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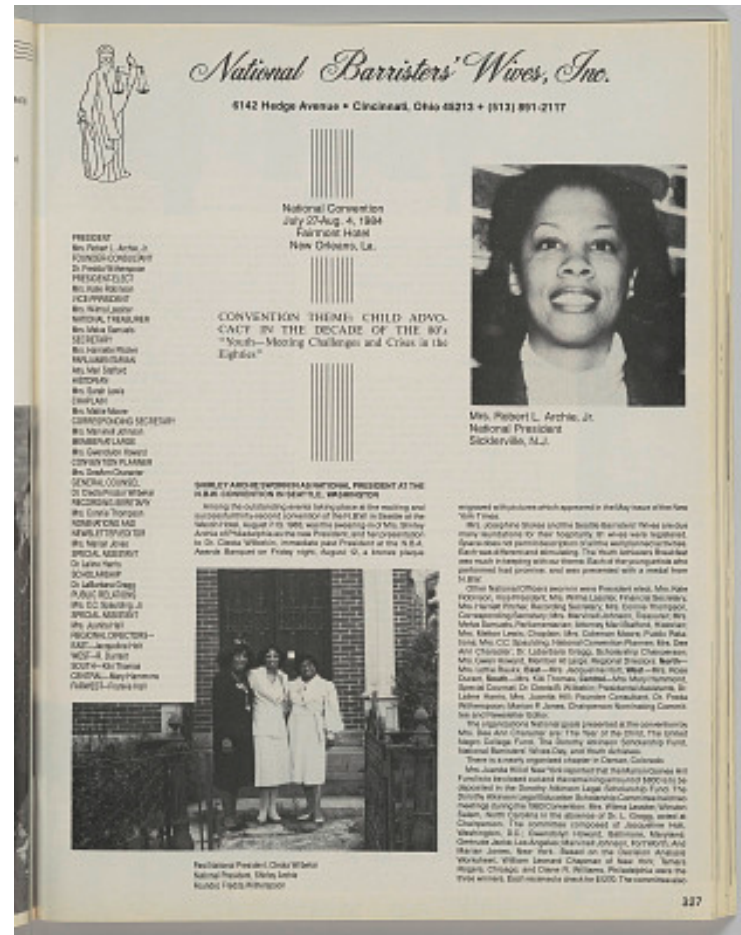
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National Convention  
July 27-Aug. 4, 1984  
Fairmont Hotel  
New Orleans, La.

CONVENTION THEME: CHILD ADVOCACY IN THE DECADE OF THE 80's  
"Youth—Meeting Challenges and Crises in the Eighties"

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SHIRLEY ARCHIE SWORN IN AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT AT THE  
N.B.W. CONVENTION IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON



Among the outstanding events taking place at the exciting and successful thirty-second convention of the N.B.W. in Seattle at the Westin Hostel, August 7-13, 1983, was the swearing-in of Mrs. Shirley Archie of Philadelphia as the new President, and her presentation to Dr. Cleota Wilbekin, immediate past President at the N.B.A. Awards Banquet on Friday night, August 12, a bronze plaque engraved with pictures which appeared in the May issue of the New York Times.

Mrs. Josephine Stokes and the Seattle Barristers' Wives are due many laudations for their hospitality. 81 wives were registered. Space does not permit description of all the well planned activities. Each was different and stimulating. The Youth Achievers Breakfast was much in keeping with our theme. Each of the young artists who performed had promise, and was presented with a medal from N.B.W.

Other National Officers sworn in were President elect, Mrs. Kate Robinson, Vice President; Mrs. Wilma Lassiter, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Harriett Pitcher, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Connie Thompson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Marvinell Johnson, Treasurer; Mrs. Melva Samuels, Parliamentarian; Attorney Mari Stafford, Historian; Mrs. Melton Lewis, Chaplain; Mrs. Coleman Moore, Public Relations; Mrs. C.C. Spaulding, National Convention Planner; Mrs. Dee Ann Character; Dr. Labarbara Gragg, Scholarship Chairperson; Mrs. Gwen Howard, Member At Large. Regional Directors: North—Mrs. Lottie Raukx, East—Mrs. Jacqueline Holt, West—Mrs. Rose Durant, South—Mrs. Kiki Thomas, Central—Mrs. Mary Hammond, Special Counsel, Dr. Cleota B. Wilbekin; Presidential Assistants, Dr. Laine Harris, Mrs. Juanita Hill; Founder Consultant, Dr. Freda Witherspoon; Marian P. Jones, Chairperson Nominating Committee and Newsletter Editor.

The organizations National goals presented at the convention by Mrs. Dee Ann Character are: The Year of the Child, The United Negro College Fund, The Dorothy Atkinson Scholarship Fund, National Barristers' Wives Day, and Youth Achieves.

There is a newly organized chapter in Denver, Colorado.

Mrs. Juanita Hill of New York reported that the Marion Gaines Hill Fund is to be closed out and the remaining amount of \$800 is to be deposited in the Dorothy Atkinson Legal Scholarship Fund. The Dorothy Atkinson Legal Education Scholarship Committee held two meetings during the 1983 Convention. Mrs. Wilma Lassiter, Winston Salem, North Carolina in the absence of Dr. L. Gragg, acted as Chairperson. The committee composed of Jacqueline Holt, Washington, D.C.; Gwendolyn Howard, Baltimore, Maryland; Gertrude Jacke, Los Angeles; Marvinell Johnson, Fort Worth; And Marian Jones, New York. Based on the Decision Analysis Worksheet, William Leonard Chapman of New York; Tamara Rogers, Chicago; and Diane R. Williams, Philadelphia were the three winners. Each received a check for \$1270. The committee also

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Mrs. Robert L. Archie, Jr.  
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Past National President, Cleota Wilbekin  
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