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35TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

by Judge Mark A. Schuering

President Jesse Reyes will lead the 35th Annual Convention of the Illinois Judges Association, scheduled in conjunction with the Illinois State Bar Association's Mid-Year Meeting, on December 7-8, 2006, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. Judge Gloria Coco is serving as co-chair of the event, along with yours truly, Mark Schuering. Registration for the IJA Convention begins Thursday, December 7 at 4:30 p.m. A reception sponsored by the ISBA in the Chicago Promenade Room also begins at that time. Friday kicks off with the Annual Seymour Simon Run for Justice at 6:45 a.m. at the Lakeshore Athletic Club Downtown (441 North Wabash). This event will likely be even more poignant due to Justice Simon's recent passing.

Friday morning's programs include two very stimulating topics. The first program, "When a Reporter Calls, Don't Hang Up," begins at 9:00 a.m. This joint program of the ISBA and IJA includes a panel discussion moderated by television anchor and commentator Paul M. Lisnek. Panelists Bruce Dold, *Chicago Tribune* Editorial Board member, Roland Martin, *Chicago Daily Defender* Executive Director, Anita Padilla, *NBC 5* anchor and reporter, and Abdon Pallasch, *Chicago Sun-Times* legal affairs reporter, will discuss how lawyers and judges may interact appropriately

with the media and assist in accurate reporting. Attendees will learn how the media try to fairly present the facts, the guidelines they use to determine whether a story is newsworthy, and the role of editorial discretion.

"Judges - When Engaging in Political Activity...Practice Safe Ethics," begins at 10:45 a.m., presented by the IJA and the Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee. Chief Justice Robert R. Thomas, Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans, and IJA President Jesse G. Reyes will be introduced at the start of the program. This program on real-life ethical quandaries will be presented in humorous fashion. A panel discussion follows. Long-time Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee member Judge Thomas Donnelly moderates the panel of all-stars, including Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier, Appellate Justice Susan Fayette Hutchinson, Judges Patrick E. McGann, Raymond J. McKoski, Sandra Otaka, and John Owen Steele, and attorneys Steve F. Pflaum of McDermott Will & Emery, LLP, a member of the Judicial Ethics Committee, and William R. Quinlan of Quinlan & Carroll, Ltd., a member of the Task Force on Judicial Elections. This program is relevant not only to judges who are or might be judicial candidates, but also deals with those sticky political questions facing all judges year-in and year-out. Convention

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JUSTICE SEYMOUR F. SIMON

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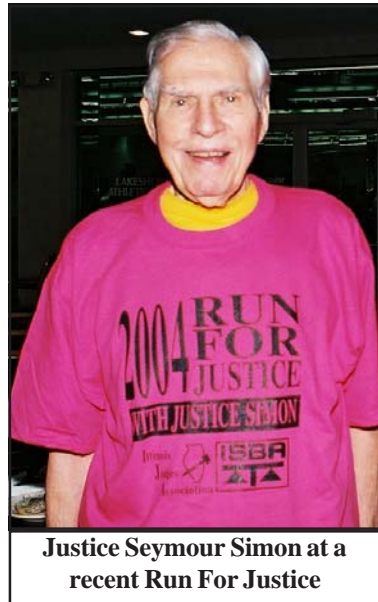
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From the day that I first met then 40th Ward Alderman Simon in 1958 until the day I last spoke to him, five days before he left us, I never ceased to be amazed and impressed by his extraordinary intelligence. Long before our first meeting, others preceded me in recognizing and appreciating his brilliance. He graduated from high school at the early age of 16. He was Phi Beta Kappa as an undergraduate at Northwestern University and was first in his 1935 class at Northwestern University School of Law. Before serving in the Navy during World War II (1942-1945) he was an attorney in the U.S. Justice Department.

One of his many attributes was his uncanny ability to recall the name of almost everyone he would meet. Seymour Simon respected people from all walks of life. That was a basic tenant of his life, not a trait predicated upon some political motive. He had the knack of making each person whom he would encounter, whether a long time friend, political or legal colleague or a new acquaintance feel that that person was important and that he held a deep interest in him or her.



Justice Seymour Simon at a recent Run For Justice

Seymour Simon was a public servant for over three decades. He was a master politician as well as a great legal mind. He served in all three branches of government as an elected official and he never lost an election. He served in the Chicago City Council first from 1955 to 1959 and again from

1967 to 1974. He was elected President of the Cook County Board where he served from 1962 to 1966. Seymour was elected an appellate court judge in the First Appellate District in 1974. He was elected to and served on the Illinois Supreme Court from 1980 to 1988.

As a Supreme Court Justice he demonstrated great wisdom and intellect. He dissented in every death penalty case that came before the court during his tenure as he did in many other matters. Justice Simon was convinced that the death penalty in our state was not evenly and fairly administered and that the state should not be in the killing business. He firmly believed that there was absolutely no way of avoiding the execution of an innocent person at some time.

He was a truly independent thinker. It would be wrong, however, to equate his independence with disloyalty. After leaving the high court, Seymour returned to the practice of law until he was 90 years old. The law was his great love; a love that was exceeded only by his love and devotion for his wife, Roslyn and their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He used his talents and his dedication to public service to help so very many people in so very many ways. He is and will continue to be missed by a multitude of people.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Judge Jesse G. Reyes

"Determine never to be idle...It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing."

Thomas Jefferson

As another holiday season fast approaches, many of us will be spending the days ahead with family and friends. We will be imparting our appreciation to them for all they have done for us during the year. In keeping with the spirit of the season, I extend my thanks and gratitude to our IJA family and friends for your dedication and willingness to make good things happen for this Association, the community-at-large and the profession. On a sad note, we mourn the deaths of two esteemed colleagues, Justice Terry Hopkins and retired Justice Seymour Simon. It can be truly declared that these two men enriched the lives of all they met. Surely, that is a worthy and fitting legacy.

During the first 120 days of my presidency, I have been deeply inspired by what we have achieved. The IJA has succeeded beyond my fondest hopes. Whatever the project, regardless of the challenges, our members have been up to the task. Take, for example, this year's drive to collect books for deserving school children. Our goal—6,000 books—sought twice as many books as donated last year. Sure we were a bit ambitious. But, the need demanded we try. And, our members responded without hesitation or reservation. Due to your generosity, we surpassed our goal and put well over 6,000 books in children's hands! The

books will help young formative minds to think, to explore, to wonder, to grow, but most of all, to dream. I am also delighted by our success in placing judges in the classrooms. Again, this initiative has



proven to be a sterling example of the judiciary's commitment of service to youth. The number of judges participating in the annual "Principal for a Day" event exceeded expectations. To those of you who took part, my sincere thanks. I hope that you, like me, came away from the experience exhilarated and determined to make further contributions to our schools.

"Principal for a Day" is just one of several on-going efforts between IJA and public schools. We have other engaging programs with schools throughout the state. In the past few months, IJA members have spoken at schools, colleges and universities across Illinois. I encourage you to become involved in these outreach efforts, which directly benefit young people. (For more information, email info@ija.org.)

While striving to work with those outside the profession, we have also been establishing extensive partnerships with those within the profession. We have sought to interface with a wide range of bar associations. One of the fruits of these efforts has been increased requests for and presence of IJA members as presenters, panelists and speakers in law-related seminars. And, to our credit, IJA has become a recognized organization beyond the borders of Illinois. IJA has interacted and exchanged ideas and information with jurists from around the world. Another undertaking of IJA has been meeting with the editorial boards of some major Illinois publications about our concerns, our story. We have shared with them the judicial perspective on important issues. The results of these meetings have been encouraging.

Whatever the task, I am pleased to say IJA members have been there—ready, willing and eager to assist. Both active and retired judges are rolling-up their sleeves to play an integral role in IJA initiatives. No matter what the assignment, members have been keen to energetically give back to the community and the profession. Something as ordinary as preparing a list of IJA members to be recognized and honored on Veterans Day and Memorial Day has been enthusiastically accomplished. I applaud you all for what we have already done. IJA has definitely taken to heart Jefferson's advice—one thing we are not is idle!

ON THE MOVE

Chief Judge **Timothy Evans** assigned Judge **Thomas Carmody** as Presiding Judge of the Fifth Municipal District. "I am grateful to Judge **Evans** and also fortunate to be following in the footsteps of Judge **Anthony Montelione**. I have been fortunate enough to work with him and gain from his experience," said Presiding Judge Carmody.

Retired Judge **Dean M. Trafelet** has been named Managing Trustee of Owens Corning Fiberboard Asbestos Settlement Trust, a 5.3 billion dollar fund to compensate asbestos exposure victims.

IMPROVING THE LEGAL SYSTEM

Judge **Thomas Panichi**, attended the annual conference of the Illinois Association of Drug Court Professionals, which consists of state's attorneys, public defenders and probation officers concerned with alternatives to incarceration for non-violent drug offenders. He is the immediate past president.

Retired Judge **Sheila Murphy** moderated a panel on "Judicial Independence and Emerging Democracies" held at John Marshall Law School. She also spoke before the International Bar Association at McCormick Place. Since retirement, she has dedicated herself toward abolishing the death penalty.

Judge **Robert Clifford** was appointed to Senior Lawyers Committee of the Chicago Bar Association. "We are concerned

with issues affecting lawyers 55 and older. Many solo practitioners work hard their whole lives and are faced with a problem when it comes time to wind-down their practices and fund their retirement." He stated.

Judge **Jesse Reyes** and Chief Judge **Timothy Evans** received the "Advocate for Diversity Award" at the Unity Award Dinner and swearing-in of bar association presidents. Judges **E. Kenneth Wright, Jr., William Maddux,** and **Sandra Otaka** were host committee members.

WELL-ROUNDED

Judge **Moira Susan Johnson** will play a part in the CBA Christmas Spirits production. Since 1985 she has played the roles of an Irishman, a puppet master, a Follies Bergere girl, a juvenile crime victim and more. "No, I definitely have not been typecast," she quips.

Judge **Larry Axelrod** finished his fourth novel and is waiting to hear from the prospective publisher. His first three novels were Chicago-based crime stories.

Leslie Baldacci and the Chicago Sun Times featured Judge **Eileen Brewer** as successful women with career roots as a Pullman porter.

Congratulations to Judges **Timothy Chambers** and **Margaret Brennan** on finishing the Chicago Marathon. Judge **Brennan** finished in five hours and ten minutes and Judge **Chambers** finished in front of the street sweepers.

COMMUNITY MINDED

Judge **Catherine Haberkorn**, her daughter and Judge **Anthony**

Iosco marched with a joyful mariachi band during the Mexican Independence Day Parade.

Judge **Margaret Brennan** is a den leader for Webelos. Her pack of 5th graders will graduate to become Boy Scouts this year.

APPOINTED, ASSIGNED OR ELECTED

The Illinois Supreme Court assigned Judge **Robert L. Carter** to the Appellate Court for the Third District.

Appointed in Cook County are **Michael B. Hyman, Joseph D. Panarese, Joan Powell, Carl Anthony Walker** and **Margarita T. Kulys** (13th Sub).

Elected as associate judges or appointed in other circuits are **Walden E. Morris** – 1st; **Mark Stanely**-2nd; **Stephen A. Stobbs**-3rd; **Michael D. McHaney**-4th; **Steven L. Garst**-5th; **Esteban F. Sanchez**-7th; **Edward R. Danner**-9th; **Bennet J. Braun, James E. Egan, Joseph C. Polito** and **Marilee Viola**-12th; **Ronald Jacobsen** and **Robert T. Hanson**-15th; **Marmarie J. Kostelny, Edward C. Schreiber**-16th; **Linda E. Davenport**-18th; **George D. Strickland** and **Robert A. Wilbrandt**-19th.

RETIRING

The beloved Judge **Wayne D. Rhine** retires in December after 23-plus years on the bench. "I want to thank all the attorneys who appeared before me for making it such an enjoyable experience," he stated. Judge **Rhine** was honored at a well-attended luncheon sponsored by the Jewish Judges

Association. The send-offs will likely continue until he has removed every last bit of Cubs memorabilia from his humble chambers.

Retirees during August and September were **Donald Devlin, John J. Mannion, David Erickson, Tobias Berry, James Doyle-16th, Angus Moore-17th, and J.G Householter-21st.**

Another retirement of sorts is Judge **Helaine Berger** retiring from writing her column in *The Gavel*. In her newly found free time, “I am writing a book containing all the things that weren’t suitable for publication in *The Gavel*.” She joked. Thank you for the good work you did here Judge **Berger**. You will be missed.

APPELLATE JUSTICE TERRY HOPKINS – A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

by Judge James M. Wexstten

Whether it be his tenorous voice sweetly singing “Ave Maria”, his thunderous laughter – usually at himself, his theatrical prowess, or his tenacious questioning of lawyers in court, you always knew when Terry was “in the house”. If I had to pick one word to describe him, it would be “passionate” – especially for his family – wife Jeri (Trial Court Administrator for the 2nd Judicial Circuit) twin sons Sean and Aaron, stepdaughter Taylor,

mother Gladys, sister Maureen, and brothers George, Leonard and Michael. His father passed away on February 7, 2002 and Terry died suddenly on October 16th. Terry’s passion extended to his friends, his community, his church, and oh, yes – the law. He loved the law – for what it could do to help people.

I had the privilege of serving with Terry as a judge in the 2nd Circuit – and to follow him as Chief

Judge. He was my mentor – and my friend. The one thing most people don’t know about Terry is his deep faith – he studied for the priesthood – and every year, including this year, went on a spiritual retreat. To say that he will be missed is an understatement. But he is now with his earthly father and his heavenly Father – and he would want us to carry on – with passion! And that we shall.

See you again – dear friend.

TWO NEW ETHICS OPINIONS

The Illinois Judicial Ethics Committee has recently issued two Ethical Opinions:

Ethical Opinion 06-02: A judge’s spouse may engage in independent campaign activities in support of a candidate for public office including: (1) soliciting funds for the candidate; (2) publicly endorsing the candidate; (3) displaying a bumper sticker on a vehicle jointly owned by the spouse and judge and driven by the spouse; and (4) displaying a campaign sign in the yard of the home jointly owned by the spouse and judge. When a candidate for election or retention, a judge must encourage a spouse to limit his or her activities in support of the judge’s candidacy to those political activities in which the judge is permitted to engage.

Ethical Opinion 06-03: A sitting judge may not advertise his/her future availability as a mediator or arbitrator.

The full text of these and all IJEC Advisory Opinions may be obtained through the IJA website at ija.org.



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co-chair Gloria Coco has planned an exquisite and sumptuous IJA annual luncheon. Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne M. Burke has accepted IJA President Jesse G. Reyes’s invitation to deliver the keynote address, which promises to be something out of the ordinary.

Afternoon programs presented jointly by the ISBA and Appellate Lawyers Association begin at 1:30 p.m. IJA convention attendees are invited to these programs, which include a panel discussion of Supreme Court practice and analysis of selected civil and criminal cases decided by the Supreme Court in 2006.

To register or for more information contact IJA Executor Director Maureen McClelland at 312/431-1283.

JUSTICE ANNE BURKE WINS THE STEVENS AWARD

by Judge Michael B. Hyman

Justice today is often “portrayed as a burden; an inconvenience to be endured,” said Justice Anne M. Burke in accepting the Stevens Award. Yet, she added, “Justice endures as a bounteous gift, transcending the narrow vision or hapless egos of generations.” In her remarks on receiving the award, Justice Burke also lauded Justice John Paul Stevens, “He has carried both the elegance and the humility of the prairie with him in a lifetime of service to the law.”

A popular and admired IJA member, Justice Burke and three other luminaries of the Chicago legal community were the 2006 recipients of the Justice John Paul Stevens Award presented September 14 by The Chicago Bar Association, The Chicago Bar Foundation and Justice Stevens’ former law clerks. CBF President Kimball Anderson referred to the award recipients as “deans of our profession.”

Justice Stevens, in his keynote address, discussed a bungled reference by Justice Stephen Breyer to a famous line from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s “The Charge of the Light Brigade”. In a “scholarly comment” about “truly difficult” statutory construction cases in which competing canons yield opposite results, Breyer had teased, “Canons to the left of them, canons to the right of them, which canons shall

the judges choose to follow?” With a wry grin, Justice Stevens pointed out that not only had Justice Breyer misspelled “canon” with two “n’s” instead of three, but also he had referred first to the cannons on the left when

defiant expression is now perfectly lawful, and therefore is not worth the effort,” Justice Stevens said. “If one were to burn a flag today, the act would convey a message of freedom – that ours is a society that is strong enough to tolerate such acts by those whom we despise. Today, one could not burn a flag without reminding every observer that we cherish our freedom.”

Each of the Stevens awardees has been a leader and promoter of pro bono, professional and community involvement. In addition to Justice Burke, the winners were Donald Hubert, a respected and charismatic lawyer and former CBA president; Judge Charles P. Kocoras, a highly regarded

and well-liked immediate past chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois; and Prof.



Kevin Durkin, CBA President, Justice John Paul Stevens and Kimball Anderson, Chicago Bar Foundation President

Tennyson referred first to the cannons on the right.

The Justice reviewed the fascinating history of the battle retold by the poem and how a misunderstood order led to a French rout of the British. From this, Justice Stevens extracted two lessons for judges. “Text does not always convey the meaning its author intended; and knowledge of the author’s purpose may avoid unfortunate and unintended consequences.”

Stevens also spoke about proposals to criminalize flag burning. He said that he had dissented in two 5-4 decisions that held such laws unconstitutional. Though Justice Stevens reiterated the belief that his interpretation of the law was correct, he said that it would be “unwise” to reverse the decisions by Constitutional amendment.

“Ironically, those decisions seem to have solved the flag-burning problem because nobody burns flags anymore. What once was a courageous act of



Judges Jesse G. Reyes, David Cerda and Rodolfo Garcia

Thomas H. Morsch, a distinguished former senior partner at Sidley Austin and former president of the Chicago Bar Foundation. The prestigious Justice John Paul Stevens Award is presented annually to attorneys and judges who best exemplify Justice Stevens’ commitment to public service and integrity while practicing law.” A capacity audience of 500 attended the luncheon ceremony.



Judge Jesse G. Reyes and Justice Ann M. Burke

IJC AWARDS DINNER

by Judge Daniel Gillespie

Several hundred attorneys and judges, along with their families and friends attended the Illinois Judicial Council Installation and Awards Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Crystal Ballroom in September. Judge Sybil Thomas passed the baton of leadership to incoming Chair, Judge Marjorie Laws.



Judge Bernetta Bush was honored with the prestigious Edith Sampson Award. Judge Sampson served as the first African-American woman judge of the Municipal Court of Chicago as well as a United States delegate to the United Nations and has been recognized as an

international authority on world affairs. Judge Thomas Sumner received the Kenneth E. Wilson Award, which is named after the founding Chairperson of the organization. Judge William Boyd was presented the Charles E. Freeman Pioneer in Justice Award, which was presented in the name of the first African-American member of the Illinois Supreme Court and in recognition of Judge Boyd's trailblazing efforts. In addition to his other achievements, Judge Boyd was recognized for his generous support of the Council's law school scholarship program. Career Service Awards were presented to Judges Preston Bowie, Anthony Young, Stuart Nudelman, Mary Maxwell Thomas and LaBrenda White. Judges Mary Thomas and Rodney Hughes-Brooks were presented with the Chairperson's Special Awards.

Judge Sophia Hall was recognized with the Senior Jurist Award. Several

law students were awarded scholarships from a fund supported by the generous donations of Illinois Judicial Council members. Justice Ellis Reid served as Master of Ceremonies for this joyous and memorable installation and awards dinner. While the Illinois Judicial Council was founded by several distinguished African-American judges, it has grown to include judicial officials representing many ethnicities as well as judges who serve on the federal bench.



**Judges Michael B. Hyman,
Jesse G. Reyes, Ellis Reid**

JIOP MARKS THE END OF A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

by Judge James M. Wexstten

The Judicial Intern Opportunity Program is now in its second year and is funded by our Association along with funding from the Illinois State Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Foundation, the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel. The program is administered by the American Bar Association and is designed to provide financially disadvantaged and minority law students a summer clerkship with judges throughout Illinois. Students may select to participate for class credit or a \$1,500 stipend. Previous to the IJA's involvement, the program only functioned in Cook and Lake Counties. It is now available to every circuit in the state. In 2006 most circuits took advantage of the program and were provided a summer clerk for their judges. We are continuing to work with the ABA in the upcoming year to improve the program further.



Interns and guests from the 19th Judicial Circuit enjoying an outing to a Sox game

IJA President-elect Judge Mark A. Schuering of Quincy has been a member of the judiciary for 20 years, and involved in IJA for most of those years. Affable and knowledgeable, Mark was elected a circuit court judge of the 8th Judicial Circuit in 1990. Married to Kate, the Schuerings are parents of five daughters and grandparents to three (soon-to-be four) grandchildren.

Childhood memory: *My parents took me and my three siblings, plus Great Aunt Tuddy, to the 1964 World's Fair in New York City. Dad parked the station wagon and the camper trailer we were pulling on the street in front of the Empire State Building.*

Education: *Saint Louis University School of Law, Juris Doctor, cum laude; Quincy College, Quincy, IL (now Quincy University) B.A. Political Science.*

Favorite Subject in Law School: *Contracts taught by Professor Vincent Immel (remember Prof. Kingsfield in the Paper Chase I didn't throw-up but I wanted to).*

First Job After Law School: *Until my bar results came through, my older brother paid me \$100 per week to work in his law firm, Goehl, Adams & Schuering in Quincy. I had so few "real" clients that my bosses encouraged me to take a position as a part-time public defender for Adams County, an experience that continues to serve me well.*

I decided on a career in law because: *I didn't know any better. Turns out it is not only an excellent profession and good means to support my family, but is also a noble vocation.*

Three words that describe me: *Hard-working. Detail-oriented (admittedly, to a fault). Passionate.*

Greatest source of professional pride: *My work on sentencing seminars for the AOIC and ISBA to raise awareness about sentencing. We need to expend more effort in the area of effective sentencing. Now that my Assistant States Attorney son-in-law has "conflicted" me out of criminal court and into major civil cases, my focus has shifted to facilitating the movement of a case to adjudication and the consideration of Alternative Dispute Resolution.*

Most treasured personal possession: *Our home, built in 1913 for Illinois Supreme Court Judge Joseph Newton Carter and his wife Ellen. We've filled it with comforts, including lots of books and toys for the grandkids. It has a ¾ acre garden, and a sleeping porch. Our visitors say how comfortable it is. I truly do feel like I'm on vacation when at my own home.*

Four judges I most admire: *Early in my judicial career I had the privilege of serving on the faculty of a sentencing seminar led by Justice Thomas Fitzgerald (then Presiding Judge at 26th & California in Cook County) and Justice Warren Wolfson. They embraced the topic wholeheartedly. They wanted to convey to judges not only how to sentence procedurally, but also how to sentence effectively. They were not hesitant to challenge one another, or the audience of judges, to recognize how important a role we judges play when considering the fate of individuals who come before us.*

Both Justices Rita P. Garman and Mary Jane Theis served as past Chairs of the AOIC Education Committee, and I have attended numerous seminars they've taught or chaired. Their joint influence and insights have truly changed the way I do my job, from things as basic as selecting a jury, to larger issues such as ethical considerations and judicial independence. Now that my two older daughters are both attorneys, I am even more grateful for their examples as excellent lawyers and jurists.

Most memorable judicial experience: *After attending trainings on effective sentencing of DUI Offenders in the late 80's, I "referred" a defendant to both treatment and self-help (12-Step) meetings. Months later this same woman came up to me at a local restaurant. I did not recognize her, but she took my hand, put something in it, and told me that six months ago she "hated my guts." I was bracing for the worst, but when I opened my hand I was holding a 90-day sobriety coin from A.A. It was an early lesson for me about addiction. No matter who the offender or what the sentence, it is good to express concern for and offer hope to those individuals who appear before us.*

Best advice received as a judge: *On those instances when you are not fully certain about a ruling or decision after studying the law and facts, odds are you will reach the proper decision, if you follow your "gut."*

Worst advice received as a judge: *Don't "mandate" individuals to go to treatment or to attend self-help meetings. For years a senior judge preached to me that people have to want to go on their own. It was only after attending a course at the National Judicial College and talking with those in the recovery community that I realized that nobody goes to treatment or A.A. meetings voluntarily. It's typically a spouse, a friend, an employer... or a judge who gives that first shove.*

Favorite movie: *Blazing Saddles (a Mel Brooks fan... enough said).*

Last Books read: *Justice at Dachau: The Trials of an American Prosecutor*, by Joshua M. Greene and *The Fate of Africa: From the Hopes of Freedom to the Heart of Despair*, by Martin Meredith

Favorite quote: *"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little."*
Sydney Smith

IJA should: *... advocate for its members and elevate the profession.*

Critical issue facing Illinois judges: *Combating the misinformation about the court system. I've only seen a handful of jury verdicts I'd say were "wrong." If this was baseball that would be a batting average of .900-.950. Some might say that isn't good enough, but as judges and attorneys we don't say enough about how good our system of justice is. We need to constantly let people in on how well the system works, day-in and day-out in our trial and appellate courts. We've got over 900 judges who, by and large, are caring, hard-working and honest public servants. When you compare our judicial process with any other in the world, it is obvious we have an excellent system for adjudicating guilt and resolving differences. It is our responsibility to carry that message to the public.*

Hobbies: *Spoiling grandchildren, playing tennis, and happily taking my wife's directions in the garden.*

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RACE JUDICATA - "WITH ALL DELIBERATE SPEED"



Among those who participated in this year's *Race Judicata* were, from left to right:

Front row: Rita Novak, Gloria Coco, Nancy Katz, Brian Diamond

Standing: Brian McKillip, Robert Bertucci, Thomas Chiola, Rosemary Higgins, Sophia Hall, Patricia Mendoza, John Demling, Cheryl Cesario, Thomas Rakowski and Edward Jordan.

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