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CHIEF JUSTICE LORETTA H. RUSH TO RECEIVE THE NAWJ LADY JUSTICE AWARD.

WASHINGTON, DC: Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush, Indiana Supreme Court will receive the NAWJ Lady Justice Award at the NAWJ Annual Conference in Indianapolis, IN, October 5-7, 2023.

Loretta H. Rush took the oath of office as Indiana's 108th Supreme Court Justice in November 2012 after being appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels. She was retained by voters in 2014. The Judicial Nominating Commission named her Chief Justice in August 2014, and reappointed her in 2019.

Chief Justice Rush is the Past President of the Conference of Chief Justices and Chair of National Center for State Courts Board of Directors. She served as chair of the National Judicial Opioid Task Force, was appointed by Chief Justice John Roberts to serve as a member of the Judicial Conference Committee on Federal-State Jurisdiction and is a National Judicial Mental Health Task Force Executive Committee member. Chief Justice Rush was the Indiana Chamber of Commerce Government Leader of the Year and was elected as a member of the American Law Institute. Rush is a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation as well as an Academy of Law Alumni Fellow for the IU Maurer School of Law. She chairs or is a member of several commissions (including the Judicial Nominating/Qualifications Commission).

Prior to her appointment, Rush spent 15 years as a partner at a Lafayette law firm and was elected three times to serve as Tippecanoe Superior Court 3 judge. She earned her undergraduate degree from Purdue University and her law degree from Indiana University Maurer School of Law, both with honors. She is married to Jim Rush with 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

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Since its formation in 1979, the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) has inspired and led the American judiciary in achieving fairness and equality for vulnerable populations. NAWJ's 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.

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