



Congratulations President-Elect Bernadette D'Souza



Judge Bernadette D'Souza was a featured panelist for the Integrated Domestic Violence Courts panel discussion for the 63rd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women Parallel Event. This event was sponsored by the American Bar Association and co-sponsored by National Association of Women Judges and National Association of Women Judge District 2.

Women In Prison Initiative

The Women in Prison Initiative is moving forward. Judge Sims was successful in her presentation before the Cosmetology Board. The Board approved Judge Sims' proposal to move forward with planning and details to implement a cosmetology program.

Special thanks to Howard Sims Dental Facility, Dr. Sharon Sims, Greater ProVision Christian Church, Pastor Helen Godfrey-Smith, Delta Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Shreveport Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for donating over ten large boxes of personal hygiene items and dental supplies for the Louisiana Transitional Center for Women. God is awesome!

All donations of paperback books, soap, lotion, sanitary items, fragrant spray, facial cleanser, deodorant, body powder, toothpaste, mouthwash and toothbrushes. All donations can be sent to Greater ProVision Christian Church, 3449 Gorton Road, Shreveport, LA 71109.

Congratulations Judge Yvette Alexander



District 6 Director, Judge Sheva M. Sims presented Judge Yvette Alexander with the District 6 Director's Award on Friday, March 22, 2019 at the Awards and Recognition Dinner.

This award honors one judge who encourages, inspires, advises and supports other judges in all facets of the law and life,

on and off the bench. This judge serves as a listening ear without judgment.

The recipient of this award has exemplary knowledge of the law and she encourages participation in the justice system.

We want you!

NAWJ membership drive will end April 22, 2019. There is a reduced membership rate of \$130 for individuals who join the NAWJ for the first time. It is important that we grow our organization. We are asking each member to assist in recruiting new members to join the NAWJ. Our goal is to double our membership in 2019. If all members encourage one individual to become a member, we can do it! Also, the NAWJ is not just for women, men can join. For convenience, potential members can join by clicking on the following link, <https://www.nawj.org/join>.

Color of Justice (COJ)

Judge Yvette Alexander will be hosting a Color of Justice Program Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 2 PM. The event will take place at the Southern University Law Center Moot Court, 2 Roosevelt Steptoe Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70813. The panelist are Judge Toni Higginbotham, Louisiana First Circuit Court of Appeal, Judge Yvette Alexander, Baton Rouge City, Court, Judge Pamela Taylor Johnson, Baton Rouge Juvenile Court and Judge Judy Moore Vendetto, Baton Rouge City Court. Judge Sheva M. Sims, District 6 Director will serve as the moderator. All law students and professors from Southern University Law Center and Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center are invited to attend the COJ.