NAALJ Returns to the National Judicial College: Call to the Annual Meeting

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As members of the Association are (hopefully) well aware by now, the 1983 Annual Meeting will be held at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, from October 30 to November 4. Members who attended the highly successful 1981 meeting at NJC were effusive in their praise, and led the campaign to return to Reno this year.

The meeting will coincide with a regular resident session of the National Judicial College, which has been specially tailored to the specific interests of NAALJ members, and scheduled, at our request, to complement NAALJ business meetings. Entitled "High Volume Proceedings," the course is intended for administrative law judges who conduct hearings which generally require one full day of testimony or less. Judges who conduct more extended proceedings will also benefit from the program.

**First, the Good News**

The course is designed to teach sitting judges to conduct more efficient, effective and fair hearings, making the best possible use of available time. A primary focus will be on reducing wasted time and needless effort, while increasing
fundamental fairness and due process. The course will enable judges to probe deeper into the factual and legal issues of a case, despite the pressures of a heavy calendar, and to deal with those pressures. Topics will include problems in evidence, procedure and the control of hearings, pretrial conferences, case preparation, decision-making and judicial creativity.

Judges at all levels of experience will profit from "High Volume Proceedings." The program is designated a "graduate course" and is specifically aimed at those judges with one or more years of experience. The Curriculum Committee, headed by Judge E. J. Watts, Dean of the National Judicial College, is of the view that such judges may have fallen into routines and habits which cause unnecessary work, needless irritation, and unduly protracted hearings. Good judges, well satisfied with their method of conducting hearings, may be expected to learn the most. The course is recognized in all states as qualifying for Continuing Legal Education Credit; a certificate will be awarded upon its completion.

Next, the Better News

The College's usual tuition for a one-week graduate course is $300 — a relatively modest sum in itself. However, as a special concession to the Association, the tuition for NAALJ members has been reduced to $225, which includes the NAALJ Registration Fee ($75), and all printed course material.

Food and lodging is an even better bargain. A Conference Fee of $75 (required of all registrants for any course at the College) covers four lunches, coffee breaks, and, in our case only, the NAALJ Annual Banquet. Finally, lodging at the convenient College Inn, five breakfasts, and dinners for the entire week, is only $107 per person.

In sum, the entire cost for the week, including tuition, fees, hotel bills, and all meals is just $407.

Air fares to Reno are expected to be relatively low in October. For most members, the entire cost of the trip is tax deductible.

Finally, the Best News

Reno is a great place to visit! Its many casinos, nightclubs and restaurants offer top-line, world-class entertainment, and endless food and drink, at exceptionally low prices (ask anyone who has been there). There is excellent sightseeing. Virginia City (a restored gold mining town), Lake Tahoe, Carson City, and the Sierra Nevadas are easily accessible from Reno (local tourist services offer full day and half-day excursions at very reasonable cost). Harrah's famous automobile collection is located in Reno. The athletic and library facilities of the University of Nevada are available without charge to members attending the Annual Meeting. For the hardier judge, there is ample hunting, fishing, camping and skiing (in the mountains at nearby Lake Tahoe, at the time of the convention, it may be expected to snow at night, with temperatures rising to 70°F or more during the day).
After the Meeting

Those who may wish to vacation in the area will note that the week following the Annual Meeting contains two holidays (Election Day and Veterans' Day). San Francisco is only 149 miles from Reno, and is accessible by air at very low cost. Lake Tahoe (two hours away by excursion bus) is one of the most beautiful resort areas in the country. Members who plan to spend time in Lake Tahoe following the meeting are urged to contact Judge Agatstein immediately; he will undertake to arrange transportation and group hotel rates.

How to Register

Complete the registration form (p.77) and mail it directly to the National Judicial College. Send no money. Early registration is necessary to assure you a place in the course, and a room at the College Inn (accommodations are strictly limited). If you are unable to attend, you may cancel your registration, without obligation. Of course, the College, the Association, and standby attendees would appreciate the maximum possible notice of cancellation.

You must be a member of NAALJ to attend the program at the special member's rate. If you are not a member, complete the Membership Questionnaire, p.135, and send it to the Hon. J. F. McClanahan, One Wall Street, Winfield, West Virginia 25213, together with a membership fee of $25. On the meeting registration form, p. 77, write "I have applied for membership in NAALJ" and mail that form to the National Judicial College.

If you are new to the Association, please note that NAALJ is a very friendly organization. If we have no other virtue, we make new members, and those old members who have never attended one of our functions, feel comfortable and welcome. If you wish any further information or assistance, call Judge David J. Agatstein, Convention Chairman, at (212) 488-7391.

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**20 YEARS: 1964-1983**

**THE NATIONAL JUDICIAL COLLEGE**

**APPLICATION FORM**

The National Judicial College admits participants of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, age or handicap to all sessions and programs. Please type or print IN BLACK INK clearly and complete all requested information to avoid processing delay.

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**YOUR NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON BADGE**

Designate your Position, Rank, Title, etc.: 

Court: 

Address: 

Phone: Area Code Number Extension 

Home Address: 

Home Phone: Area Code Number Spouse's Name: 

Specify Judicial/Legal Association Membership: 

- ABA Judicial Administration Division
- Conference(s)
- National Judges Association
- Other

**ENROLL ME IN: (Be Specific)**

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Have you previously attended a NJC Resident Session?  

□ Yes  □ No

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IN ADDITION, PLEASE COMPLETE ALL QUESTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

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Send application to:  
Judge Ernst John Watts, Dean  
The National Judicial College  
Judicial College Building  
University of Nevada  
Reno, Nevada 89557  
ATTN: ADMISSIONS & SERVICES DEPT.

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PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION (If Applicable)

Name: ________________________________ Title: __________________ City & State: __________________

1. If you have previously attended a NJC Resident Session(s), please indicate which one(s) below:

_______ General 3 or 4-week session
_______ General 2 week session for Special Court Lawyer judges
_______ General 2 week session for Special Court Non-Lawyer judges
_______ Specialty sessions (list) __________________________
_______ Graduate sessions (list) __________________________

2. Are you _______ fulltime or _______ part time?

3. Type of Court: □ Special Court Judge with:
   □ Limited Jurisdiction
   □ Broad Jurisdiction
   □ Occasionally sit on General Jurisdiction Court upon assignment
   □ Military  □ General  □ Special Jurisdiction
   □ Tribal

4. Length of Judicial Service: _______ Years _______ Months

5. Current Term: __________ to __________

6. Legally Trained _______ Yes _______ No  If yes, in what states have you been admitted to practice? __________________________

7. Civil Maximum $ ______________________ Limit  8. POPULATION DENSITY of AREA where your court is located _______
   Criminal:  □ Preliminary Hearing
   □ Misdemeanor
   □ Felony
   Other: □ Juvenile  □ Family Court
   □ Equity  □ Traffic
   □ Probate  □ City Ordinances
   □ I conduct jury trials

9. Is your court? □ Single Judge  □ Multi-Judge
   How many judges? _______

10. If you were a practicing attorney, what were your specialties? __________________________

11. Have you ever done any legal teaching? _______ Yes _______ No
   If yes, what subjects have you taught? __________________________

   If yes, where & when? __________________________  [LAW SCHOOLS, CLE, CIE, ETC.]

12. Have you ever served as a group discussion leader? _______ Yes _______ No
   If yes, where and when? __________________________