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National Association of Women Judges
39th Annual Conference

October 11-15, 2017 | Atlanta, GA

NAWJ Mission

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.



Community Service

Shop with the Judges

NAWJ members, local judges and local attorneys are encouraged to donate gently used clothes, jewelry, purses and shoes for "purchase" by law students and young adults in foster care. Local judges are encouraged to come and "shop" with the students.

Conference Planning Committees

CONFERENCE CHAIRS

Hon. Sara L. Doyle, Court of Appeals of Georgia
Hon. Carol W. Hunstein, Supreme Court of Georgia

EDUCATION CHAIRS

Hon. Kathlene F. Gosselin, Superior Court, Northeastern Judicial District
Hon. Gail S. Tusan, Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit
Hon. Brenda S. Weaver, Superior Court, Appalachian Judicial Circuit

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CONFERENCE SUPPORT

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Conference Highlights



Wednesday, October 11, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	REGISTRATION
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	2016-17 NAWJ Board of Directors Meeting
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	New Judges and First-Time Attendees Meeting
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	International Judges Reception
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	WELCOME RECEPTION
8:05 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	FILM DOCUMENTARY: BALANCING THE SCALES Special Guest: Sharon Rowen, Esq., Director/Producer View trailer at www.balancingthescalesmovie.com

Thursday, October 12, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	REGISTRATION
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	NAWJ Committee Meetings
8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	 <p>OPENING CEREMONY and BREAKFAST Conference Chairs: Hon. Carol W. Hunstein and Hon. Sara L. Doyle Keynote Address on the United States Supreme Court by Robert A. Schapiro, Asa Griggs Professor of law and Former Dean, Emory University of Law</p>
9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<p>A DISCUSSION ON LABOR TRAFFICKING Moderator: Hon. Kathlene F. Gosselin, Superior Court, Northeastern Judicial Circuit, Georgia Panelists: Hon. Leslie Abrams, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia Hon. Susan Coppedge, Former Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of State (Retired) James Russell Doyle II, Partner, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP Monica Khant, Esq., Executive Director, Georgia Asylum and Immigration Network Daniel Werner, Director, Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative (SIFI) and Senior Supervising Attorney, Southern Poverty Law Center</p>

The State Bar of Georgia has approved the conference for 12.5 CLE hours, including 1 attorney ethics hour, 3 trial hours, and 1 professionalism hour. The Georgia Council of Magistrate Court Judges has approved the conference for 12 CJE hours, including 1 judicial ethics hour and 1 professionalism hour. The Council of Municipal Court Judges has approved the conference for 12.5 CJE, including 1 judicial ethics hour, and 1 professionalism hour.




Thursday, October 12, 2017 *(Continued)*


11:30 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.	KEYNOTE LUNCHEON	
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.		THE CASE FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM by Hon. Michael P. Boggs , Supreme Court of Georgia
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.		A Conversation with the 39th President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, and former First Lady, Rosalynn Carter. Moderated by Hon. Carol W. Hunstein , Supreme Court of Georgia
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	A VIEW FROM GEORGIA'S FEDERAL JUDGES	INTERNATIONAL TEA AND ETHICS
	Moderator: Hon. Sara Doyle , Georgia Court of Appeals Panelists: Hon. Leslie Abrams , U.S. District Court, Middle District of Georgia Hon. Julie Carnes , U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit Hon. Frank Hull , U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit Hon. Leigh May , U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia Hon. Jill Pryor , U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit Hon. Amy Totenberg , U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia	Moderators: Hon. Judith C. Chirlin , Western Justice Center (Los Angeles Superior Court, Retired) Hon. Lisette Shirdan-Harris , Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia, PA
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	RECEPTION at the ELBERT P. TUTTLE US COURT OF APPEALS BUILDING Home of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit	
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	OPTIONAL DINE AROUND ATLANTA/FREE EVENING Join conference participants for a memorable group dining experience at Atlanta's finest restaurants. Visit the conference page via www.nawj.org to find out how to sign-up for your favorite restaurant.	
9:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.	HOSPITALITY SUITE	



Friday, October 13, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION		
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	NAWJ District Meetings		
8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.		KEYNOTE and BREAKFAST The Importance of Judicial Independence Linda Klein, Esq. , President (2016-2017), American Bar Association	
9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	THE JUDICIAL CASE FOR RECOGNIZING AND ELIMINATING IMPLICIT BIAS Moderator: Hon. Diana Becton , Contra Costa County Superior Court, California; President, National Association of Women Judges Panelists: Hon. Kristina H. Blum , Gwinnett County Magistrate Court, Georgia; President, Council of Magistrate Court Judges Hon. Bernice B. Donald , U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit Hon. Leigh May , U.S. District Court, Northern District of Georgia Hon. Leah Ward Sears , Supreme Court of Georgia (Retired); Partner, Smith Gambrell & Russell, LLP		
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	HOT TOPICS IN IMMIGRATION LAW	HOT TOPICS IN ELDER LAW	HOT TOPICS IN CURRENT LEGAL CHALLENGES FACING LGBTQ FAMILIES
	Moderator: Hon. Sandra Arrington Dempsey , Executive Office for Immigration Review, U.S. Department of Justice (Retired) Panelists: Carolina Antonini, Esq. , Antonini & Cohen Immigration Law Group Tracie Klinke, Esq. , Klinke Immigration LLC Zulma Lopez, Esq. , Lopez Immigration LLC Pamela Peynado, Esq. , Lee & Peynado	Moderator: Hon. Brenda S. Weaver , Appalachian Judicial Circuit, Georgia Panelists: Professor Alison E. Hirschel, Esq. , Director, Michigan Elder Justice Initiative Clinical Professor Eleanor Crosby Lanier, Esq. , Mediation Clinic Director, University of Georgia School of Law Mariel Sivley, Esq. , Director, Georgia Supportive Housing Association	Beth Littrell, Esq. , Counsel, Southern Regional Office, Lambda Legal


Friday, October 13, 2017 *(Continued)*

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	 <p>KEYNOTE LUNCHEON A Conversation with Sally Yates Former Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice Moderated by Hon. Beverly Martin, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit</p>
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<p>WHAT'S AGE GOT TO DO WITH IT? ELDER INVESTMENT FRAUD AND FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION Moderator: Hon. Patricia Banks, Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois (Retired) NAWJ Elder Law Committee Chair Panelists: Hon. Sherry Boston, District Attorney, DeKalb County, Georgia Commissioner Robyn Crittenden, Georgia Department of Human Services Professor Daniel C. Marson, J.D., Ph.D., Department of Neurology, University of Alabama, Birmingham School of Medicine Noula Zaharis, Director, Securities & Charities Division, Office of the Georgia Secretary of State</p>
3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<p>LESSONS FROM THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT FOR TODAY'S JUDGES Moderator: Hon. Gail Tusan, Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia Panelist: Peter C. Canfield, Esq., Jones Day Constance Curry, Esq., Civil Rights Activist, Attorney and Author Professor of Law Anne S. Emanuel (Emerita), Georgia State University College of Law Hon. Herbert Phipps, Georgia Court of Appeals (Retired) Andrea Young, Esq., Executive Director, ACLU of Georgia</p>
5:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	BAR ASSOCIATIONS RECEPTION
8:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.	HOSPITALITY SUITE


Saturday, October 14, 2017

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION
7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	NAWJ Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<p>PROFESSIONALISM FOR JUDGES AND ATTORNEYS Moderator: Patrick E. Longan, W. A. Bootle Chair in Ethics and Professionalism, Mercer University School of Law Panelists: Shiriki L. Cavitt, Esq., Corporate Counsel, Equifax Lester B. Johnson, III, Esq., Lester B. Johnson, III, P.C. Hon. M. Yvette Miller, Court of Appeals of Georgia Hon. Lisa Walsh, 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida</p>

Saturday, October 14, 2017 *(Continued)*

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<p>LAWYERS FOR EQUAL JUSTICE: THE LAW SCHOOL INCUBATOR PROJECT</p> <p>Moderator: Professor Hulett Askew, Georgia State University, College of Law</p> <p>Panelists: Stephanie Everett, Esq. Executive Director, Lawyers for Equal Justice Hon. Carol W. Hunstein, Supreme Court of Georgia Dean Steven J. Kaminshine, Georgia State University, College of Law Patrise Perkins-Hooker, Esq., County Attorney, Fulton County, Georgia</p>	<p>TRAUMA INFORMED COURTS</p> <p>Moderator: Hon. Brenda S. Weaver, Appalachian Judicial Circuit, Georgia</p> <p>Panelists: Lisa Callahan, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate, Policy Research Associates, Inc. Hon. Kathlene F. Gosselin, Superior Court, Northeastern Judicial Circuit, Georgia Hon. R. Michael Key, Troup County Juvenile Court, Georgia Hon. Peggy Walker, Douglas County Juvenile Court, Georgia</p>	<p>ATTORNEY ETHICS</p> <p>Moderator: Professor Patrick E. Longan, Mercer University School of Law</p> <p>Panelists: Paula Frederick, Esq. General Counsel, State Bar of Georgia; Chair, American Bar Association Standing Committee Professional Discipline Hon. Allison B. Salter, Cobb County State Court, Georgia Shannon M. Sprinkle, Esq., Partner, Carlock Copeland & Stair LLP</p>
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	 <p>KEYNOTE LUNCHEON Life After the Bench by Hon. Glenda Hatchett, Fulton County Juvenile Court (Chief Judge, Retired), Author and star of two-time Emmy-nominated and nationally syndicated courtroom series “Judge Hatchett” Founder of national, Atlanta based law firm “The Hatchett Firm”</p>		
1:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<p>FREE AFTERNOON OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES and EXCURSIONS (See Excursions section of this brochure.)</p>		
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<p>SHOP WITH JUDGES, an NAWJ Community Service Project</p>		
1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	<p>2017-18 NAWJ Board of Directors Meeting</p>		
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<p>NAWJ Resource Board Meeting</p>		
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<p>NAWJ District Directors Meeting</p>		
6:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.	<p>BOOK BAZAAR</p>		
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	<p>COCKTAIL RECEPTION</p>		
7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	<p>NAWJ ANNUAL BANQUET featuring Sinfo-Nia Orchestra of Metropolitan Atlanta</p>		
10:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	<p>DJ AND DANCING featuring music by Zack Falls</p>		

Sunday, October 15, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	 <p>ACCESS TO JUSTICE: RETHINKING THE JUDICIAL ROLE IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES Hon. Lisa Foster, Former Director, Office for Access to Justice, U. S. Department of Justice; Former Judge, California Superior Court, San Diego County Breakfast</p>
11:00 a.m.	<p>Optional Excursion: Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum See Excursions section of this brochure.</p>



Conference Registration

Sheraton Atlanta

Attendee registration fees include keynote programs, educational sessions, receptions, gala awards banquet, meals, transportation to Thursday and Friday evenings' receptions.

- First-Time Member Rate: \$625
- Member Rate: \$695
- Non-Member Rate: \$795

TO REGISTER:

Visit www.nawj.org, click on the 'Atlanta' image or find the Atlanta Conference page, and open the Registration tab. There you may register online, or download a registration form, complete and scan, then email to Yves Dinte at accounting@nawj.org.

Late Registration

Registrations received within 30 days of the conference start date, including onsite registration, will be accessed an additional late fee of \$50. All third party payments are subject to the same policy and deadlines.

Cancellation Policy

No refunds will be remitted if notice to NAWJ is received after September 11, 2017.



Sheraton Atlanta

165 Courtland Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Rate: \$199, single or double occupancy, plus applicable state and local taxes, until September 12, 2017.

For reservations call **800-833-8624** and state that you are with the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ), or find a link to online reservations by visiting www.nawj.org, finding the Atlanta Conference page, and clicking on the Hotel tab. NAWJ's room blocks occasionally fill before the cutoff date. Rooms are subject to availability.

Excursions And Tours (Optional)

Sign up for optional tours and excursions online at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nawj-atlanta-conference-excursions-tickets-36158932340>.

You may also reach the link from NAWJ's Atlanta Conference page's

Excursion tab. Go to www.nawj.org.



Civil Rights Tour

Hosted by Presiding Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes, Georgia Court of Appeals

Saturday, October 14, 2017

2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

\$50 per person, non-refundable

Join Judge Anne Elizabeth Barnes, Georgia Court of Appeals, and Tom Houck, a former aide for Martin Luther King, Jr., on an exciting Civil Rights Tour that will view approximately 23 different significant civil rights locations in Atlanta. The tour will be led by Tom Houck, a veteran of the civil rights movement, who was one of the plaintiffs in a lawsuit against Jefferson County, Alabama that resulted in a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision desegregating prisons across America. See *Washington v. Lee*, 263 F. Supp. 327 (M.D. Ala. 1966) and *Lee v. Washington*, 390 U.S. 333, 88 S. Ct. 994, 19 L. Ed. 2d 1212 (1968). The tour bus includes a video about Atlanta and its civil rights history, featuring narratives by former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, Congressman John Lewis, and Julian Bond, among others. The tour also includes a fabulous freedom singer who will belt out tunes from the Civil Rights movement.

South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail Tour

Hosted by Chief Judge Gail Tusan, Fulton County Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit

Saturday, October 14, 2017 | 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | \$50 per person, non-refundable

Join Judge Gail Tusan, Fulton County Superior Court, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, and the NAWJ Women in Prison Committee on a tour of the South Fulton Municipal Regional Jail. This women's facility is the only jail to house women in Fulton County who are detained while awaiting trial. You will have an opportunity to learn about the exciting programs offered to the women. To help "break the ice" and facilitate an open exchange with the women, NAWJ judges will have an opportunity to participate in a dance class with the women. This will also be a wonderful opportunity for NAWJ's judges from outside of Georgia to share valuable general information to encourage and inspire women who are beginning their journey through the criminal justice system. We ask that you wear comfortable attire that is appropriate for dancing, sharing, and encouraging women involved in the criminal justice system. Attendees will travel to and from the jail via charter bus.



The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library And Museum Tour

Hosted by Justice Carol W. Hunstein, Supreme Court of Georgia

Sunday, October 15, 2017

11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

*\$50 per person, non-refundable
(includes Museum Admission)*

Join Justice Carol W. Hunstein and Jason Carter for a very special tour of The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. Jason Carter, a grandson of former President Jimmy Carter and former First Lady Rosalynn Carter and the current Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Carter Center, will lead the tour.

The museum includes photographs and historical memorabilia from the Carter presidency (1977 - 1981). Learning about the life and work of President and Mrs. Carter from Jason Carter as he guides our NAWJ group through the Presidential Museum will make this tour one of the highlights of the conference. This intimate 2-hour tour is sure to be popular, so early registration is encouraged.