our support now more than ever.

NAWJ gave birth to IAWJ and has always been its staunch supporter. Knowing that we support IAWJ is one of the benefits of membership in NAWJ. Until this year, our dues to IAWJ have been capped, which means that, due to our size, each NAWJ member's share of IAWJ dues has been a paltry \$2 to \$3 per year. Because of its financial constraints, the IAWJ has decided it must remove the cap beginning next year, so that NAWJ's dues, based on a per member rate of \$10.00, will increase to about \$12,000 per year. This change will apply to all national member organizations in the world (not just the U.S. NAWJ) although it affects us most because of our size. As a past president of NAWJ, I know we need to be careful stewards of NAWJ's budget. But without our financial support, IAWJ may not survive. The Board decided at the mid-year meeting to pay the increased dues to continue our tradition of support by making all NAWJ members also members of IAWJ. *It is only \$10.00 annually.* Ten dollars equates to the cost of lunch, one movie ticket, or a new book. Think about the benefit our contribution will bring to our sisters around the globe. Not only will it expand our support network (which as women and judges, we all need), it will also allow our fellow women judges to continue their work for justice and peace. When you get your next dues statement, there will be a box indicating that you wish to make an additional \$10.00 contribution to help defray the cost of IAWJ dues. *I urge you to check the box.*



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Message from the President

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President Carolyn Engel Temin visiting an AIDS clinic in Uganda.

the Chinese judges would be offended if it was passed, it was defeated. This made us all aware that judges cannot hide in their court rooms and remain insulated from the problems of living in a global society.

There were many interesting and provocative sessions, including speeches by the Hon. Gertrude I. Mangella, President of the Pan-African Parliament and Yoweri K. Museveni, the President of Uganda. President Museveni was

most impressive and spoke for one hour, without notes, about recent changes in Ugandan law that benefit or give equal rights to women. He was very proud of the fact that by next year there will be free secondary education available to all Ugandans. This is very important for women because, traditionally, when education cost money, women were not considered worth educating. Of course, this is not true for the upper classes but it is an attitude that affects many of the citizens. Thus, free secondary education meant that girls would be able to participate in the social structure of the country. He spoke about the need to progress slowly so as not to upset things too quickly and he lightly chided “our sisters” (referring to the women judges) who want to adopt western ways too fast. I think he was only partly serious. Ms. Mangella, on the other hand, urged the women to not be afraid to lead the movement toward modern reform, but at the same time to partner with the men. She warned that, otherwise, we would have 21st century women with 20th century men.

Two of the most outstanding experiences I had in Uganda were not on the official program. The first was a visit to an AIDS clinic, where the staff battles the disease in one of the poorest sections of Kampala. This visit was arranged by Arthur and Cynthia Baldwin and was an incredibly moving and eye-opening experience. The clinic, the Kamwokya Christian Caring Community (www.kamcc.or.ug), is too small to obtain government funds and exists on private contributions. They provide inpatient and out-patient treatment as well as preventive education to the population of this incredibly needy area. Even though AIDS has been decreasing in the country as a whole, it has maintained the same level in this depressed area of the city. Perhaps the most moving moment occurred when we were taken to see the living quarters of the patients and were surrounded by the children who live there. Many of them are orphans whose parents were patients at the clinic. They are placed with other children whose parents are live-in patients and are absorbed into these “families” (often consisting of only a mother). Unfortunately, when a woman contracts AIDS she is usually thrown out by her family and there are many single mothers with children at the clinic. The children are very well cared for and were enthralled by our digital cameras’ ability to take their picture and immediately show it to them. They followed us around as if we were pied pipers, and, at least for the moment, seemed very happy.

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Message from the President

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Hon. Cynthia Baldwin wearing a traditional Ugandan dress.

My other unscheduled experience, which I shared with Judge Leslie Alden, was at the other end of the spectrum entirely. Through the good offices of my friend, past ABA President Jerome Shestack, I was contacted by Nimisha Madhvani, First Secretary of the Ugandan Embassy in Washington, D.C. She was in Uganda to visit her family and came to the hotel to see if I was being well cared for. This kind of thoughtfulness is typical in this country and totally overwhelmed me. Nimisha's family is one of the leading families of Uganda and has contributed enormously to its modern development through their various enterprises. Leslie and I were invited to visit Kakara, a town about three hours from Entebbe, where the Madhvani family resides and which is also the site of their sugar refinery. We were taken on a tour of the refinery and learned that the husks of the sugar cane (which is grown on the property) are ground up and burned to make steam which is then converted into electricity. The electricity is enough to run the refinery and soon the

capacity will double, so that there will be enough to contribute to the main grid that services the surrounding area.

Later that evening, we attended a reception given by the family foundation at the Imperial Hotel in Kampala where scholarships were awarded to outstanding students. There we met the Prime Minister of Uganda, the Attorney General and the former Attorney General, who is now a lawyer in private practice of commercial law and a lobbyist. I left the next day, convinced that Uganda is a country on the move that is



NAWJ members with United States Ambassador to Uganda, Hon. Jimmy Kolker.

working very hard to achieve a truly democratic way of life and to improve the lot of its citizens.

I would not have had any of these experiences had it not been for my membership in NAWJ, and, therefore, in IAWJ. I sincerely hope that in the future, more of our members will value this connection and take advantage of the opportunities it provides to truly experience the globalization of the planet.

When I write my next, and last column, as President of NAWJ, I will be in Bosnia, having an entirely different kind of out-of-country experience, but one which I also have come to as a result of my NAWJ membership. I hope that all of our members find their association with NAWJ as richly rewarding as I have found it to be. Of course, it takes a little bit of proactivity on your part to make it happen.

I look forward to seeing you all in Indianapolis in October.

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NAWJ WARMLY WELCOMES NEW RESOURCE BOARD MEMBER, OLD FRIEND

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Deborah J. Israel, Esq.

Deborah J. Israel, Esquire, the wonder woman who co-chaired our Gala Dinner at the DC Annual Conference last fall, graciously has agreed to join our Resource Board! She is a partner at Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice in DC, past president of and organizer extraordinaire for the Women's Bar Association of DC, and a lot of fun. She has tremendous energy and drive, and will be a very valuable addition to our Resource Board. This year, she has committed to assist in raising revenue for NAWJ via the new annual DC event being planned for the spring.

In her practice, Deborah has a diverse business litigation practice and serves as lead litigation counsel to a broad range of clients, including financial institutions, pension funds, national corporations and national real estate investment trusts and developers. She specializes in trial work, complex commercial arbitration, emergency relief and injunctions in federal and state courts.

Deborah leads an active bar life, having served as President of the Women's Bar Association of DC and of the Women's Bar Association Foundation, as well as in related leadership positions. She is a Barrister with the Charles Fahy American Inn of Court and a voting delegate to the DC Judicial Conference, 2004. Deborah also serves on the Board of Directors of Metro TeenAids.

Receiving her B.A. with honors from Rutgers University in 1986, and her J.D. from Rutgers University in 1990, Deborah entered private practice with Melrod, Redman & Gartlan, became a senior associate at Colton & Boykin, was awarded partnership at Silverstein & Mullens, and then spent five years as a partner at Piper Rudnick before joining Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice this past year.

We are very pleased that Deborah has chosen to support NAWJ by becoming a member of the Resource Board. She looks forward to meeting NAWJ members, both at the DC event, and in Indianapolis!

Florence K. Murray Award

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director of a large private foundation charged with distributing funds to charities which focus on helping children at risk.

Mr. Klein has been married to Joan Dempsey Klein since 1963. They have five children and nine grandchildren. They live in Sherman Oaks and Santa Monica, California. Together they have traveled the world, and continue to do so.

The Florence K. Murray Award was established in 1989, in recognition of Justice Murray's commitment to the judiciary and equal justice. The award recipient is someone who demonstrates outstanding commitment to NAWJ and its goals. Justice Murray passed away this past March. NAWJ mourns the loss of one of our founding members, but is honored to celebrate her life with the award named in her honor. Mr. Conrad Klein exemplifies what the award stands for, and is an extraordinary supporter of NAWJ. We thank him for his on-going support and dedication to the organization, and congratulate him on being selected as this year's awardee.

District 4 Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of *Brown vs. Board of Education*

Kelly McDonald, NAWJ Intern

On June 10th, District 4 held a reception at the new library of the Howard University Law School in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*. The reception began with a private viewing of the award-winning exhibit: *Marching Towards Justice: The History of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution*, which chronicles the history of race relations in the United States and how it shaped the adoption and interpretation of the 14th Amendment. The exhibit was on loan from the Damon J. Keith Law Collection of African-American Legal History.

Dr. Kurt Schmoke, Dean of Howard University Law School and former mayor of Baltimore, spoke at the reception. He commemorated the 50th anniversary of *Brown* and shared some of his personal experiences regarding the case. Also, Dean Schmoke gave a brief speech on Howard University Law School and its growing reputation. The remarks were followed by a tour of the library led by the library staff and a reception in the conference room. Many NAWJ members from the state, federal, D.C., administrative law, and military benches attended, including Chief Judge Robert M. Bell, the first African-American Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals. We sincerely thank Hon. Carol Park Conroy and District 4 Director Hon. Patrice Lewis, for organizing such a wonderful event.



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Magic Moments: *Reflections from the “Singing Judge”*

Hon. Diane Brenneman



Hon. Diane Brenneman

In January of this year, I was appointed a Magistrate Judge in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. My first assignment was to the Mental Retardation Calendar in the Family Court. As I was anxious about being prepared for my cases, I read the rules and statutes and tried to anticipate what some of the issues would be. The rules for this particular calendar require the reviewing judge to conduct the hearings in a less formal manner to best accommodate the different abilities of the committed persons with mental retardation¹. I was a little puzzled about this portion of the rules until Mr. Jeff Williams² appeared before me.

Mr. Williams and his deceased sister's husband, Mr. Don Jones, were present in my courtroom for Mr. Williams's annual review of commitment. Jeff Williams did not look at me. He sat sideways in his chair as his residential provider, his attorney and the government's representative spoke of his progress and activities since his last review. He was said to be non-verbal. Because a family member, Mr. Jones, was present and active in Jeff's life, I asked him what he and Jeff did together when Jeff stayed the weekends at his home. Nothing much, he said, just hanging out and eating Jeff's favorite foods. I probed a little further and he told me that the two of them liked to sing together.

"Really?" I said. "What do you like to sing?"

"Mostly, the Drifters."

"Wow! That is one of my favorite groups. Which is your favorite Drifters' song?"

" ' This Magic Moment.' "

"That's one of my favorites too! Could you and your brother-in-law sing that for me?"

"Yes, Judge."

Mr. Jones tried coaxing Jeff, to no avail. Thinking that perhaps he was shy and maybe I could help him feel at home, I began singing the song. No sooner had I sung the first two lines when Jeff stood up, turned toward me, put his hand up like a traffic policeman and shouted, "STOP!" I stopped immediately, protesting that my singing could not have been all that bad. Jeff sat down and, not looking at me, he started tapping Don's leg; then the two of them started singing together and allowed me to join in. We sang the whole song. I then ordered that a formal language program be developed for Jeff that was centered on his interests, which might include the lyrics to the songs by the Drifters. That same day I had two other customers who had songs to share with the court.

The Singing Judge

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Two months later, I was faced with a difficult initial commitment proceeding. Concerned about her own mortality, an elderly mother who cared for her now 55 year old disabled daughter had to make a decision about how to provide for the daughter's future. She and her son decided that a formal commitment proceeding was the best way to arrange for this. Many professionals and friends of the family were in attendance at the hearing, and the brother had many questions about the meaning of the legal proceedings, which I explained at some length. The mother then said she still was having trouble with the term "commitment" because it seemed to be a kind of giving up or failure. I agreed it can be a hard word to deal with, but that I found it helpful to look at it from my side of the courtroom. I told her that from where I sat, I saw all of the people there that day as pledging *their* commitment to care for her daughter for the rest of her life. She found this to be a more helpful perspective.

Proceeding with the commitment hearing and obtaining the input of the mental health professionals, residential providers, lawyers, and the family members present, I asked the daughter what things she best liked to do. She was very pleasant, but very slow in her responses to verbal questions. Finally, at the urging of her mother, she responded she liked to sing. I saw my clerks put their heads down, smiling in anticipation of what was to happen.

"What is your favorite song?" I asked.

After a long pause, she looked up at me and smiled ever so broadly. "My Favorite Things."

"That's one of my favorite songs too! Would you like to sing it today?"

She laughed and said, "Yes."

I began the song and she joined in immediately, without hesitation, and completely on beat. The entire assemblage in the courtroom joined in with us to sing the entire song. The hearing ended with the song's refrain echoing through the court: "I simply remember my favorite things, and then I don't feel so bad."

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(Footnotes)

¹ In our statute, such persons are referred to as customers or respondents.

² The names of the persons in this article have been changed due to the confidential nature of the proceedings.

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