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Letter from the New Editor

The Honorable David J. Agatstein was the founder and only Editor-in-Chief for the first twelve and a half years, of the Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges. He has done a marvelous job in creating this scholarly vehicle of theory and practice to professionalize administrative law judges, administrative hearing officers, hearing examiners, referees, or whatever name those men and women who conduct administrative hearings at the Federal and State levels in our country and beyond.

I humbly accept the challenge to continue the usefulness of this tool for professionalization. At the recent Board of Governor’s meeting, the Board wholeheartedly gave their support in authorizing some small but hopefully helpful improvements, which we hope will benefit you. The new cover format is one obvious change. Other changes will be more subtle and will take more time.

Does your jurisdiction have anything like the summaries from Pennsylvania found on pages 143-150? I need your help to truly make this Journal one that administrative law judges will read for thought-provoking articles (cover to cover), that will be anxiously awaited between issues; that will encourage readers to ask colleagues to submit articles and ideas for publication; that will stimulate readers to write about your own experiences; and that makes you truly proud of your profession.

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES is people working together, even if we are physically alone, in a common goal of professionalizing ourselves, our colleagues, our agencies, those attorneys and citizens who come before us for justice. Consider and discuss with your colleagues the Canons of Ethics on page 160.

Enclosed in this issue is a READERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE. Please read it over, think about it, fill it out, photocopy it, and mail it in. 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 help us meet the needs of our profession through articles that will interest, inform, and inspire us to do even better work than we have in the past. We want to share the best with our readers.

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, articles and queries to:

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