Prominent Women Judges in the Spotlight

Chief Justice Anie Iwundu, of Anambra State, Nigeria, was appointed to the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights. At the age of 46, she became the court’s youngest judge. Dr. Iwundu is a member of the IAWJ Board of Directors and received the IAWJ’s Women Judges of the Year 2019 award for her human trafficking work. Judge Iwundu’s full term began in January 2019.

During the meeting, Justice Imani Aboud from Kenya, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kenya, was elected President of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights. Justice Aboud’s full term began in January 2019.

IAWJ Past President, Justice Margarita Medina de Rizzo, from Chile, was appointed to serve as Judge of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Latin America’s highest court. Justice Medina de Rizzo’s full term began in January 2019.

Fourth International Conference on Judging with a Gender Perspective in Marrakesh

Chief Justice Brenda Hale, of the UK Supreme Court, was on the panel to hear a case before that court. During the meeting, Justice Mary Yu from the US, became the first female African-American woman to sit as a Supreme Court Justice of the United States.

IAWJ’s Trustee, Hon. Shiranee Tilakwardane, from Sri Lanka, was appointed to the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights. At the age of 46, she became the court’s youngest judge. Judge Tilakwardane’s full term began in January 2019.

IAWJ President, Hon. Vanessa Ruiz, from Mexico, was appointed to serve as President of the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights. Judge Ruiz also hosted an evening discussion at her home on attacks to judicial independence featuring a conversation with IAWJ member, Judge Klaudia Lozyk from Poland.

IAWJ 2019 Asia Pacific Regional Conference: “Justice…in the Hearts of Women”, hosted by the Philippine Women Judges Association (PWJA), will take place in Alona Beach, Panglao Island, Bohol, Philippines from February 27 to March 1, 2019. You can register for it here.

Upcoming Meetings & Conferences

- Chief Justice Ingridpm, the Philippines Chief Justice, was in Rome, Italy, to participate in an IAWJ activity on October 24, 2018.
- Twenty-seven IAWJ judges participated in the Fourth International Conference on Judging with a Gender Perspective, held in Marrakesh, Morocco from April 25 and 26 in Seville, Spain.
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- The IAWJ will host a delegation for the 63rd annual meeting of the UN Commission on the Status of Women from February 27 to March 1, 2019. You can register for it here.
- The South African Chapter of the IAWJ’s report on their latest activities and programs. She spoke about the close and longstanding relationship between IAWJ and NAWJ.
- The IAWJ launched ILAC’s latest Rule of Law Assessment Report on Justice and Accountability in Pakistan. The report will be hosted by the Pakistan’s Ministry of Law and Justice. The report will be available to discuss IAWJ business, and to discuss IAWJ business, including and other topics.

For more information!

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