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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Judge James M. Wexstten

As I begin my term, I am indeed honored to have been given this opportunity to serve. All Illinois Judges owe a huge thank you to Past President John Steele for his remarkable efforts in increasing our membership to levels it has never seen before. Under Judge Steele's leadership, the organization achieved the highest total membership in the history of the Association. Today, 86% of the sitting trial court judges in Illinois are members of our Association, 86% of the appellate judges are members of our Association, and four of seven members of the Supreme Court have joined our ranks. Not only did John Steele increase our membership, but he also increased our visibility and respectability among the numerous bar associations in Cook County, visiting each and every one of them in an attempt to create an atmosphere of cooperation. John Steele's are big shoes to fill but I promise you my best and strongest effort throughout this year.

We are all aware of the unwarranted attacks on the legal system and the judiciary in the recent past. Our citizens have been given an impression of a system that is broken, while we know it to be the finest in the world. At this year's annual board meeting, I recalled some remarks of former Solicitor-General of the United States Theodore B. Olsen in his Wall Street Journal article entitled "Lay Off Our Judiciary." In these difficult times, his words are encouraging:

We might start by getting a firm grip on the reality that our independent judiciary is the most

respected branch of our government, and the envy of the world. Every day thousands and thousands of judges — jurists whose names we never hear of, from our highest court to our most local tribunal — resolve controversies, render justice, and help keep the peace by providing a safe, reliable, efficient, and honest dispute resolution process. The pay is modest, the work is frequently quite challenging, and the outcome often controversial. For every winner in these cases, there is a loser. Many disputes are close calls, and the judge's decision is bound to be unpopular with someone. But in this country, we accept the decisions of judges, even when we disagree on the merits, because the process itself is vastly more important than any individual decisions. Our courts are essential to an orderly, lawful society.

We do not operate under the glare of TV lights as some courts do — we just do everything we can, every day to safeguard the system of equal justice for all. To this end I have already scheduled a meeting with Chief Judge Joel Flaum of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and have invited our allies and friends at the ISBA and CBA to join us. We will discuss our best strategy to "tell the truth, the whole truth and



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nothing but the truth.” I invite your advice and comments. Through the leadership of Second-Vice President Mark A. Schuering, our Speakers Bureau will be reinvigorated to assist us when we speak in our individual communities at every opportunity. We are grateful to Judges Stephen Mathers and Timothy Slavin for their assistance in putting our financial house in order. We are particularly grateful for our retired judges for their continuing membership, as well as their seasoned and sage advice. For many of you who know me, it will come as no surprise that I will continue to promote full state funding of our state trial courts. It is now 35 years since the passage of the 1970 Illinois Constitution when Illinois was universally acknowledged as the model system in court structure and organization. Yet full state funding of the operations of the circuit courts has not occurred. There is disparity in local funding from county governments throughout this state which, with all due respect, leads to an inequitable judicial system in the trial courts where most of our citizens are involved in the justice system. To be frank, trial courts should not be dependent on local ability or willingness to allocate necessary funds for its operation. Caseloads have tripled during the ‘90’s yet the percentage of funding for the operation of the court system has diminished.

Our Judicial Intern Opportunity Program sponsored by the American Bar Association and now funded by our Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, the Illinois Bar Foundation, the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association and the Illinois Association of Defense Trial Counsel has spread throughout the state, with

15 of 22 circuits now having a summer judicial intern. This program, designed for financially disadvantaged and minority law students, is an outstanding and wonderful opportunity for everyone involved. It is my hope that our Association will adopt this program as a permanent one after having seen its benefits in this initial year.

Having come through our lawsuit over the COLA without any negative reaction from our citizens, we owe a great debt of gratitude to Past Presidents Stuart Nudelman and Ann Jorgensen for their outstanding commitment and efforts. But other issues loom in the background as we see the disparity of salary between circuit and associate judges widening. We all recognize the value our associate judges provide to our court system. They have, through their Associate Judge Committee, provided to me a framework from which to begin a discussion with the General Assembly to rectify this situation. Just as troubling is the issue regarding the under-funding of our pensions. I intend to do everything I can to ensure that the legislature and governor are made aware of their responsibilities. Both of these matters are on the agenda of the first Executive Committee meeting.

As I embark on this very aggressive agenda, I am reminded how far this association has come by reading the history of the Illinois Judges Association which will now be posted on our website with updates from our most recent presidents after the 25th year. I would respectfully suggest you read this as well so that you can be proud of where your association has been and hopefully where it is going. I am blessed to have a Board of Directors and an Executive Committee along with a Task Force and committees filled with dedicated individuals and professionals that desire to work hard and do whatever is necessary to get the job done. While I cannot assure success, I can absolutely guarantee my efforts. Together we can achieve our goals.

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C. F. STRADFORD AWARDS



Judge John Steele along with John Marshall Law School Dean Patricia Mell were honored at the annual C.F. Stradford Awards Ceremony. Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine presented the awards February 10th during African American Heritage Month. The award is named for Cornelius Stradford, who co-founded the Cook County Bar Association as well as the National Bar Association. Judge Steele was recognized as the second African-American to serve as president of the Illinois Judges Association, as well as having served as past President of the Cook County Bar Association, a former board member of the National Bar Association and as former Chicago alderman.



KUDOS: JUDGES HONORED

by Judge Daniel T. Gillespie

Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Ann McMorrow will accept a Margaret Brent award at the Annual ABA Meeting in Chicago. The ABA's Women Lawyers of Achievement Award honors outstanding women lawyers who have achieved professional excellence in their area of specialty and have actively paved the way to success for others. Former Margaret Brent winner and past President of the Chicago Bar Association Laurel Bellows says of Justice McMorrow, "She brings to the court a perspective that is colored by her experience as a mother, as a wife, and as a woman who worked her way through the ranks since her admission to the practice of law in 1953."

Winners are selected on the basis of their professional accomplishments and their role in opening doors for other women lawyers. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton is accepting a Special Award at this year's program in addition to four other honorees. Previous winners range from small-firm practitioners in Alabama and Alaska to U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Diane Yu, chair of the ABA Commission on Women, says of this year's Brent winners, "This is an exceptional, dazzling group of women lawyers who also happen to be gender diversity champions within our profession. The Commission is delighted to honor them for their stellar accomplishments and longstanding contributions to expanding opportunities for women in the legal profession in countless ways." The award is named for the first woman lawyer in America, Margaret Brent. She arrived in the colonies in 1638, and was involved in 124 court cases over the course of eight years, winning every case.

Illinois Appellate Court Justice Anne M. Burke was presented with the Freedom Award at the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association luncheon. In accepting the award, Justice Burke reminded the audience of attorneys and judges that for more than two centuries, John Marshall's daily achievements as a jurist on behalf of freedom have remained an important encouragement for national unity. Reflecting on the quest of John Marshall and the founding fathers for liberty and freedom, Justice Burke observed: "You and I are continuously revived by that special sense of American freedom most concretely when we are defending liberty and freedom in the lives of others, not just as legal professionals, but as women and men of character. I believe that when we are safeguarding the freedom of others, we most deepen it in our own lives."

Judge Jane Stuart was presented the Distinguished Service Award at the John Marshall Freedom Award luncheon. Judge Stuart took the occasion to introduce her family members who were present and thanked them for their support throughout her career. Judge Stuart was recognized as being a board member of the Illinois Judges Association, a past

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Did you know?

I am sure that you will find our new President's detailed goals and theories elsewhere in this publication. But here's what you really wanted to know about the installation of our new IJA President. First, the installation was held at a new Chicago locale that had the best fries you ever tasted. Second, our outgoing President, **John Steele**, was presented with a fancy/shmancy pen – upon receiving it, he quipped that he now could replace his BIC. But what really pleased **Steele** was a set of golf balls, made of some new compound that will assure him holes-in-one all summer along with an IJA ball marker. He deserves the rest & relaxation after running this organization for a year with a steadfast hand, bringing our membership to record levels and dealing with the details of the legal fees from the COLA litigation.

Our new President, **Jim Wexstten**, appears to be a laid back guy on first meeting. However, when he took over, the inner dynamo appeared. We look forward to a year of new initiatives, attention to detail and overwhelming optimism. Here's hoping that initiative of reducing the disparity in pay between associate and circuit judges comes to fruition.

WHAT'S COOKIN' IN COOK

Change is afoot in Cook again with a new associate class taking the bench. The chosen beat out a very competitive field in a grueling 18 month vetting process. **Cheryl Cesario, Patricia Mendoza, & Mary Minella** on the bench were so happy to be there that they had a big joint party at Union League Club and invited the world. Also inducted as new associates were three recalled judges: **David Haracz, Carolyn Quinn, & Darryl Simko**; a former judge, **James Zafiratos**, and **James Karahalios** (which brings to at least two teams of sibling jurists). Also selected were **Larry Axelrood, Robert J. Clifford, Israel Desierto, Maureen Feerick, Renee Goldfarb, Donald Havis, Thomas Hennelly, Alfred Levinson, Joseph Sconza, Robert Senechalle, Jr., and E. James Tolmaire III.**

Appointed to the bench recently were **Bettina Gembala, Jesse Prince, & Orville Hambricht, Jr.** For those following couples that both wore the robe in the family, it should be noted that **Bettina** is married to retired judge **Frank Gembala**.

Former 1st Assistant State's Attorney, **David Ericsson**, beat out a competitive field (no, I'm not naming names) to garner an appellate court seat on the First District.

With a new bevy of judges, many moves have taken place including **Greg O'Brien, Kathleen McGury, and Susan Coleman** to Probate, and **Aurelia Pucinski** and **Tom Kelly** to Domestic Relations.

Ever the student, Criminal Court Judge **Stuart Palmer**, received his Diploma of Judicial Skills. He makes us all look good . . . I calculated the crowd at 1000 to watch Judge **James W. Kennedy** receive the Celtic Lawyers "Celt of the Year" award. The usually shy judge was humble in explaining his deeds that earned him the award. **Kennedy** and his wife of 42 years, Mary Jo, have 10 kids of their own ("with not a foul ball among them"). When their youngest reached kindergarten, they opened their doors to foster children; over the years they "cared for and loved over 75 children." Judge **Kennedy** attributed all his good deeds to his wife and family, which now include his 14th grandchild. Hats off to you, Judge and your energetic wife. You have to guess that she is amazingly organized and could open a catering business if she had any spare time. And let's not forget that **Kennedy** is a respected jurist in the Probate Division where he goes to get some quiet time . . . The Order Sons of Italy in America awarded **Lisa Curcio** and our own **Gino DiVito** with Leonardo da Vinci awards of Excellence . . . The Women's Bar of Illinois honored incoming 3rd V.P. **Jane Stuart**, DuPage's **Hollis Webster**, and Justice **Sheila O'Brien** at their annual Judicial Reception. **O'Brien** brought the house down when she reminded associate candidates in the audience that she didn't have a vote in the election. It's

amazing **Webster** was available to accept the award given that she had just been home to change clothes and found her house burglarized.

DUPAGEDOINGS

The *Law Bulletin* reported an interesting innovation in DuPage. It seems that the lawyers funded a 3600 square foot resource center complete with tables, closets, internet access, wireless printer, & free coffee. My thought is that lawyers could use this type of space in the Daley Center so as to do work in between calls.

LAKE/McHENRY HAPPENINGS

It seems that Judge **Christopher Starck** just started his term as Chief Judge. Then comes news that he was elected for another term overseeing Lake & McHenry Counties. Time flies when you're having fun. And fun they had trading places with members of the Lake County Medical Society. Some of the judges were able to observe medical operations while the doctors learned more about court operations. No report as to who fainted after observing the different kinds of blood being drawn.

Nancy Waites and **Charles Johnson** were named the new associates back in January while **Michael Chemile** was appointed to a Resident slot in McHenry.

WILL COUNTY WONDERS and KANE'S KUDOS

Judith Brawka, an IJA Board Member, was honored for her community service by the Kane County Bar.

Timothy McCann was named an associate in St. Charles while **Barbara Petrunaro**, former deputy chief of the Will County State's Attorney's Civil Division was named the new associate in Will County. At 38, she will be the youngest sitting judge in the county. **Robert Brumund** was selected for another Will associate spot in January. **CONGRATULATIONS . . .** to new circuit judges **John William Belz** and **Eric Scott Pistorius** (7th Circuit), **Daniel Bute** in Ottawa, **William Norton** (20th Circuit) . . . I think **Norton** holds the distinction of being Justice

Karmeier's first circuit appointment. ... and to new associate judges **Brian Babka** (20th Circuit), **Mark Lane Shaner**, former Crawford County State's Attorney (2nd Circuit); **Scott Butler**, former Schuyler County State's Attorney (8th Circuit) who should not be confused with **David Butler** from the 11th Circuit, **Jennifer Hartmann Bauknecht** (11th); **Michael Albert** (14th Circuit), **Brien O'Brien** (5th Circuit) and **James Kinzer** (21st Circuit).

And to . . . **Thomas Muller** who was appointed presiding judge of the 16th Circuit's drug court.

ONLY IN LAS VEGAS . . . would an ex-stripper be given judicial robes by the voters? I'd say more about **Diana Hampton** who was elected to Municipal Court in Henderson . . . but the truth is I never worked with her.

GREENER PASTURES

Another one of members of the associate judge class of December 1997 is leaving the bench for a prestigious position. **Patricia Brown Holmes**, a member of IJA's Board, has accepted a partnership at Schiff, Hardin. Rumor is that she received a fabulous compensation package. She joins classmate, **Joy Cunningham**, former President of the CBA and now General Counsel of Northwestern Healthcare, in the private sector. There are 16 of us left on the bench (including our own **John Steele** who we still count even though he's a full circuit). Wait, it's the *Chicago Tribune* calling me . . . oops, no offer for my own column, just a delinquent subscription payment.

Tom Hogan made sure everyone noticed when **Leonard Levin** and **James Quinlan** left the law division; he organized a big retirement dinner. The invitation said it all: *Join us in mourning the loss of two of the most brilliant legal minds ever to grace the Bench in Cook County and help us celebrate them becoming productive members of society.* Note: Hogan, has a great sense of humor. Levin never stopped regaling his colleagues with his stories and **Quinlan** will be remembered for his gentle nature and fortitude in working through illness. "Great minds think alike" and so it

happened that McHenry's **Ward S. Arnold**, Presiding County Judge, was rewarded with an evening of toasts and roasts to celebrate his retirement. **Arnold** had held the Presiding post since 2003.

Also retiring in Cook were **William Austik** and **Robert Cusack**. Sangamon lost **Donald M. Cadagin** on July 1st to retirement after 17 years on the bench and Will lost **Thomas Dunn**.

Leaving the Lake County bench after 20 years is **Gary Nedenriep**; retiring from the 16th Circuit is **James Edwards**, from the 11th were **William DeCardy** and **Charles H. Frank**, from the 21st is **Robert Dannehl**.

Aaron Jaffe made good of his promise to be rid of the "judicial gag." Shortly after his retirement, he was named Chair of the Illinois Gaming Board. Not to be outdone on the political front, another former state legislator, retired appellate justice **Thomas Homer** of Naperville was appointed the first inspector general of the Illinois General Assembly as part of recently enacted ethics legislation.

Meanwhile, a trifecta of retired judges from Lake County, **John R. Goshgarian**, **Emilio Santi**, and **Terrence Brady** joined ADR Systems of America.

Those who follow this column know that I love to hear what happens to my colleagues after they give up wearing the robe to work; **Dean Trafalet**, is so busy that it's amazing he found time to write. He is the federal court appointed Representative For All Future Asbestos Claimants in numerous Fortune 500 corporate reorganizations, maintains a busy schedule commuting bi-monthly to Washington, DC, New York, and Wilmington while he continues an active mediation/arbitration practice, and serves as both a trustee of the Phen-Fen Diet Drug Settlement Trust and consultant to corporate legal departments on the handling of mass tort, class action, and product liability litigation. Is there time for golf?

IN MEMORIAM

Many of our brethren died in the past months reminding us to try and enjoy every day. We will miss retired

judges . . . **Walter Bieschke**, 81, who served 22 years on the bench and received an award in 1996 for completing 24 trials to verdict; **Michael O'Brien** (16th Circuit), who left the bench in 1995, and died in an auto accident; **Nello Ori**, 92, of Lake County, who served 6 years; **Kenneth Prince**, 92, a former President of the Chicago Bar Association. I will miss retired Judge **Charles Porcellino**. He had e-mailed me recently and reported that he was enjoying retirement with his grandchildren in Rockford and wanted to write an article for *The Gavel*. We lost him as he was being rushed to the hospital as a result of an aneurysm.

A young colleague, **James Jorzak**, 40, left us May 1st after suffering a prolonged illness. He was the son of deceased Judge **James Jorzak, Sr.** **Anthony Scotillo**, died at age 76; he was remembered for his handling of many high-profile cases including one involving denying a TRO against Mike Royko when he moved to the *Tribune*. **Scotillo** was a past-president of the Illinois Judges Association and the Justinian Society.

The former presiding judge of Domestic Relations in DuPage has died. **Robert Cox**, 73, who retired more than 10 years ago, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage. If my information is accurate, he continued to practice law up to the time of his death.

Showing that this job will not kill all of us, retired judge **Harry Stark**, left us back in January at age 99. He served the bench in Cook for 20 years and his grandson reported that he was actively engaged in arbitration until he was well into his 90's.

The First District lost an admired jurist, **Allen Hartman**, who had served for 27 years at the time of his death. Our own **Gino DiVito** described him as a legal "giant". Among his vocations were volunteering for the International Visitors Center of Chicago and the U.S. Information Agency, and following the White Sox. He is the only judge that I'm aware of who has an honorary street sign in his name – the honor stemmed his work drafting an air rights ordinance while first assistant corporation counsel for the late Mayor, Richard J. Daley.

JRS CORNER

MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

by Rudy Kink

Judges' Retirement System Funding Changes

Public Act 94-0004 changed the amount of state contributions to be paid to the five state-financed retirement systems. For fiscal years 2006 through 2009, the State Employees', State Universities, State Teachers', Judges' and General Assembly Retirement Systems will each see a reduction in the amount of state contributions that would have been required under the previous funding plan enacted during fiscal year 1995.

While the reduced state contributions during the next four fiscal years will help ease the state's current budgetary and cash flow crisis, it will ultimately result in significantly greater state contributions during the remaining years of the funding plan. The current funding plan still requires a 90% funded status for all five state-financed retirement systems by the end of fiscal year 2045. For the Judges' Retirement System (System), the state contributions will be reduced approximately \$26 million during the next four fiscal years which will directly result in an additional \$116 million of state contributions during the remaining years of the funding plan.

As of June 30, 2004, the System had actuarial liabilities totaling \$1.156 billion and net assets totaling \$534.6 million resulting in a funding ratio of 46.2%. The System pays approximately \$61 million per year in retirement and survivors' annuities to nearly 900 benefit recipients.

HONORABLE JAMES WEXSTTEN LEADS THE ILLINOIS JUDGES ASSOCIATION FOR 2005-06

by Judge Kathleen Burke

Judge James Wexstten was installed as IJA President at the annual meeting in June. He traveled to Chicago for the meeting from Mount Vernon. His journey, however, began some time ago. As a young man James Wexstten attended Southern Illinois University where he studied history and education. He continued with his education and received his law degree from Southern Illinois University. When Jim Wexstten graduated from law school in 1976, he worked for a firm in Mt. Vernon. Shortly thereafter,

he and his wife began a family.

Jim Wexstten worked for a firm until 1984, when he opened his own law office. His practice included civil and criminal matters. Mr. Wexstten ran for judge and became a circuit judge at large in 1988 for Jefferson County. In his various assignments as a judge, he has handled all types of cases, including civil and juvenile cases. In 1990 he served as presiding judge of Jefferson County. Since 1993 he has served as chief judge of the 2nd judicial Circuit. His experi-

ence on the bench has been varied. A mere glance at Judge Wexstten's activities demonstrates how committed he is to the law and serving the public. He is well known in his community and has a stellar reputation for being an advocate for children. He has served as an advisor to many legislators as to the juvenile system. In fact, he has participated in the drafting of the juvenile code. Judge Wexstten and his wife have three adult children. His daughter Nikki is also an attorney living in the Springfield area.

MILITARY JUSTICE CASE AT THE ABA ANNUAL MEETING

by Judge Alexander White

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces ("USCAAF"), the Military Law Committee ("the Committee") of the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm ("the GPS&SF") Section of the American Bar Association ("the ABA"), other military related organizations of the ABA, the Judicial Division of the ABA and the Military Law Committees of the Illinois State Bar Association ("the ISBA") and the Chicago Bar Association ("the CBA") are sponsoring an actual military justice appellate argument at 2:30 p.m. on August 5, 2005 in the Ceremonial Courtroom, 25th floor, at the Dirksen Federal Building, 219 S. Dearborn Chicago, IL 60604. The point of contact is Alexander White at (312) 603-5533. Both active duty judge advocates and students from the John Marshall School of Law will argue an actual appeal of a murder conviction involving a military wife, the Defendant, and her military husband, the victim.

Persons who wish to be sworn in as members of the bar of the USCAAF should contact Col. Bryan Spencer at (512) 415-9176.

The above organizations will also sponsor the MG Keith Nelson Memorial Luncheon at 12:00 Noon on August 5, 2005 (cost \$25.00) and a formal military dining-out at 6:00 p.m. on August 6, 2005, (cost \$90.00 by July 15 and \$100.00 past July 15) both events at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in Chicago, Illinois. The point of contact for these two events is Lara D. Trujillo at (312) 988-5659.

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board member of the Black Women’s Bar Association of Illinois and past chair of the Illinois Judicial Council. Judge Stuart was also recognized for having received numerous honors, including the Illinois State Bar Association presidential commendation, the Edith S. Sampson Memorial Award for meritorious service from the Illinois Judicial Council and the CRF Service Award from the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

Joy Cunningham presided at the annual meeting of The Chicago Bar Association as the outgoing president. In her remarks on that occasion, retired Cook County Judge Cunningham recalled the story of the turtle poised on top of a light pole. Just looking at it one could see that the turtle could not go that high without help. Judge Cunningham recalled she had significant assistance from mentors and supporters to reach her position of prominence. But even more than that, she told the assembled audience of lawyers and judges, she appreciated the help of people this last year who helped her keep her balance while in that perch.

Retired Illinois Appellate Court Justice Glenn T. Johnson was presented this year’s Earl Burrus Dickerson Award in a luncheon at the Standard Club in Chicago. He was introduced by Cook County Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans, who praised Justice Johnson as an eminent jurist and shared several highlights of his illustrious career. Judge Evans acknowledged Justice Johnson as one of his mentors. Then-CBA President Joy Cunningham acknowledged Justice Johnson as her mentor and friend and a man blessed with a pleasant manner and spirit, who guided her with a voice of reason and moderation when she served as his law clerk. Justice Johnson recalled that as a young boy in Arkansas he was reared by his aunt, who had great hopes of him becoming a teacher, like her. However, when an attorney he recalls as being named Mr. Jones, spoke at his school, his life was changed forever, as he decided then and there to aspire to become an attorney. Justice Johnson demonstrated compassion and breadth of spirit by recalling the words from an address by the Chief Justice of Nigeria,

“Where there is happiness in the heart, there will be beauty of character. Where there is beauty of character, there will be harmony in the home. When there is harmony in the home, then there can be peace in the nation. If that occurs, then there can be peace in the world.”



Newly elected IJA President James Wexstten and immediate past President John Steele are pictured at the recent Board of Directors meeting. If you are interested in reviewing the minutes in their entirety please go to <http://ija.org/minutes/bddr0605.pdf>.

We are always looking for new articles for The Gavel. Please submit your proposed article to: info@ija.org

RACE JUDICATA

Since 1964, thousands of Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation volunteers have served nearly 300,000 clients with their everyday legal matters. CVLS offers quality legal services to low income Chicagoans who could not otherwise afford access to the law.

Race Judicata 2005 Sprint for Justice is not your average 5K. Last August, \$140,000 was raised for Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation. The scenic course loops

participants from Upper Hutchinson Field along Lake Michigan and back, where they are greeted by an amazing band, free refreshments and snacks. The 5K Run & Walk is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

This year, Judges Wexstten and Reyes would like to support CVLS by entering a team in the race. We have chosen the name “*With All Deliberate Speed*”. To read more about the race, go to <http://www.cvls.org/judicata.htm>. The entry fee is \$33 through August 5.

Fax your completed form to 312.332.1460, mail it to CVLS, drop it off in person, or register online at <https://www.signmeup.com/register.aspx?fid=WF2VNK7> (Be sure to enter under “*With All Deliberate Speed*”). From August 6th through race night the fee is \$38. The IJA will furnish a t-shirt for those judges participating. Let Maureen McClelland know the size that you wish at 312/431-1283 or info@ija.org by July 25th.

FEDERAL JURY INSTRUCTIONS ONLINE

The Committee appointed by Chief Judge Joel M. Flaum of the United States Court of the Appeals for the Seventh Circuit to draft pattern civil jury instructions filed its report and pattern instructions with the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council. The Council received them and authorized their publication on May 24, 2005.

The civil jury instructions compliment the already existing pattern criminal jury instructions which were drafted by a committee chaired by Circuit Judge William J. Bauer and then updated by Northern District of Illinois District Judge James B. Zagel. Both sets of pattern instructions can be found at the web site of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit at www.ca7.uscourts.gov.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO LAW JOURNAL

The Loyola University Chicago Law Journal has announced a unique opportunity for publication. Each year, the Law Journal devotes an entire issue to topics relating to Illinois law and the Illinois judiciary, entitled the Illinois Judicial Symposium. Through this special issue, the Law Journal hopes to provide Illinois judges, practitioners, and scholars with a valuable source of information concerning significant trends and developments in Illinois law as well as recent cases and controversies. Moreover, the readership of this issue is substantial, as the Law Journal, together with the Illinois Administrative Courts, sends a copy of the issue to every judge in Illinois.

The Illinois Judicial Symposium issue is scheduled for publication in the early spring of 2006. Accordingly, the Law Journal will accept any submissions, relating to an Illinois topic, by October 1, 2005. Additionally, the Law Journal features the Judicial Mentorship Program. The Judicial Mentorship Program pairs a judge with a junior member of the Law Journal to write an article on an Illinois topic of interest to both the judge and the student. The program began last year and resulted in a feature article in the current issue of the Illinois Judicial Symposium. The Judicial Mentorship Program provides you with a unique opportunity to work with a future member of the profession and share your expertise.

If you are considering submitting an article, participating in the Judicial Mentorship Program, or have any questions or concerns, please contact Paul Rodrigues, Executive Editor of the Illinois Judicial Symposium, at the Law Journal office at 312.915.7183, or via e-mail at prodri3@luc.edu.



Judge Jane Stuart receives the Distinguished Service Award and Justice Anne Burke receives the Freedom Award at the Awards luncheon at The John Marshall Freedom Awards Luncheon. Pictured here with her husband, Alderman Edward Burke and Letitia Spunar-Sheats and Umberto Davi of The John Marshall Alumni Association Board of Directors.



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