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Mary Lou Berry, former President of the Southern California Administrative Law Judges Association, and a staunch supporter of our National organization, died in California on May 23, 1984, following a long illness.

The first woman ever appointed Senior Administrative Law Judge by the California Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board, Mary served, with exceptional energy and ability, numerous organizations dedicated to improving the administration of justice. She was President of the Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, a member of the Executive Committee of the National Judicial College, and an officer of the National Conference of Administrative Law Judges. One of the first members of the Board of Governors of NAALJ, Mary continued in a leadership role until 1981, when she served as a principal lecturer at our Annual Meeting.

During her last active years, Mary devoted much of her time to developing the administrative law curriculum of the National Judicial College. In recognition of her efforts, our Vice-President, the Honorable James W. Deese of Kentucky, has donated $3,000 to the NJC to establish the Mary Lou Berry Memorial Fund. The fund will provide direct support to the college's administrative law program, which will now occupy an even more important place in the NJC's general curriculum. Members who wish to follow the generous example set by Judge Deese may obtain further information from Dr. William H. Williams, Associate Dean for Development, National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada 89557, Tel. (702) 784-6747.