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#### EAR NAWJ MEMBERS,



Welcome to NAWJ's 29th Annual Conference, We the People. For those of you who are regular attendees—and there are many—your wonderful memories of conferences past and the opportunity to show support for everything NAWJ stands for and reconnect with good friends in an interesting city, is a yearly draw. If you are a first-time attendee, you are in for a treat: an intensely educational conference with first-rate talent, and—no less important—a congenial atmosphere and much fun. For those who are relatively new judges, we again have designed a special program on the first day of the Conference to help your transition to the bench or to your new court.

This is a time to learn, to step back, to recharge, and to relax in the company of other judges from across the country, and a large contingent from abroad, all of whom share your commitment to judicial excellence and to making that extra effort to ensure fairness and equality in our courts. The educational sessions on the Conference agenda are timely, varied and feature expert presenters. They include and appeal to the broad range of NAWJ members: federal, state, administrative and military judges—whether trial or appellate. Wherever you sit, there are sessions that will enhance your judicial skills and inform you about new developments we are all often too busy to learn about in dealing with our everyday caseload. Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to Conference Co-Chairs Judge Norma Shapiro and Judge Carolyn Temin and their nonpareil Conference Committee, who have worked tirelessly to prepare and present this wonderful conference for us. Thanks also to the incomparable Philadelphia Friends Committee, an extraordinary group of women representing the very heart and soul of the Philadelphia legal community.

And let us not forget that we are in historic Philadelphia, our nation's first Capital and home to the signing of the Declaration of Independence, with the added treat of having as our headquarters hotel the extraordinary Four Seasons Hotel.

Lastly, my fellow NAWJ members, I want to thank you for your efforts on behalf of NAWJ's programs and for the incredible personal support and encouragement you have given me as NAWJ President. At the conference, I will be giving you a report of our work and achievements during the past year, as well as an account of the steps we have taken to ensure that NAWJ has the necessary institutional core strength in place to continue with its important work in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Brenda Stith Loftin NAWJ President

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Ollission Statement

The National Association of Women Judges mission is to promote the judicial role of protecting the rights of individuals under the rule of law through strong, committed, diverse judicial leadership, fairness and equality in the courts, and equal access to justice.

Who is NAWJ?

Since its formation in 1979, NAWJ has inspired and lead the American judiciary in achieving fairness and equality for vulnerable populations. Led by two visionary women – Justice Joan Dempsey Klein and Justice Vaino Spencer – 100 brave and intrepid women judges met and formed an organization dedicated to the following ideals: ensuring equal justice and access to the courts for all including women, youth, the elderly, minorities, the underprivileged, and people with disabilities; providing judicial education on cutting-edge issues of importance; developing judicial leaders; increasing the number of women on the bench in order for the judiciary to more accurately reflect the role of women in a democratic society; and improving the administration of justice to provide gender-fair decisions for both male and female litigants.

From the day it was founded, NAWJ has been committed to diversity in our membership. Our organization welcomes both men and women. We include appellate, trial, tribal, administrative law judges, state and federal judges, and members from every state in the nation.

NAWJ takes pride in its accomplishments. We were at the forefront in the establishment and implementation of gender bias task forces in both federal and state courts. We have greatly advanced the administration of justice in areas of domestic violence, child support and child custody, and the treatment of women in the courts of America. We also are respected as a leader in educating judges on bioethics, elderly abuse, the sentencing of women offenders with substance abuse problems; improving conditions for women in prison; and the problems facing immigrants in our court system. Currently we are developing curricula on the effect of genetic advances on women and vulnerable populations, the impact of international law on state and federal courts, and cognitively disabled persons in criminal courts.

In addition to addressing these and other important issues, NAWJ provides an opportunity for judges to meet and discuss professional issues of mutual concern in a supportive atmosphere. Connecting with others with the same values, we laugh, enjoy life and mentor one another nationwide.

We also connect with judges internationally through our membership in the International Association of Women Judges. Early in a new century, NAWJ judges are working together to ensure fairness, equality, and due process for everyone.

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BIOGRAPHY OF JUDITH RODIN, Ph.D. President, The Rockefeller Foundation



Judith Rodin has served as president of the Rockefeller Foundation since March 2005. Trained as a research psychologist, Dr. Rodin was previously the president of the University of Pennsylvania, and earlier the provost of Yale University.

The Rockefeller Foundation was established in 1913 by John D. Rockefeller, Sr., to "promote the well-being" of humanity by Judith Rodin, Ph.D addressing the root causes of serious problems. The Foundation works around the world to expand opportunities for poor or vulnerable people and to help ensure that globalization's benefits are more widely shared. With assets of more than \$3.5 billion, it is one of the few institutions to conduct such work both within the United States and internationally.

Judith Rodin was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, and received her Ph.D. from Columbia University. A pioneer in the behavioral medicine movement, she taught at New York University before embarking on 22 years on the faculty at Yale, where she ultimately held appointments in both the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Medicine. Named president at Penn in 1994, she was the first woman to serve as president of Ivy League institution.

During the decade of her leadership, Penn doubled its research funding and tripled both its annual fundraising and the size of its endowment; launched a comprehensive, award-winning and internationally acclaimed neighborhood revitalization program; attracted record numbers of undergraduate applicants and created Penn's most selective classes ever; and rose in the leading national ranking of research universities from 16th to fourth.

Dr. Rodin serves on a number of leading non-profit boards, as well as on the boards of AMR Corporation, Citigroup and Comcast Corporation. She is the author of more than 200 academic articles and chapters and has written or co-written twelve books, including most recently The University and Urban Revival. She served on President Clinton's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology. A member of a number of leading academic societies, including the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, she has received fourteen honorary doctorate degrees.



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and included venues such as the Benjamin Franklin Museum. This year, we will be visiting the beautiful historical building of Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, and the National Constitution Center, an institution that was still on the drawing boards in 1993.

The subjects covered by our sessions this year reflect the changes that have taken place in the world and in NAWJ during the past years. We will be discussing the increasing inclusiveness of the Constitution, Separation of Powers, the Roberts Court, the Innocence Project, Immigration, Gender and Sexuality Law, The Public Perception of Women Judges and International Justice for Women. We have chosen to use a format of plenary sessions only so that all attendees can participate in discussion of all these important topics.

We are delighted to host a number of women judges from other countries such as Egypt, Korea, Taiwan, Nepal, Bosnia and Herzegovina, England and Ireland, and we will be hearing from them about their personal experiences on and off the bench.

Networking has always been an important part of these meetings and we expect the receptions and the hospitality room to provide a wonderful ambience for these opportunities.

We look forward to sharing these experiences with you and hope that you will return home, enriched in mind and spirit, with many new friends.

Thank you to our President, the Honorable Brenda Stith Loftin, President-Elect Fernande R. V. Duffly, and the NAWJ Board of Directors for their leadership, assistance and confidence in us.

Thank you especially to the hard-working members of our Executive Committee and to our Friends Committee for incredible efforts in support of this event. Thank you also to all our speakers and panelists who give so generously of their time and expertise to give our program depth and meaning. And a big thank you to each of you for the personal and unique contribution that your participation will make to the success of our meeting.

With warm personal regards,

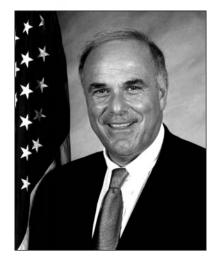
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#### **GREETINGS:**

It is an honor to welcome the distinguished members of the National Association of Women Judges to Pennsylvania and to Philadelphia.

The official theme of your conference, "We the People," is consistent with our commonwealth's and city's role in our nation's heritage and legacy. As a member of the judiciary, your service in helping to protect and preserve our heritage and legacy is extremely important.

As you meet here in Philadelphia, our nation's judiciary faces many challenges, including pervasive misunderstandings of the public regarding the judiciary's independence. Your agenda addresses many of these issues, and I am certain your conference will be a productive one.

During your stay in Philadelphia, I hope you will take the time to enjoy everything this exciting city has to offer—from its numerous cultural and scenic treasures to its fine dining and gracious hospitality. A short distance from your conference site you will find icons of our proud American heritage—the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and the National Constitution Center, to name a few. There is something for everyone in this great city, and we welcome you to make many new memories here at the crossroads of big city excitement and hometown hospitality.

As Governor and on behalf of my wife, Midge—who is a federal appellate judge and will be with you for the conference—I extend best wishes for a successful and enriching conference.

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September 7, 2007

On behalf of all the judges in the Third Circuit, it is a great pleasure to welcome the National Association of Women Judges to Philadelphia for your 29th Annual Conference. The judges of our Circuit, from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virgin Islands, hope your stay here will be enjoyable. As colleagues, we applaud your leadership and dedication to the rule of law, to fairness and equity in the courts, and to equal access to justice.

Your theme this year, "We the People," is well suited to these goals. We hope the education program and social venues unique to Philadelphia make this a productive and meaningful experience.

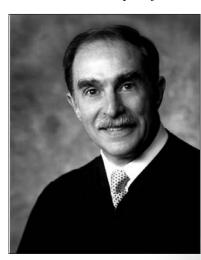
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To the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ)

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania welcomes the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) to our District for its 29th Annual Conference. Your goals of achieving fairness and equality in our justice system, defending judicial independence, and developing and advancing diverse judicial leadership, will be well served by the impressive educational program you have planned.

The judges of our court also hope you will enjoy the opportunity to meet and discuss issues of mutual concern in the special atmosphere of our City's unique cultural attractions, such as the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and the National Constitution Center near our Courthouse, so that your stay here will be not only educational but inspirational.

Best wishes from our court.

Sincerely,

Harvey Bartle, III

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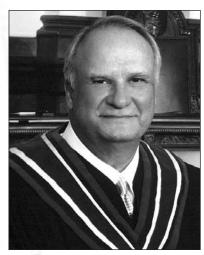


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November 7, 2007

Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges

#### Dear Colleague:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Philadelphia on behalf of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania for the 29th Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges. In this Commonwealth, you have come to a hospitable meeting place. Many of your members reside here. We are proud to have many women serving on our minor judiciary, on our trial courts and on our appellate courts. We are honored that you have chosen our state for your conference. My colleagues and I look forward to meeting with you at social events and attending some of the excellent programs on your schedule in the days ahead. We hope you have a wonderful conference and thoroughly enjoy your stay.

Very truly yours,

Ralph J. Cappy

Chief Justice of Pennsylvania



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Dear Colleagues:

It is my great pleasure to welcome the National Association of Women Judges to Pennsylvania. The Commonwealth Court, one of Pennsylvania's two intermediate appellate courts, hears those cases involving governmental issues, administrative law and a wide variety of civil matters in which state and local agencies or officials are parties.

Our court was created in 1970 following the Constitutional Convention of 1968. Soon thereafter, on January 3, 1972, our first woman judge, Genevieve Blatt, assumed office. Judge Blatt was joined in 1980 by Madaline Palladino, and of the fifteen judges appointed or elected to the Commonwealth Court since Judge Palladino, six have been women.\* With the election in 2001 of Judges Renee Cohn Jubelirer and Mary Hannah Leavitt, we became one of the first statewide appellate courts in the country in which a majority of the judges were women. In January of this year, I became our court's first woman president judge.

As you can see, Pennsylvania is a woman-judge friendly state, and we hope you will feel right at home!

Very truly yours,

BONNIE BRIGANCE LEADBETTER

<sup>\*</sup>In addition to those otherwise mentioned are Judges Doris A. Smith-Ribner (1988), Rochelle S. Friedman (1992), and (later Justice) Sandra Schultz Newman (1994) (retired).

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Dear NAWJ Members, Friends and Guests:

On behalf of the Judges of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the City of Philadelphia. We are extremely gratified that you have chosen this great city as the site for your 29th Annual Conference. In addition to attending the conference which is filled with first rate programming and outstanding speakers, we hope that you are able to spend some time exploring Philadelphia's historical and cultural attractions.

Best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely,

Kate Ford Elliott, President Judge



#### Greetings:

On behalf of the First Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I welcome the National Association of Women Judges, and all who are attending this prestigious event.

Our Judicial District is truly privileged to be the situs of such a marvelous and diverse assembly of outstanding members of the judiciary and bar. Our Judicial District has a proud history of association with NAWJ. We support your endeavors by providing every interested judge the opportunity, both financially and with judicial educa-

tion time, to attend NAWJ's educational conferences. The benefit to all our citizenry is invaluable.

The First Judicial District is honored, and its prestige elevated by one of our member's status of Co-Chair of this 29th Annual Conference. We therefore salute Hon. Carolyn Engel Temin, an icon on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. We also are honored by the distinguished Hon. Norma L. Shapiro, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania who shares this awesome responsibility as Co-Chair.

I invite you to tour our historic City Hall, Family Court and Criminal Justice Center buildings during your stay. Our judges are excited that you are here, and welcome the opportunity to speak with you concerning the myriad of legal matters we address.

Congratulations and enjoy the best of Philadelphia, which begins with a hearty welcome from the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania.

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The Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) is proud to be a sponsor of the 29th Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges. On behalf of the PBA's nearly 30,000 members, we welcome you as our distinguished colleagues and friends at the bar.

Our organizations have much in common, including shared visions of protecting and defending an independent judiciary, improving accessibility of legal services and, thereby enhancing meaningful access to the justice system for the working low income citizens, increasing public awareness of civics education, and a deep commitment to improving opportunities for lawyers of color.

We especially salute and thank Judge Norma L. Shapiro for her lifetime of leadership and service to both the NAWJ and the PBA and to Judge Marjorie Rendell for her passionate promotion of civics education for school children through the PennCord Initiative. These two distinguished jurists, along with many other outstanding judges from Pennsylvania who will attend this Conference, are part of our proud Pennsylvania tradition that make us very happy to host the Conference. The PBA's Commission on Women in the Profession also salutes the Conference; the Commission stands as a model to aspiring women lawyer leaders. We hope you can become familiar with their great work in providing meaningful pathways for women to achieve professional advancement and personal enhancement in their busy lives.

We wish you the best for what we know will be a successful Conference and applaud the efforts of the President of the NAWJ, Judge Brenda Stith Loftin and the Co-Chairs of this event, Judge Shapiro and Judge Carolyn Temin. We know that all in attendance will enjoy beauty of the history rich City of Philadelphia and that your Conference will be a memorable one for all!

All the best.

Andrew F. Susko

President, Pennsylvania Bar Association

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Dear NAWJ Members:

On behalf of the 13,000 members of the Philadelphia Bar Association, I am pleased to offer greetings to the distinguished attendees of the National Association of Women Judges' 29th Annual Conference.

The Philadelphia Bar Association is America's first chartered metropolitan bar association and Pennsylvania's largest local bar association. As such, it is a keystone in the ongoing developments of the Philadelphia and Pennsylvania legal systems. Attorneys and judges alike

look to the Philadelphia Bar Association for guidance on legal issues and for an organized meeting ground for professional support and information sharing.

In this spirit, we are honored to welcome members of the NAWJ to Philadelphia, and salute you for your dedication to preserving judicial independence, ensuring equal justice and access to the courts for women, minorities and other historically disfavored groups, providing education, and increasing the numbers and advancement of women judges at all levels.

We applaud and support the NAWJ in its mission to promote equal access to justice for vulnerable populations. Day after day, our attorneys and judges dedicate themselves to the advancement of social justice through the work of our Committee on Women in the Profession, Women's Rights Committee, Committee to Promote Fairness in the Philadelphia Legal System, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Interbranch Commission for Gender, Racial and Ethnic Fairness, and many other groups and initiatives.

We extend our congratulations to the Honorable Norma L. Shapiro, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the Honorable Carolyn Engel Temin, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, as Co-Chairs of the 29th Annual Conference, and thank them for their outstanding contributions to our profession and tireless dedication to ensuring fairness and gender equality in our courts. As trailblazers who have paved the way for many, they are invaluable role models who continue to inspire us always. Likewise, we congratulate the Honorable Brenda Stith Loftin, NAWJ President, and Honorable Fernande R.V. Duffly, President-Elect, for their accomplished leadership and vision.

Congratulations and best wishes for a productive and inspirational conference.

Sincerely, Jane Sulie Alton

Jane Leslie Dalton

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Dear NAWJ Members:

As Co-Chairs of the NAWJ Friends Committee, we are delighted to welcome you to Philadelphia. We are happy that you could attend the 29th Annual Conference of the National Association of Women Judges.

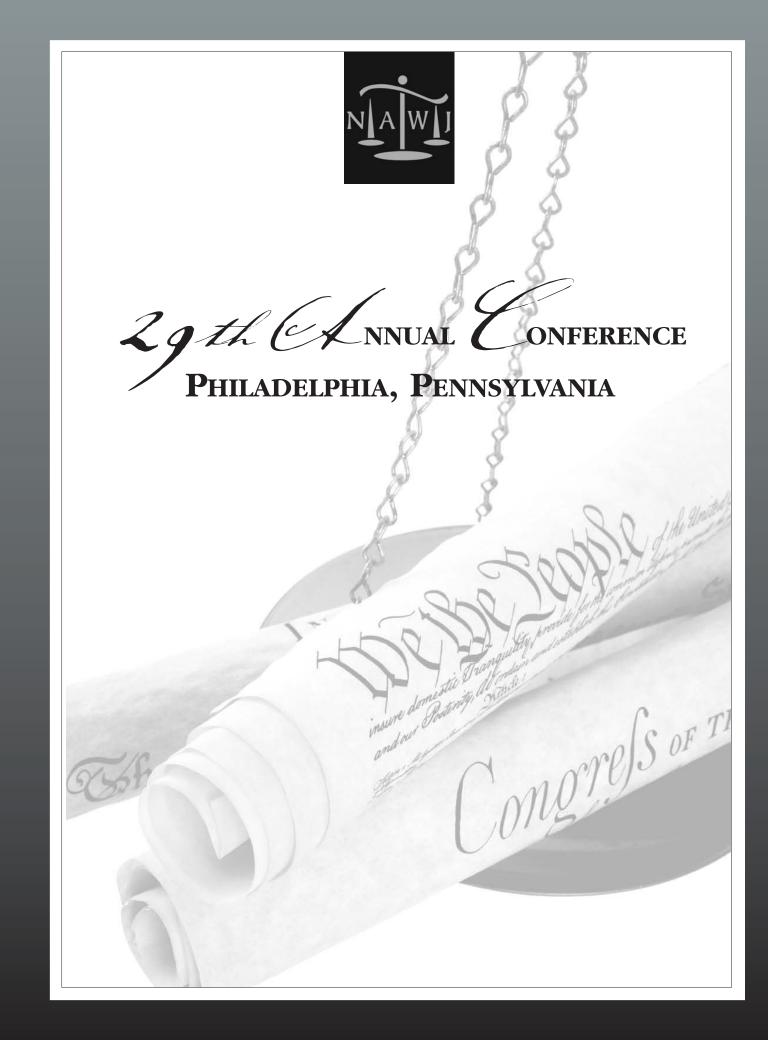
The Conference has received overwhelming support from the Philadelphia legal community. That support, which is due to the hard work performed by the Friends Committee, is a testament to the important efforts by NAWJ to promote equal justice and access to the courts for women and minorities and to provide judicial education on cutting-edge issues. The NAWJ Friends Committee is proud that the substantial funds it has helped to raise will further the salutary mission and goals of NAWJ.

The distinguished Co-Chairs of this year's Conference, United States Senior District Judge Norma L. Shapiro and Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas Judge Carolyn E. Temin, deserve special recognition. They are trailblazers who consistently lead by example and are mentors for numerous women attorneys in Philadelphia. We want to thank them and the other members of NAWJ for their tireless dedication to ensuring gender fairness in the courts and for their leadership in advancing the role of women in the legal profession. We also want to extend our congratulations to the Co-Chairs of the Conference Program, United States District Judge Anita B. Brody and retired Pennsylvania Superior Court Judge Phyllis Beck. This year's Conference features exciting programs that will be very informative and interesting.

Have a wonderful Conference, and enjoy your stay in Philadelphia.

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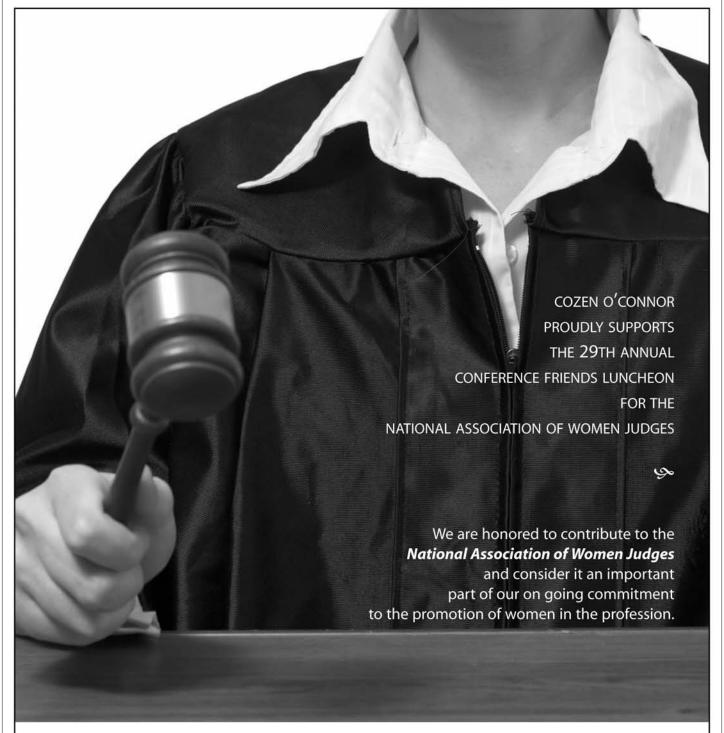
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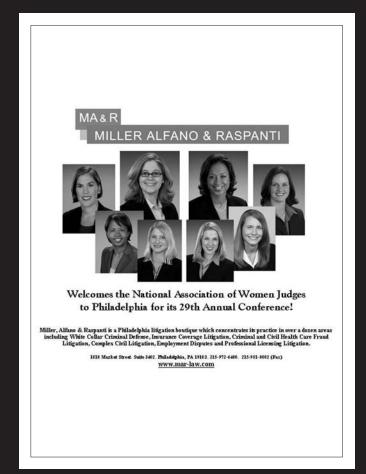
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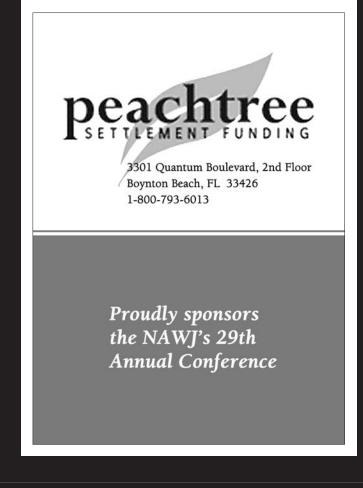
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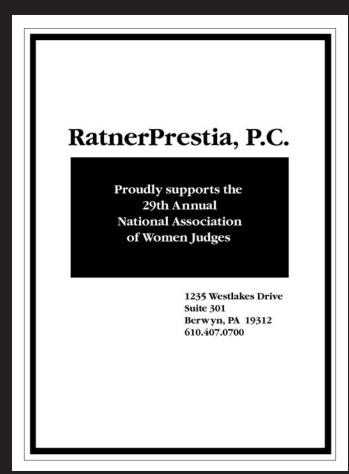
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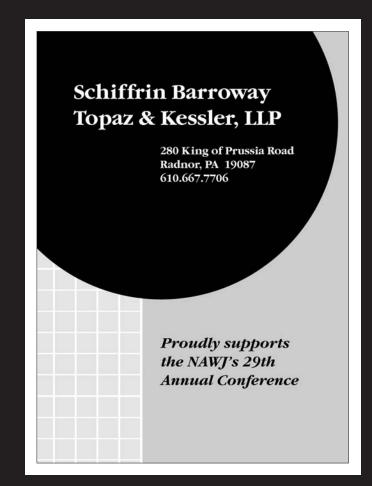
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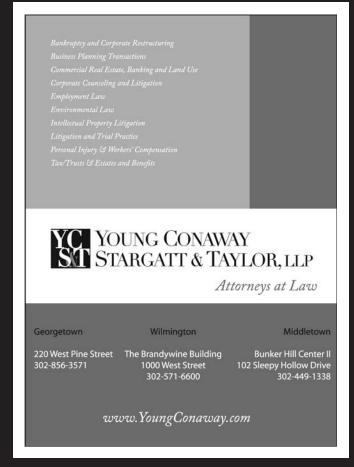
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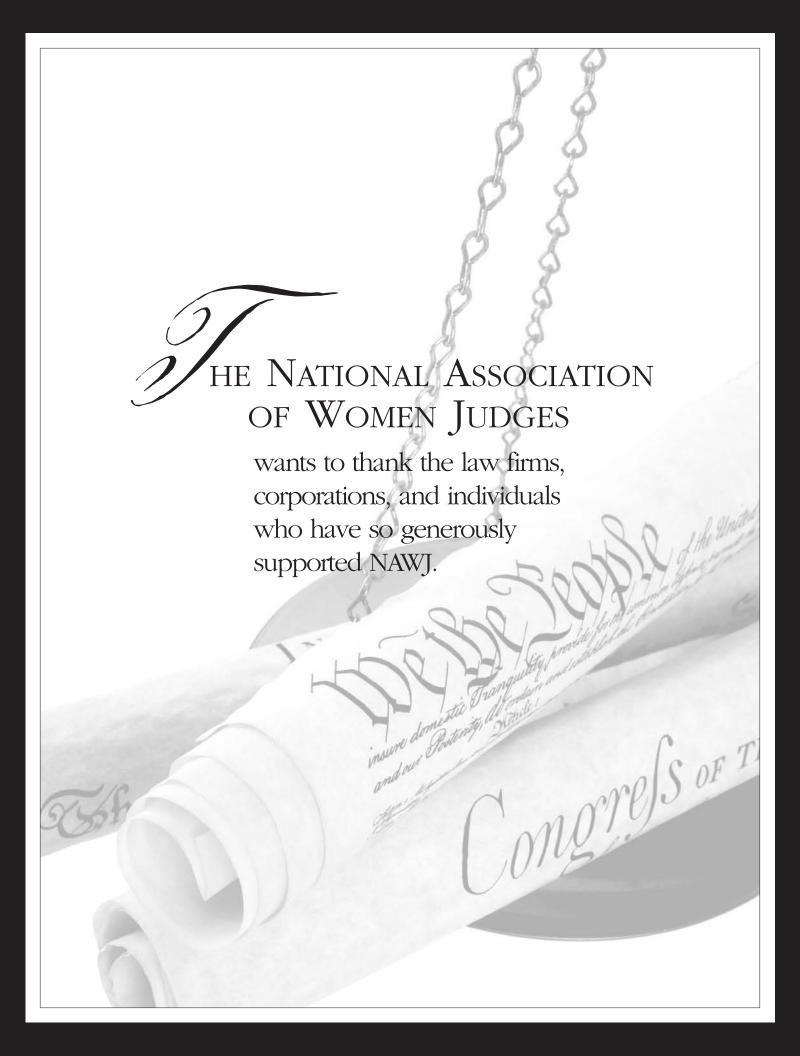




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