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#### Letter from the Editor

The Board of Governors approved my recommendation to print and mail extra copies of this issue of the Journal. This special issue of the Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges is being sent to: members of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges, members of the National Conference of Administrative Law Judges, Professors of Administrative Law, Legislative leaders and leaders of Bar Associations. We invite all to sample this scholarly vehicle of theory and practice to professionalize administrative law judges, administrative hearing officers, hearing examiners, referees, or whatever title used by men and women who conduct administrative hearings at the Federal and State levels in our country and beyond.

The first three articles focus on Central Hearing Agencies in the states. Chief Judge John W. Hardwicke's article was the 1993 Fellowship paper delivered at the Annual Meeting in St Louis. Chief Judge Edwin L. Felter, Jr., gives us a good look at Colorado's experience, including an overview of the other states. Chief Judge Allen C. Hoberg's analysis of the state central hearing agencies places each into one of three categories and gives us the statutory citations of each state. These are the best articles since the special issue of Judicature in 1981 in this important area of improving administrative law adjudication. Finally, the Association of Administrative Law Judges, Inc., statement to Vice-President Gore is being published as an illustration of how administrative law judges can recommend improvements for doing their work. All of us can learn from these four articles on organizing for efficient and effective administrative adjudication.

The NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES is people struggling together, even if we are physically alone, in a common goal of professionalizing ourselves, our colleagues, our agencies, and attorneys so that citizens who come before us receive high quality justice.

We need your assistance to further professionalize this Journal and administrative law judges. Please submit thought provoking articles, write about your own experiences, and suggest others to submit articles for publication. Help us improve administrative justice.

On pages 156-157 of this issue is a READERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE. Please think about it, copy it and fill it out. Give us your suggestions as to what you like, need, and want. Give us your ideas on those 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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