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ABOUT NAWJ NAWJ was founded by two visionary women, California Appeals Court Justices Joan Dempsey Klein and Vaino Spencer (Retired). Since 1979, the National Association of Women Judges has fought to preserve judicial independence, ensure equal justice and access to the courts for women, minorities and other historically disfavored groups, increase the numbers and advancement of women judges at all levels, and provide cutting-edge judicial education.

NAWJ's diverse membership includes women and men at all levels of the federal, state, tribal, military and administrative judiciary from nearly every state in the nation, as well as attorneys, law clerks, and law students, who are also committed to NAWJ's mission of diversity and equality in the Justice System.

NAWJ takes pride in its accomplishments. NAWJ was at the forefront in the establishment and implementation of gender bias task forces in both federal and state courts. NAWJ advanced the administration of justice in areas of domestic violence, child support and custody, and the treatment of women in the courts of America. NAWJ is committed in its efforts to educate judges on bioethics, elder abuse, sentencing of women offenders with substance abuse problems, conditions for women in prison, and the problems facing immigrants in the court system.

In addition to addressing these and other important issues, NAWJ, through its conferences and events, provides an opportunity for judges to meet and discuss professional challenges and issues of mutual concern in an atmosphere of warm collegiality.

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Dear Conference Attendees, Supporters and Distinguished Guests:

WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES 32ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE Sponsor Luncheon. As NAWJ's Executive Director, I am delighted to be here with you in beautiful San Francisco to participate in this exceptional program and to join all the distinguished judges, members and sponsors in recognizing NAWJ's commitment to excellence, equality, independence and diversity in the courts.

THE CONFERENCE HAS RECEIVED OVERWHELMING SUPPORT from the Bay Area legal, education and business communities. That support, which is due to the hard work of the Friends Committee, Co-Chaired by Kelly Dermody, Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein LLP and Angela Padilla, VMware, is a testament to the important efforts by NAWJ to promote equal justice and access to the courts for women and other minorities and to provide judicial education on cutting-edge issues. On behalf of the Association, I want to thank the Friends Committee for raising the necessary funds to support and further NAWJ's goals.

THE DISTINGUISHED CHAIR OF THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE, HON. BARBARA ZÚÑIGA, deserves special recognition for her tireless dedication to ensuring the success of this important event. I extend my sincere best wishes and thanks to all of the attendees and sponsors for their support and hope that you find this year's programs to be informative, interesting and, of course, fun!

Have a wonderful time.

Marie Komisar
NAWJ Executive Director



Dear Distinguished Judges, Conference Attendees, and NAWJ Supporters:

On behalf of the National Association of Women Judges Friends Committee, it is my privilege to welcome you to San Francisco!

THIS YEAR'S FRIENDS COMMITTEE (listed in this program at page 5), is comprised of Bay Area lawyers who deeply respect and admire NAWJ and its over three decades of path breaking work. Since 1979, NAWJ has championed access to justice for the least privileged in society, fairness in our myriad court systems, and equal opportunities for women in law, including on the bench. NAWJ is an inspiration to all of us.



THE FRIENDS COMMITTEE SALUTES THE TREMENDOUS WORK OF THE CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE, including Planning Chair Judge Barbara Zúñiga and Education Committee Chair Justice Mark Simons, as well as NAWJ's terrific leadership, board, and staff. We also thank our sponsors for making this conference possible. In a year of deep economic uncertainty, they went beyond what we thought was possible to support NAWJ's mission and programs. We extend a special recognition to our Gold Sponsors Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy; Dewey & LeBoeuf; Girard Gibbs LLP; LexisNexis; Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP; Milberg LLP; Morrison & Foerster LLP; Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP; Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP; and West, a Thomson Reuters Business. We could not have done our work without you.

We congratulate NAWJ on another wonderful year and wish you great success in the future!

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Introduction of Keynote Speaker by the Hon. Thelton Henderson

U.S. District Court of California, San Francisco

Keynote Speech

RICHARD NORTH PATTERSON

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Closing Remarks

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THE HONORABLE
THELTON EUGENE HENDERSON

Senior Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California

THELTON EUGENE HENDERSON was born in 1933 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

He is currently a Federal Judge in the Northern District of California.

He has played an important role in the field of civil rights as a lawyer, educator, and jurist.

Judge Henderson received both his undergraduate and law degrees from University of California, Berkeley. In 1962, he became the Justice Department's first African-American lawyer in the Civil Rights Division. He was sent to the South to monitor local law enforcement for any civil rights abuses, a role that included investigating the 1963 16th Street Baptist Church bombing which killed four girls. In this capacity he became acquainted with Martin Luther King and other leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, after winning over their initial skepticism of a government attorney.

After a stint in private practice, Judge Henderson served as Director of the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County office in East Palo Alto, California. In 1969, he became Assistant Dean at Stanford Law School, where he established the minority recruiting program and helped diversify the student body. He also assisted in creating Stanford's clinical program. During this time, Judge Henderson also served as consultant to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Office of Economic Opportunity, Carnegie Corporation, and Ford Foundation. In 1977, he left Stanford to form a law firm which specialized in civil rights, civil liberties and other issues of constitutional law, and also was a law professor at Golden Gate University.

In June 1980, Judge Henderson was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as U.S. District Court Judge. From 1990 to 1997, he served as Chief Judge for the Northern District of California. Since 1998, he has served as Senior Judge.

In 1982 Judge Henderson overturned the conviction of Johnny Spain, the only member of The San Quentin Six convicted of murder for the deaths of three California Correctional Peace Officers and two inmates in a riot and escape attempt lead by



Black Panther Party member and Black Guerilla Family founder George Jackson.

In a landmark 1995 civil rights case, Madrid v. Gomez, Judge Henderson found the use of force and level of medical care at the notorious Pelican Bay State Prison unconstitutional. During its subsequent federal oversight process, Henderson was known to visit the prison personally.

In a 1997 decision, Judge Henderson struck down Proposition 209, the anti-affirmative action California initiative, as unconstitutional. He was criticized by many supporters of Proposition 209, and the next year a three-judge Court of Appeals panel overturned his decision.

In 2005, Judge Henderson found that substandard medical care in the California prison system had violated prisoners' rights under the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution to be protected from cruel and unusual punishment and had led to unnecessary deaths in California prisons. In 2006 he appointed Robert Sillen as receiver to take over the health care system of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and replaced Mr. Sillen with J. Clark Kelso in 2008.

In addition to his official work, he went to South Africa in 1985 with fellow judge Leon Higginbotham as a judicial observer and guest of the nation's black lawyers association. While there he was briefly detained and interrogated by white policemen.

The Henderson Center for Social Justice at Boalt Hall is named for him. A documentary on his life, *Soul of Justice* by Abby Ginzberg, was released in late 2005.

RICHARD NORTH PATTERSON

RICHARD NORTH PATTERSON served as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio; a trial attorney for the United States Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. and San Francisco and as SEC's liaison to the Watergate Special Prosecutor. More recently, Mr. Patterson was a partner in the San Francisco office of McCutchen, Doyle, Brown & Enersen, now Bingham McCutchen LLP. In 1993, he retired from the practice of law to devote himself to writing. He has served on the boards of his undergraduate and law schools, the National Partnership for Women and Families, the Family Violence Prevention Fund, PEN Center West, and the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. He was Chairman of Common Cause, a grassroots citizens' lobby founded by John Gardner.

IN 2000, Richard North Patterson published *Protect and Defend*, a book about the controversial nomination of the first woman to be Chief Justice, and her entanglement in an incendiary lawsuit regarding late-term abortion and parental consent. It became Mr. Patterson's seventh consecutive international bestseller and received a Maggie Award from Planned Parenthood for its treatment of issues regarding reproductive rights.

RICHARD NORTH PATTERSON studied fiction writing with Jesse Hill Ford at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. His first short story was published in *The Atlantic Monthly* and his first novel *The Lasko Tangent*, won an Edgar Allen Poe Award in 1979. Between 1981 and 1985, he published *The Outside*



Man, Escape the Night, and *Private Screening*. His novels *Degree of Guilt* (1993) and *Eyes of a Child*, (1995) were combined into a miniseries by NBC TV. Both were international bestsellers, and *Degree of Guilt* was awarded the French Grand Prix de Litterature Policiere in 1995. *Caroline Masters* (originally published as *The Final Judgment*, 1995), *Silent Witness* (1997), *No Safe Place* (1998), and *Dark Lady* (1999)

all became bestsellers. *Blalance of Power* confronted one of America's most divisive political and social issues—gun violence—and was chosen by USA Today as its book-of-the-month selection for November 2003. *Conviction* (2005) focused on the law and politics of capital punishment. *Exile* (2007) dealt with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and was nominated for South Africa's leading literary award. *The Race* (2007) concerned a dramatic campaign for President and was Patterson's eleventh consecutive New York Times bestseller. *Eclipse* (2009) deals with human rights, Africa, and the geopolitics of oil. His latest, *The Spire*, is a psychological suspense novel involving race relations on a college campus.

RICHARD NORTH PATTERSON graduated in 1968 from Ohio Wesleyan University and was awarded its Distinguished Achievement Citation. He is a 1971 graduate of the Case Western Reserve University's School of Law, and a recipient of their President's Award for Distinguished Alumni. Mr. Patterson lives in San Francisco and on Martha's Vineyard with his wife, Dr. Nancy Clair.

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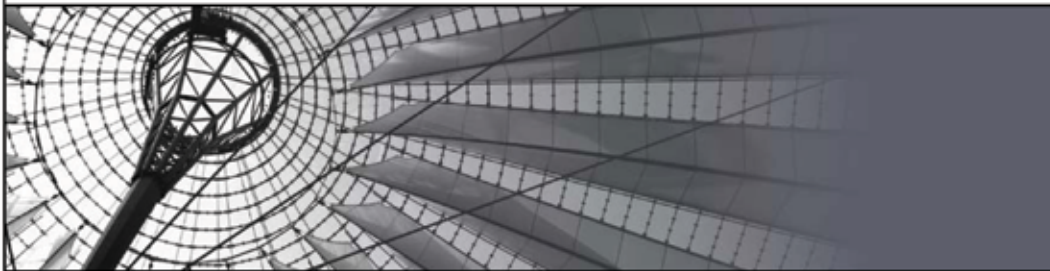
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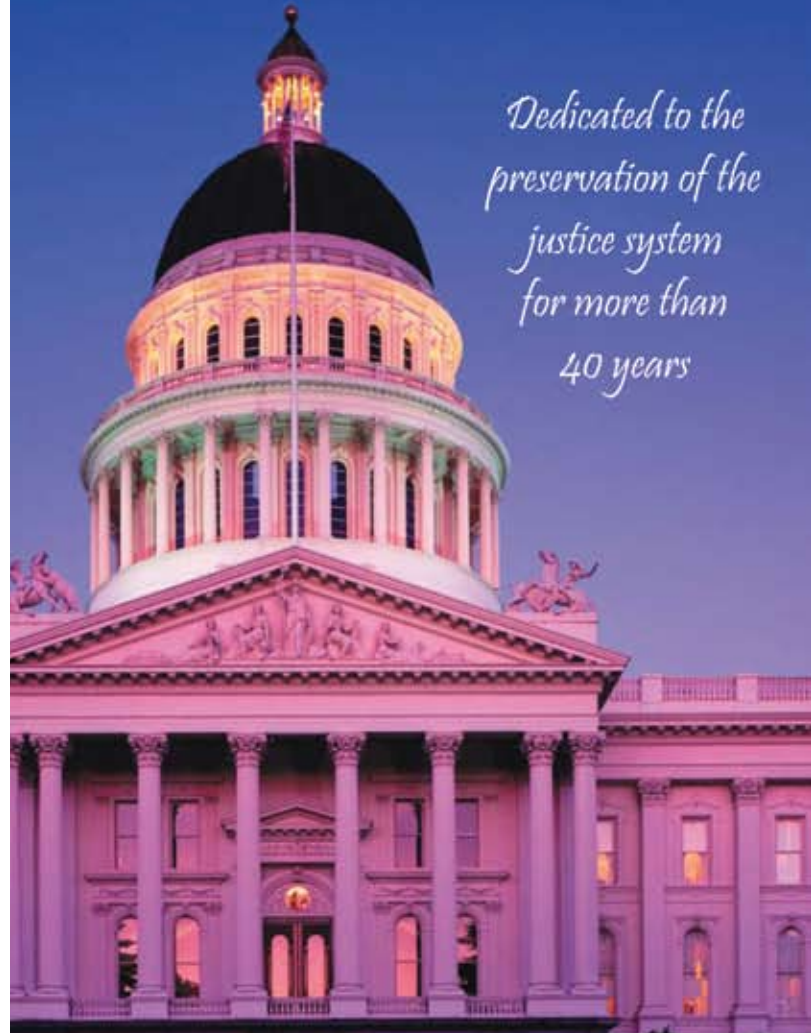
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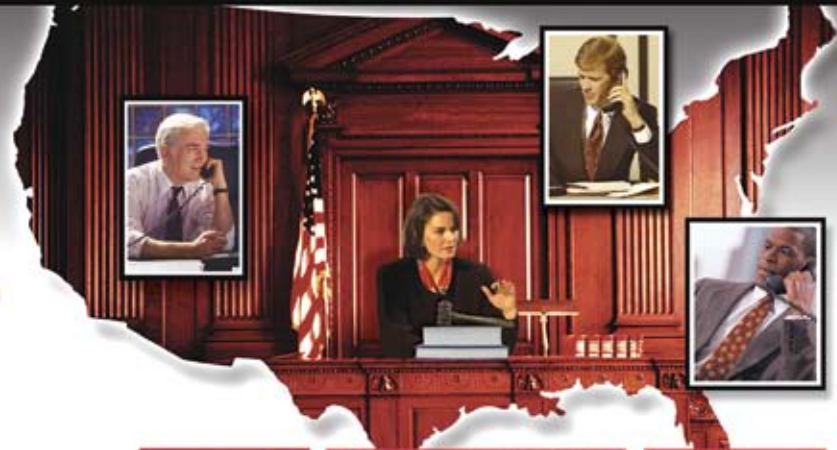
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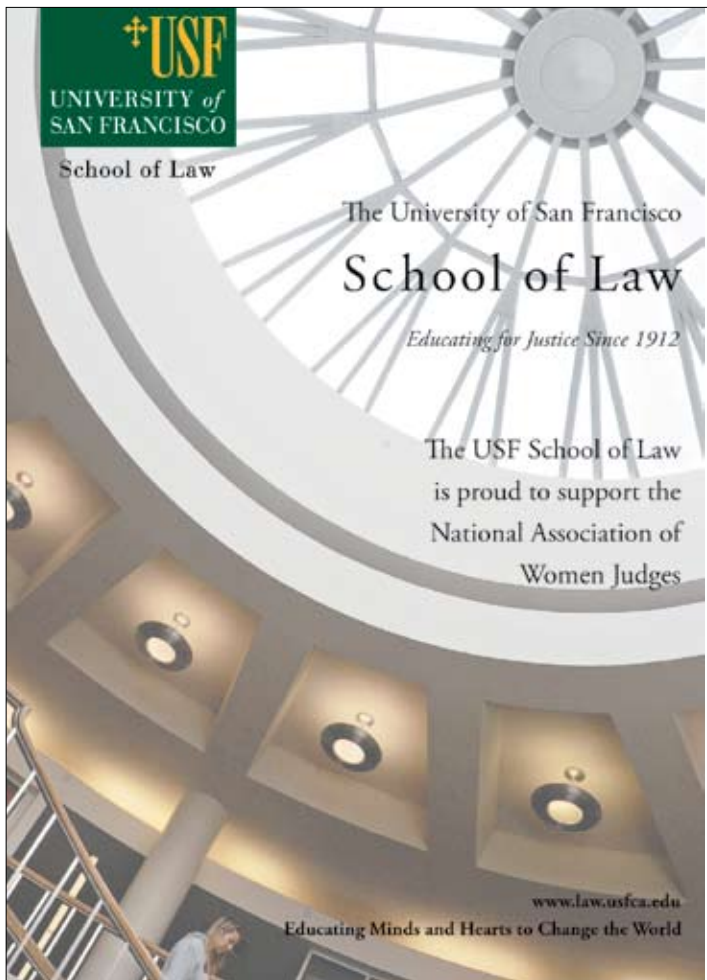
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