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Dear IAWJ Members,

As most of you know from extensive media coverage, the UK Supreme Court recently issued an important constitutional judgment written and delivered orally by its President Lady Hale, who was IAWJ president, 2010-12. This Newsletter includes some of the media coverage which include references to Lady Hale's judicial career and penchant for sparkly animal brooches. I would like to focus on the substance of the judgment.

Lady Hale's unanimous opinion is a forceful assertion of the role of courts in ensuring the primacy of the rule of law. Notwithstanding the idiosyncrasies of Britain's unwritten Constitution, the judgment applies widely understood constitutional principles in a system of separated powers. Specifically, it constrains the power of the executive to preserve the fundamental functioning of Parliament, as the elected representatives of the people, in a representative democracy. The opinion of the Court is a masterpiece of legal reasoning and lucid writing. There is no substitute for reading the 24-page opinion for yourselves and I urge you to do so.

With my best wishes,
The Hon. Vanessa Ruiz
IAWJ President
As we enter the last quarter of 2019, I wanted to encourage IAWJ members to pay their yearly dues. The IAWJ relies heavily on dues to cover a number of our costs. For example, the funding we receive from dues goes towards the production and translation of this newsletter. Dues also cover staff time devoted to planning substantial and interesting biennial conferences. For those who still need to pay their individual dues for 2019, here is the link to do so.

In addition, I wanted to take this opportunity to ask members to make a donation to the IAWJ. Since we have such modest dues, we must also rely on donations from a range of sources to meet our general expenses. Please consider giving to the IAWJ if you can. No one knows better than our members of the IAWJ's important work and mission. Your donations will help us maintain our current operations and hopefully help propel us forward. We are continuously looking for new opportunities for our members and striving to reach women judges in more countries who need our support and encouragement. Thank you for all of the work and support all of you do for the IAWJ! Here is the link to make a donation to the IAWJ.
All hail Lady Hale!

Among the guest speakers and presenters at the biennial conference of the IAWJ in Auckland, New Zealand (7 to 10 May 2020), is our very own Past-President, Baroness Hale of Richmond. Lady Brenda Hale is the President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. She is the first woman appointed to that position. This is one of many firsts achieved by Lady Hale, which also include being the first woman appointed to the Law Commission and the first female law lord.

Lady Hale is an academic, legal reformer and feminist and has been referred to as "one of the most forthright and liberalizing influences in the court". When she entered the House of Lords in 2004, she chose a Latin motto which translates as "women are equal to everything". She recently achieved internet fame even among those outside the legal profession for the large silver spider brooch she wore while calmly delivering the significant unanimous judgment in relation to the decision to suspend Parliament.

As a long-time champion of diversity in the judiciary, Lady Hale’s presence at the Auckland "Celebrating Diversity" conference further underlines her commitment to women in the law. The conference is a wonderful opportunity for attendees to hear and meet this outstanding jurist.

For more information on Lady Hale, here are some recent profiles of her in the New York Times, Financial Times, and the Guardian.
See and experience the beauty of New Zealand

As part of your biennial IAWJ conference experience in Auckland, New Zealand (7 to 10 May 2020), there are special opportunities to enjoy the country’s breath-taking scenery and unique indigenous Maori culture. See snow-capped mountains, golden beaches, pristine lakes, experience cultural events and visit New Zealand's Supreme Court in Wellington.

Pre- and post-conference tours specially organised for IAWJ delegates and accompanying persons are now taking bookings. These include a pre-conference tour, 26 April to 5 May, which begins in Wellington then travels south to take in the best sites in the South Island including the famous Marlborough wine country, Christchurch, and the spectacular beauty of Queenstown. There are two post-conference tours: one takes delegates north to the beautiful Bay of Islands on 12 May before returning to Auckland airport on 14 May; another begins on 12 May likewise explores the Bay of Islands then heads south to explore the unique cultural and geothermal region of Rotorua. You will find further information including full itineraries and tour registration here. It is advisable to book early to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to seeing you all in Auckland next May.

Mary O’Dwyer, President of the NZAWJ and Susan Glazebrook, President-Elect of the IAWJ.
The Association of Women Judges of Argentina hosted an International Conference on "Judging with a Gender Perspective" as its new Executive Council took office.
• The **Association of Women Judges of Argentina** was one of the sponsors of the AVON Walk to Beat Breast Cancer. Around 15,000 people participated in this walk, 50 of which were AMJA members.

![Photo of Walkers]

• Manitoba courts in Canada have **introduced sacred eagle feathers for witnesses in court to hold as they swear in**. According to CBC Manitoba, this has been "called a historic moment." IAWJ member, **Justice Lore Mirwaldt** sits in one of these courts.
The Association of Women Judges of Argentina conducted a Training Cycle Through the Analysis of Decisions with a Gender Perspective. IAWJ's and AMJA's Past President, Dr. Susana Medina was the speaker at this workshop.

Ms. Melissa Evans, Consultant at the UN Office on Drugs and Crime on behalf of the Global Judicial Integrity Network Secretariat, wrote an Op-Ed titled "Why the gender of your judge matters" for Apolitical. In it, she quoted IAWJ President, Hon. Vanessa Ruiz (US) and IAWJ member, Hon. Shiranee Tilakawardane (Sri Lanka). The IAWJ is a partner of UNODC’s Global Judicial Integrity Network.

The Association of Women Judges of the Dominican Republic organized a screening of the short documentary "Adrift" (A la Deriva) in order to raise awareness on teenage pregnancy in the Dominican Republic.

The National Association of Women Judges - US hosted a delegation of Judges from the Republic of Georgia who were interested in meeting US women judges. IAWJ-NAWJ judges met with the delegation of Georgian judges in various cities. IAWJ President, Hon. Vanessa Ruiz met with them first at the District of Columbia Court of Appeals and then they met with judges of the DC Superior Court; later, they met with Judge Ann Walsh Bradley at the Wisconsin Supreme Court, finally, they met with Hon. Carmen Velasquez along with a delegation of NAWJ-NY judges.
Judge Fiona Mwale (Malawi) and Judge Marlo Magdoza-Malagar (Philippines) prepared a blog post for the IAWJ on their participation at UNODC’s Expert Meeting to Review A Draft Toolkit on Gender-Responsive Non-Custodial Measures 2-4 September 2019, Bangkok, Thailand.
• The Association of Women Judges of Spain published a statement on their website that claims that, in the absence of women in the judicial leadership, there is a need for positive action measures and compliance with regulations to achieve parity. This statement was drafted as a response to an official picture of the opening of Spain's 2019-2020 judicial year, which showed only men.

• On September 27, the Association of Women Judges of Argentina celebrated its 26th National Meeting in Buenos Aires. The meeting was titled “On the way to celebrating diversity, heading for IAWJ’s 15th International Biennial Conference.” Among the topics discussed were, Religions and diversity, Diversity and inclusion: multiculturalism, Migrants in Argentina, and Indigenous peoples, rights and access.

• The President of the Association of Chilean Women Magistrates, Magistrate María Francisca Zapata, coordinated a round table in 2018 with the Chilean Association of Magistrates and the Chilean Bar Association, as well as several lawyers and writers, to review the country's system of appointment of judges.

• The National Association of Women Judges - US celebrated the kickoff of their 42nd Annual Conference.

• IAWJ Board Member and President of the Association of Women Judges of Spain, the Hon. Gloria Poyatos Matas has made a pioneer decision in her court. The decision applies a gender perspective regarding risks in the workplace, which allowed for a gendered analysis of the health risks experienced by maids in the workplace.

Resources of the month

- On September 25, 2019, IAWJ Senior Advisor, Ms. Nancy Hendry spoke at the International Bar Association (IBA) Annual Conference in Seoul on a panel entitled “A New Anti-Corruption Paradigm: Sextortion.” The other panelists included: Sara Carnegie (IBA, London), David Sachar (Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission, Little Rock, Arkansas), Adriana Dantas (AD Attorneys at Law, Sao Paulo; Regional Representative - Latin America, IBA Anti-Corruption Committee), and moderator Kieran Pender (IBA, London). The panel launched a report on Sextortion - A Crime of Corruption and Sexual Exploitation, which is the culmination of a two-year, comparative research effort by an IBA working group. Nancy participated as an advisory member for this working group. Based on research in eight jurisdictions, the report found gaps in the existing legal framework and recommended adoption of specific legislation targeting sextortion. To give the report - and sextortion - additional visibility, the IBA issued a press release and included an article about the panel in the Daily News distributed at the conference. The New Zealand Law Society and the Australasian Lawyer promptly picked up the IBA coverage and disseminated it in their own publications to a wider audience.

- UNODC’s SHaring Electronic Resources and Laws on Crime (SHERLOC) monthly newsletter is available here. In August, they created their first newsletter edition in Arabic, available here. The SHERLOC newsletter aims to disseminate information on “the implementation of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three Protocols.”

- The Global Judicial Integrity Network has a Judicial Ethics Training Package available on their website.

Members in the Spotlight

- Washington State Judge, Hon. Helen Whitener (US) received the Washington State Bar Association Justice Charles Z. Smith Excellence in Diversity Award for her work on NAWJ’s Color of Justice Program.

- The Hon. Carla Vallejo (Spain) was interviewed by rtve.es about the situation of women in the judicial career.
• The Hon. Jovita Rojas de Bortoletto (Paraguay), IAWJ Board Member, participated in the Association of Judges of Paraguay's event titled “Dialogue for Justice” for judges and civil society.

• The President of the Peruvian Association of Women Judges, the Hon. Janet Tello, participated in the Organization of American States' Dialogue on "Asset Laundering and its Relation to Corruption Investigations."

• Judge Cira García (Spain) participated in the Third Edition of “Women’s Voices” in Valladolid, Spain.

• IAWJ Board Member, Magistrate Gloria Poyatos Matas (Spain), received the Ana Tutor Award for her work fighting for gender equality and women's rights.

• Judge Anne Thompson (US) celebrated the 40th anniversary of her appointment to the bench.

• The Hon. María Soledad Gennari, Secretary of the Association of Women Judges of Argentina, participated in a train-the-trainers meeting.

• The Hon. Ruth Bader Ginsburg spoke in North Little Rock at a Clinton Library Event. She was presented by former President Bill Clinton himself.

• Prosecutor Alejandra Mangano and Ms. Marcela Rodríguez (Argentina), brought five people to justice on human trafficking case.

• The President of the Association of Chilean Women Magistrates, Hon. Francisca Zapata, collaborated in writing Chile's comprehensive Gender-based Violence Bill.

• The Hon. María Soledad Gennari (Argentina), was interviewed for "La Primera Mañana."

To read all In the Spotlight News click here.
IAWJ Projects Update

- IAWJ has partnered with LUMOS Foundation (LUMOS) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to implement a 3-year program entitled "Building Enduring Systems to End Trafficking (BEST)" funded by USAID-Haiti. The program aims to (1) better coordinate government systems and responses for countering trafficking in persons (TIP); (2) deliver a multi-sector, multi-stakeholder behavior change communications campaign to shift knowledge, attitudes, and practices of target audiences nationwide; and (3) strengthen existing service delivery systems and provide relevant services to those at-risk of or who have experienced trafficking. In service of these objectives, the BEST project will provide a range of specialized programmatic interventions, system change management, technical assistance, training, and experienced leadership across all objectives.

IAWJ will collaborate with the École National de la Magistrature (EMA) and the Haitian Chapter of the IAWJ (CHAIFEJ) in order to support long-term sustainability of the program and reinforce the capacity of local institutions. IAWJ has two project objectives:

- Enable government partners to more effectively oversee and coordinate counter-TIP activities nationally.
- Increase public awareness of dangers, legal consequences, and various forms of trafficking in human beings.

The IAWJ will lead in raising awareness and increasing knowledge of the 2014 TIP law and its consequences for judicial audiences (judges, lawyers, prosecutors). The targeted, specialized messaging, particularly for the judiciary, will lead to increased knowledge of the counter TIP law and a greater ability to prosecute trafficking cases.

Professional and Leadership Opportunities

- **World Bank’s Law, Justice and Development Week 2019 - Rights, Technology and Development**: November 4-7, 2019. IAWJ members receive a courtesy discount of 50% off the registration fee. Use the code IAWJSPECIAL2019 to obtain the 50% off at the payment page. Code expires on October 27. Register here. Contact: ljd@worldbank.org.

- **Online Hate Speech in the EU, Legal Responses**: explore the legal challenges faced by practitioners when addressing online hate speech complaints. This conference will provide a forum for discussion of possible solutions. Trier, 12-13 December 2019. Program and speakers list available here. Registrations by November 12, 2019 are eligible for a 10% discount. Contact: shoffmann@news.era.int.

- **International Training Centre’s Gender Academy**: global event on gender, work and development. November 11 to 22, Turin, Italy. All information available here. Contact: ilsgen@itcilo.org.

*Please note, the IAWJ is not associated with the organization of any of these events or conferences. For more information, contact the organizers directly.*
Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- The **United Kingdom Association of Women Judges** will host its Annual Meeting on November 8 in Birmingham with the theme "Migration, slavery, and the law."
- **UNODC's High-Level Meeting of the Global Judicial Integrity Network**, Doha, Qatar, November 18 and 19, 2019.
- **IAWJ's 15th Biennial Conference: "Celebrating Diversity"** will be hosted by the New Zealand Association of Women Judges (NZAWJ) in Auckland, Aotearoa, New Zealand from May 7 - 10, 2020. [Register for the conference here.](#) [Download the Call for Speakers Form here.](#) [Download the Application for Funding Form here.](#) [#IAWJBiennial2020 #CelebratingDiversity](#)

  Don’t forget to check out our [Calendar of Events](#) for more information!

Look out for the next newsletters on:

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