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This issue of the Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges continues to provide important information on how states with central hearing agencies function. The lead article by Chief Judge Julian Mann, III, focuses on how administrative adjudication can follow the principles and practices that have proven so effective in court management. The North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings has adapted the management procedures courts have used to reduce cost and delay in litigation to administrative proceedings.

Administrative Law Judge Christine McKenna Moore's speech on the "Evidence for Administrative Law Judges" at our May 17-19, 1995, educational program for administrative law judges is printed herein so that a much larger audience than the 160 who were present for the excellent CLE program could see how important it is for administrative law judges to understand not only the Rules of Evidence but the principles behind those Rules.

Administrative Law Judge Charles Bono made a speech at the 20th Annual Symposium of the National Conference of Administrative Law Judges on April 7, 1995. As soon as this editor heard the speech, I talked to Judge Bono about sharing his excellent history of the evolution of the role of administrative law judges. He has given us his "insider's" view of the various developments over the years. Many of his experiences with the Social Security Administration have their parallels in various state agencies.

The final article for this issue is the Model Code of Judicial Conduct for State Administrative Law Judges adopted unanimously by the National Conference of Administrative Law Judges of the Judicial Administration Division of the American Bar Association on August 5, 1995. The Model Code adopted by the National Association of Administrative Law Judges was published in the Fall 1994 issue of this Journal. You may want to compare the two.

Finally, we have compiled an index by Issue and Author of the articles published in this Journal since Volume XII, Spring 1992, through Volume XV, Fall 1995. The first eleven Volumes' Index was published in Volume XI, Fall 1991.

Our membership continues to grow. We encourage you to share this issue with colleagues, attorneys, and law professors who might be interested in joining, either as members or as associate members so that they might sample this scholarly vehicle of theory and practice to increase professionalism among administrative law judges and improve the effectiveness of administrative adjudication at the Federal and State levels.

We need your help to truly make this Journal one of which the members of the administrative judiciary can truly be proud.

Enclosed in this issue is a READERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE. Please think about it, and fill it out. Give us your suggestions as to what you like, need, and want. Give us your ideas on who you have heard, read or worked with, who can turn your needs into articles that will interest, inform, and inspire us to do even better work than we have in the past.

We need all of your help to develop the best articles for publication in the Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges. Please send your ideas, suggestions, and queries to:

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