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his was another year of achievement for The National Judicial College. The NJC continues to lead the way in providing quality judicial education programs to our wide and varied judicial audiences. And, we are particularly proud when our participants affect positive change in their courts.

In the following pages, you will learn even more about how our faculty, staff and generous donors are helping the College's mission of "serving justice through judicial education" come alive each and every day. As the year draws to a close, we once again thank the College's many partners who have supported our efforts nationwide. Individuals and corporations that have donated to the NJC are profiled in this annual donor issue, and we thank them for their continued support. The NJC also greatly appreciates the assistance of our sponsors, LexisNexis®, ExhibitOne®, Thomson WestTM and CourtCall® for their generous support of our programs and services and for their sponsorship of this issue of Case In Point. Thanks again to my Communications Office staff – Christina Nellemann, Heather Singer and Nancy Copfer, and to the Development Office staff - Gretchen Struble Alt, Alaina Vengco, and Christine Smith, for their outstanding efforts in preparing this special donor issue. We all hope to see you at the NJC in 2008.

Thanks for reading.

Trace Robbers
Director of Communications

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The NJC launches a new fund to help ensure that America's democracy and the rule of law are upheld through the dedication and work of a well-educated judiciary.

Creating a Learning Environment



By Heather Singer, NJC Communications Specialist

Two Reno-area foundations and longtime supporters of the College have enabled the conversion of five NJC classrooms to "smart classrooms."

Felix Stumpf: 34 Years of Service to the NJC



By Heather Singer, NJC Communications Specialist

A longtime NJC employee reaches several milestones.

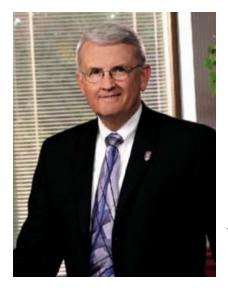
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HON. WILLIAM F. DRESSEL



Dear Friends,

he theme of this special donor issue "Lighting the Way" is a fitting one. Many of our generous supporters have undoubtedly reflected on their personal experiences as participants, faculty and friends of the NJC, and they have kindly provided charitable gifts to the College because their reflections have been positive ones – an outstanding educational experience, a motivating dialogue with a colleague or a renewed commitment to excellence in their chosen professions.

Our donors understand that their gifts help us provide high-quality judicial education and professional development with state-of-the-art technology in a modern collegial environment. Whatever your reason is for supporting the work of the NJC, we thank you for your trust in the staff, trustees, councils and other volunteers who give generously of their time and resources to advance justice through judicial education.

The College's goal is to provide the best services and programs to the judiciary. That goal presents an ongoing funding challenge as our needs continue to grow. Our 2008 programs and special projects will allow many more judges to participate in quality learning experiences. However, we cannot provide these opportunities without the generous support of funders and donors like you. As you read the many success stories about our participants, we hope you will develop an appreciation of the important work being done by the NJC. From our positive national impact, motivating collegial interaction, challenging curricula, special programs addressing local issues and truly outstanding faculty, the NJC is the home of serious judicial studies.

Your appreciation for the NJC can be expressed through a gift. There are many ways to give to the College and the gift you make will help ensure that judges can continue to participate in the outstanding high-impact programs that have become the hallmark for quality judicial education.

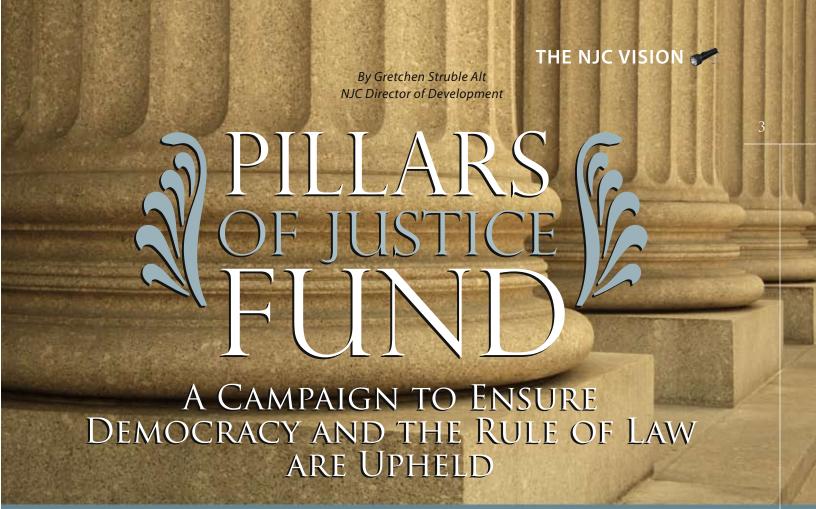
This issue demonstrates the important point that the NJC continues to challenge and transform how the judiciary provides justice through the judges we educate. The impact, whether small or significant, leads us closer to solutions to overcome impediments to equal and timely justice. We cannot do this important work without your support. Thank you.



DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT GRETCHEN STRUBLE ALT

hroughout this issue of *Case In Point*, you will read many stories illustrating how donors are "Lighting the Way" to justice by supporting judicial education. The NJC could only provide the excellent educational opportunities it does because of those committed to upholding justice. Donors provide funding for scholarships for judges to attend courses. They also allow for updated technology to enhance participants' learning experiences and they support numerous programs and courses at the College. Donors strengthen the College and are an essential part of the NJC family. We hope you enjoy this special issue in recognition of the kinship we share with our donors, who make us the great institution that we are.

For more information about how you can make an impact on judicial education, please contact me at (800) 25-JUDGE or alt@judges.org.



he National Judicial College recently embarked on a campaign to reach out to law firms and corporations to partner with the NJC in support of the Pillars

of Justice Fund – A Fund for the Future of Justice. This fund will help America's democracy and the rule of law to be upheld through the dedication and work of a well-educated judiciary.

The College's Board of Trustees and Board of Visitors members are dedicated to the success of this campaign that supports the very foundation of the NJC. They are assisting by reaching out to prospective supporters of this essential Fund. "This Fund is important to the future of judicial education. New subjects will be addressed that impact law firms, corporations and clients. Members

of the Board of Trustees are behind this initiative and are excited about the impact it will make," said Thomas Susman, chair of the NJC's Board of Trustees.

The judiciary needs innovative, results-ori-

ented programs, and funding through the Pillars of Justice Fund will support three areas outlined below that will assist the NJC in providing the best judicial education in the nation.



"My law firm contributed to the Pillars of Justice Fund because we understand that the NJC provides the best judicial education in

the nation to judges, and the fund benefits both courts and attorneys by ensuring that cases are handled efficiently and that resolutions are fair and impartial."

John Frankovich, Esq.,

Board of Trustees member and partner with the law firm McDonald Carano Wilson LLP

RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND SERVICES FUND

Funding from the Pillars of Justice Fund will allow for the creation of a new Research, **Education and Services Fund** that will allow the NIC to address areas that impact the ability of our nation's courts to provide quality justice. It is critical that the NJC's curriculum be enhanced to address existing and emerging issues that pose challenges for the courts. Research will help to shape content, enable new course materials to be developed, and allow the NJC to incorporate additional areas of

expertise into its curricula. In addition to enhancing existing curricula, the NJC will be proactive and conduct research to determine what new courses can be developed to meet future needs.

ENDOWMENT FUNDING

Endowment funding is important to the NJC since it provides ongoing support for judicial education. Funding through the Pillars of Justice Fund will add to the size of the NJC's existing endowment, which is used to provide scholarships, programs and other needs at the College. The endowment is important to the future of the NJC since the principal amount is never spent and earnings are used every year as it ensures the continuation of challenging education for America's judiciary.



"The Pillars of Justice
Fund is important to
corporate America
since it addresses the
corrosive impact of
litigation delay and the

extraordinary cost on justice. The NJC is the one national institution available to provide judges with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to administer effective justice at a reasonable cost for all."

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Charles Matthews, Esq., Board of Visitors member with ExxonMobil Corporation

UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT

Unrestricted support is vital since it provides the flexibility that allows the NJC to provide financial assistance for judges to attend courses, maintain state-of-the-art technology in support of excellent instruction, and provide for the general operations of the College. "Without this flexibility, we would not be able to provide funding to support unique emerging issues such as the impact of the aging of America on courts," said Gretchen Struble Alt, NJC

development director.

Donors to the fund will receive widespread recognition. The NJC has a website dedicated to the Pillars of Justice Fund, which can be viewed at www.judges.org/pillarsofjustice_donors.html or from the Pillars of Justice link on the home page. Donors are listed on the site with an active link to their firms or companies. In addition, donors are listed in each issue of *Case In Point* magazine, and a special plaque is being created to prominently display the names of the donors inside The National Judicial College building.

"This is a pivotal time in the history of our democracy, one in which the continuing education of judges is essential to our future. Support for this fund will make a significant difference in achiev-

ing fair and impartial justice, upholding democracy and advancing the rule of law. We are excited about the benefits that this fund will create," said Hon. William F. Dressel, NJC president.

For more information about the Pillars of Justice Fund, please contact Gretchen Struble Alt, director of development, at (800) 25-JUDGE or alt@judges.org.

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Looking Ahead to 2008

The NJC's 2008 operations are projected to be supported by federal grants, investment income and corporate, foundation and individual donations.

Program income, including participant tuition, is projected to account for 75 percent of the total budget revenue.

The NJC anticipates offering numerous special courses and programs in 2008 that will contribute to the diversified curriculum at the College. These special programs range in scope and delivery and are presented as part of the College's ongoing effort to provide quality judicial education to our state, national and international audiences.

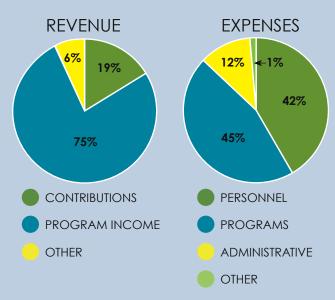
2008 BUDGET: REVENUE

2008 BUDGET: EXPENSE	
Total Revenue \$6,723,491	
Investments/ Other Income408,014	
Contributions 1,248,500	
Program Income\$5,066,977	

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Programs	\$3,009,808
Personnel	2,803,952
Administrative	830,081
Other	79,650

Total Expense \$6,723,491

2008 NJC BUDGET BY PERCENTAGES



2008 COURSES AND PROGRAMS

The following course and program categories are an example of the College's academic offerings. Funding is obtained through federal and state grants, organizational partnerships and through individual, foundation and corporate donations.

- Tuition Based Reno Courses
- Tuition Based Offsite Courses/Seminar Series
- Extension Programs

Financial Statements in the Courtroom (American Institute of Certified Public Accountants) Military Trial Judiciary Vermont County Judges

• Special and Innovative Programs

Back on TRAC (Century Council)
Dividing the Waters
Managing Challenging Family Law Cases
(National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges)
Essential Skills for Unemployment Adjudicators (DOL)
Jordan Study Tour (DPK Consulting)
Evidence Based Practices (Pew Research Center)
Judges and Journalists Workshops (Phase II)

• Grant Programs

U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) – Prime

Byrne Grant

Case Management

Sex Offenders

Capital Cases

Tribal Justice Institute (TJI) – Subcontract

National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law (NCJRL)

Subcontract

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

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State Justice Institute (SJI)



Hon. Charles Cloud

Chief Judge (Ret.), Norfolk, VA NTJC Advisory Council member since 2005

Why do you give to the College?

I believe in the College the principles, the helping of the administration of justice, especially with the work now being done on the training of tribal personnel and judges.



Why is judicial education so important?

What the NJC does — bringing judges together from all over the country and now the world — and provides a collegial atmosphere. State training is limited in its scope. The NJC has the best instructors who give of their time.

What are your feelings on the role that the NJC plays in educating our nation's judges?

The NJC is outstanding. It is at the heart of helping judges throughout the country.

How has the NJC helped improve your role as a judge?

Over the years, I learned to appreciate the role that judicial independence has on our democracy and how important it is to the judicial branch of our government.

Why do you think it's important for others to give to the NJC?

After seeing what the NJC does, how could you not be inclined to give a gift? You give what you can afford. I support other organizations and causes but I make sure to include the NJC.

GYCLE OF JUSTICE

By Heather Singer NJC Communications Specialist

udge Bruce Brown, of Wichita, Kan., works hard not to break the cycle. As a matter of fact, he greatly enjoys the cycle – bicycle, that is.

A judge advocate general (IAG)

A judge advocate general (JAG) officer in the Army and a judge for the municipal court in Wichita, Judge Brown found himself traveling frequently for his work. But, often no budget was allotted for a rental car. An active adult, who usually jogs 18 miles a week, he found it difficult to be confined to hotel rooms in new cities he wanted to explore.

"Someone told me about a folding bicycle so two years ago, I looked on the Internet and discovered there were all different types," recalled the father of three who has served on the bench of the Wichita Municipal Court for 10 years.

In 2005, Judge Brown found a folding bike on the Internet to suit his travels. His Transit model Kent bicycle can be assembled and taken apart in roughly four minutes. It fits into a suitcase and has been easy to check into airplane luggage.

In the past two years, he has been bringing his bike with him to Reno when he takes courses at The National Judicial College. "Reno is a great town to get around on a bike," he said. "Downtown Reno is very bike friendly and I never have to worry about parking."

A student at The National Judicial College since 1998, Judge Brown earned his Professional Certificate in Judicial Development in Special Court Trial Skills in 2007. He is also nearing the completion of the requirements for his Dispute Resolution Skills certificate. Courses he has taken at the NJC include Advanced Evidence, Criminal Evidence, Logic and Opinion Writing and many others.

"The NJC has the best courses I have taken



Judge Bruce Brown, of Wichita, Kan., shows off his folding bicycle in front of the NJC.

since being out of college," he said. "My favorite course was General Jurisdiction because it was two weeks long and I was able to get to know my classmates to where we could discuss, on a broader spectrum, the challenges of being a judge. The College has played an essential role in broadening my horizons. Judges spend so much time in their courtrooms, but going to the College gives me the chance to analyze

and reflect on my role in the courtroom."

A scholarship recipient, Judge Brown said the NJC's scholarship program enabled him to attend judicial education courses he would have otherwise been unable to afford. He enjoys serving as a judge because it enables him to help people, he said.

"I like being able to make a difference in people's lives when they are in the midst of a crisis," explained Judge Brown. "It is important for me to be a positive agent of change."

The positive difference Judge Brown makes extends far beyond his courtroom with his everyday choices such as choosing to bike instead of drive when he travels, which is more environmentally friendly. Not only is his bike friendly to the environment, it is friendly to him as well.

"I have never fallen off or crashed," he said. "Adults will ask me about the bike sometimes and kids just stare."

At home in Wichita, where Judge Brown was born, he does more jogging than biking. He has a non-folding bike as well, but occasionally he unfolds his special bike to take a ride with his 5-year-old son, Asher. He also has two daughters – Lucy, 3, and Macy, 1.

"Asher is constantly saying, 'Daddy, get on your bike and ride with me," revealed Judge Brown. "My wife (Rachel) thought the bike was strange at first but now she knows it keeps me occupied when I travel and gives me something positive to do."



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leave the rest to us. It's as simple as that. We do all the work for you and your credit card will be billed monthly at your request. We also provide you with a year-end receipt totaling your gifts through the calendar year for tax purposes.

Just ask Chief Judge Tyrone T. Butler of Washington, D.C., a member of College's Board of Trustees, how easy monthly giving can be. "It's painless," said Judge Butler. "I've been giving on a monthly basis for more than two years now and you don't even notice it. Especially as a Trustee, we need to set the example and giving back is essential. I give what I can."

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- ☐ Stretching your gift we do the work for you
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- National Associates
 of Justice long-term
 support made easy
- ☐ Circle of Justice a simple multi-year commitment
- ☐ **Donate Online** secure and easy

You may also consider using your banking institution's bill pay service where a check will be sent monthly to the NJC on a schedule that works for you. Please contact your banking institution for more information on their services.

The NJC also offers two membership programs – the National Associates of Justice and the Circle of Justice. Both programs provide continuing support for our judicial education programs on a three- or five-year basis. Members of these giving programs receive additional recognition on our website and in our biannual *Case In Point* magazine.

You can make a positive impact on our judicial system. It starts with educating our nation's judges. Your contribution will allow the NJC to provide superior education for judges across the nation on a wide variety of topics, so please consider making a gift today in support of judicial education.

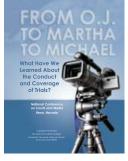
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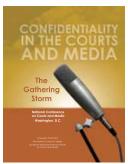
Courts and Media Issues Addressed in New Reports/DVDs

ow that O.J. Simpson is facing yet another trial to be televised, a natural question arises: What have we learned about the conduct and coverage of trials? That is the question posed in one of two new reports now available from the Reynolds National Center for Courts and Media (RNCCM). "From O.J. to Martha to Michael – What Have We Learned About the Conduct and Coverage of Trials?" is a 63-page report that examines key trends and suggestions based on the Center's national conference on high-profile trials.

The other report, "Confidentiality in the Courts and Media – The Gathering Storm," is also based on a national conference held by the RNCCM. This 65-page report analyzes issues raised by the jailing of *New York Times* reporter Judith Miller and the subsequent renewed interest in a federal shield law for reporters.

Both reports were written by media relations consultant Jerrianne Hayslett and produced by the





NJC's communications office. The reports include DVDs that feature noted panelists examining some of the most newsworthy trials over the past decade. The reports were sent to law schools, journalism schools, state supreme courts, federal courts and to leading judicial and journalism organizations. To obtain a free report, contact Mary Jo Fata at (775) 327-8271, or fata@judges.org.

A NOTE OF THANKS TO THE DONALD W. REYNOLDS FOUNDATION

The National Judicial College and the Reynolds National Center for Courts and Media gratefully acknowledge the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation for its generous support of our organizations over the past decade and for its continued support of our programs and services. The NJC and RNCCM continue

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Roland Melton ENDOWED FUND

n 2003, the NJC established the Rollan D.
Melton Fund as part of creating the Reynolds National Center for Courts and Media (RNCCM) endowment to support RNCCM research and special projects. Funded by challenge grants from The John Ben Snow Memorial Trust and countless other donors, this fund honors the memory and the life work of Rollan D. Melton, who was respected and loved throughout northern Nevada as the "people's journalist."

The NJC's first project under the auspices of the Melton Fund was conducted in response to the 2002 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *GOP of Minnesota v. White.* This ruling addressed judicial candidates' First Amendment right to speak publicly about issues, including those that might come before them during their judicial career. Prior to the ruling, judicial candidates were barred by states' ethical rules from taking positions on any issues that might give rise to the appearance of bias. States were forced to revisit their rules governing judicial speech.

In 2004, through the Melton Endowed Fund, the RNCCM/NJC hired a researcher to poll state supreme courts to learn what had occurred in revising

their rules. The RNCCM compiled a report using that research to prepare for a national symposium of state supreme court justices held at the NJC in collaboration with the National Center for State Courts. The report and transcripts of the symposium were sent to all states and the American Bar Association Commission that worked on revising their Model Code of Judicial Conduct.

In 2005 and 2006, the RNCCM developed a pilot program, Judges in Journalism School (Judges in J-School). Under this program, sitting judges visit journalism schools as a "scholar in residence" to hold candid conversations with journalism students and faculty about issues that often bring the rights of a free press into conflict with the Sixth Amendment right to a fair trial. These conversations are designed to lay the groundwork for improved reporting of court proceedings by giving journalists-in-training a working knowledge of the processes and rules that govern our judicial system.

Four journalism schools hosted judges to work with their students in 2006. Those schools were: Brigham Young University, where Judge Lloyd George, a senior U.S. district judge from Las Vegas,

visited on Nov. 8; Indiana University, where Judge Terry Ruckriegle, of Colorado, who presided over the Kobe Bryant case, spent Oct. 25-26; the University of Minnesota, where Judge Rick Distaso, who was the prosecutor in the Scott Peterson case, visited Nov. 29; and Loyola University, where Chief Judge Helen Berrigan, U.S. District Court, spoke to students on Nov. 6 during the Media and American Courts course, which was part of a series on media coverage of the criminal justice process. The Judges in J-School program will be expanded in 2008, with more judges serving as scholars-in-residence in journalism schools near their court districts.

In an Oct. 26, 2006 article written by Ben Weller and posted on Indiana University's website, Judge Ruckriegle said, "The Judges in J-School program is an avenue through which both sides can get a better perspective. The more communication we have, the better it is." He pointed out that the press and the courts have similar roles and both have a profound influence on the public, yet neither take the "time or effort to look at what the other is doing."

Rollan Melton was committed to public service and believed in reaching out to teach others.

According to Weller's article, following the Newsgathering and the Law class in which Judge Ruckrielge spoke at Indiana University, a senior journalism student remarked, "It was interesting to get the perspective of someone on the legal side. He told us we should always pursue the truth as best we can. Coming from a judge, that's inspiring."

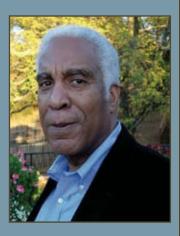
Such comments show that the Judges in J-School program fills an important role in encouraging dialogue and mutual understanding between judges and journalists. Rollan Melton was committed to public service and believed in reaching out to teach others. Those who knew him believe that this is the kind of project that he would have embraced whole-heartedly. The John Ben Snow Memorial Trust and all others who contribute to the endowed fund that honors his name can be proud to know they are helping our justice system and our press work together to strike the necessary balance between the First and Sixth Amendments, which protect freedom of speech and the right to a fair trial.



Hon. Tyrone T. Butler *Chief Administrative Law Judge, Washington, D.C. Board of Trustees member since 2004*

How do you feel the NJC has helped to strengthen your role as a judge?

By allowing me to network with other judges from across the country and get the national perspective. By giving me the ability to bring all the information I have and bring it together cohesively.



As a board member, how important is it to support the NJC with an annual gift?

You need to set the example – giving back is essential.

How has giving on an annual basis been for you? Simply put, it's painless. You just don't notice it, and it's easy.

If you could recommend the NJC to others, to persuade them on why they should give back, what would you say?

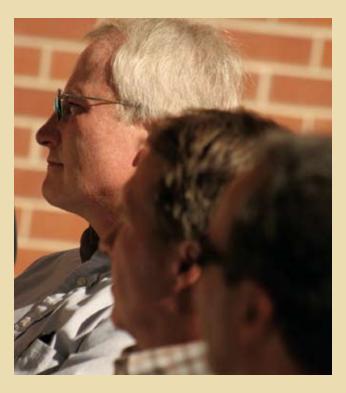
Donations help to strengthen the NJC – strengthen a profession under siege. Blind faith in the judiciary no longer exists. A well-educated judiciary can only be an asset and lends itself to the credibility of the profession.

Scholarships & Workshops

THE NJC RECEIVES \$100,000
GRANT FROM WILLIAM RANDOLPH
HEARST FOUNDATION

he William Randolph Hearst Foundation awarded the NJC a grant of \$100,000 – \$75,000 for scholarships for judges to attend the NJC's courses and \$25,000 in matching funds for regional bench/bar/media workshops through the Reynolds National Center for Courts and Media (RNCCM).

"We are very appreciative of the William Randolph Hearst Foundation's generosity," said Hon. William F. Dressel, NJC President. "They have been great supporters of the College for a long time. The good they do is tremendous."



The scholarship portion of the award will provide assistance for judges from the U.S. and U.S. territories to attend the NJC's courses and programs. The NJC's scholarship program makes up for lack of local resources to support a national judicial learning experience. The other portion of the funding will assist the RNCCM in holding five regional workshops across the nation. These workshops will bring together state court, bar and media leaders to observe an actual bench/bar/media program and conduct planning to set up working committees designed to improve relations between the justice system and the media in their states.

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Stout Foundation Awards \$12,000 Grant to the NJC

The Charles H. Stout Foundation generously awarded a grant of \$12,000 to The National Judicial College to help fund the NJC's participation in the National Judicial Conference on Leadership, Education and Courtroom Best Practices in Self Represented Litigation, held Nov. 1-3, 2007, at Harvard Law School. This conference was an important first step in assuring the due process rights of those who come before the courts without professional representation. It brought together teams of leading judges and key judicial educators from a significant number of states. The grant matched monies awarded by the State Justice Institute and satisfied SJI's requirement that the Self Represented Litigant Network/NJC raise matching funds to qualify for the grant.

The Stout Foundation, a longtime supporter of the NJC, was established in 1982 by Charles "Chick"

and Elizabeth "Betty" Stout. The Foundation laid the groundwork for the Stout family's generosity to continue long after Charles Stout's passing in 1992. Today, it is maintained by trustees: Richard M. Stout, president, Reno, Nevada; Martha Stout Gilweit, vice president, Tiburon, California; Ross B. Stout, treasurer, Siloam Springs, Arkansas; Douglas B. MacDonald, secretary, Fernley, Nevada; Katherine Gilweit Carteglia, New York City, New York.

Since 1982, the Stout Foundation has given annual donations to The National Judicial College totaling more than \$50,000, not including what Charles Stout gave privately before the Foundation was formed. In 25 years of supporting the College, the Stout Foundation has provided funding for scholarships, the Rollan Melton Fund, and the NJC's endowment.



BJA: IMPROVING CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Grant Awarded to the NJC to Implement New Case Management and Sex Offender Programs

he BJA has shown remarkable responsiveness to the needs of America's judiciary by funding projects that are timely and vital to the effection of the institute of the institute

tive operation of the justice system. In response to this need, The National Judicial College (NJC) is helping the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) tackle two high-priority court issues. A recently awarded grant from the BJA will enable the NJC to conduct new programs for judges – one addressing case management issues and one on sentencing sex offenders.

"The issues of sex offender sentencing and case management are critical areas for judges today," said Hon. William F. Dressel, president of the NJC. "It is time to revisit these issues,

and we are grateful to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for enabling us to meet the needs of judges through these two new and innovative initiatives."

The goals of the sex offender portion of the grant will be to develop a model curriculum on

sentencing sex offenders, present a train-the-trainer course on the new model curriculum and pilot the

curriculum in two states. The NJC will collaborate with the Center for Effective Public Policy's Center for Sex

Offender Management to design and implement this program.

To address case management issues, the NJC will conduct a needs assessment in the area of case management and host a summit inviting judges and experts to evaluate best practices in case management. The summit will pave the way for the development and publication of a report documenting the best practices discovered during the summit. The grant will also enable the NJC to

update previous writings in the area of case management. In addition, focus groups will be held in four states to examine current case management methods in order to compose new methods to increase efficiency.

THE PRESS AND THE LAW

Shapiro, Nockleby and Deutsch Speak at NJC Presentation in Los Angeles



From left to right: Dressel, Shapiro, Deutsch, Nockleby, Girardi

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by a panel of
experts during
a reception held
on October 25 in
Los Angeles for

members of the legal profession, the judiciary and special guests of the NJC. The panel presentation, titled "By the Time the Case Starts, Are All Opinions Made? The Press and the Law," was moderated by Hon. William F. Dressel, NJC president, and included Linda C. Deutsch, legal affairs reporter for the Associated Press, John T. Nockleby, professor of law and director of the Civil Justice Program at Loyola Law School, and Robert Shapiro, Esq., of

Christensen, Glaser, Fink, Jacobs, Weil & Shapiro, LLP.

The presentation highlighted the similarities and differences that the media, judiciary and legal profession face in high profile cases.

"There is still much to learn about how the media and the courts can and should work together for the good of all," said President Dressel. "Each is faced with difficult choices and circumstances. Having a forum, such as this, to discuss these issues can help us move forward."

The reception was hosted by Trustee Thomas V. Girardi, Esq., of Girardi & Keese. Board of Visitors members Patricia Glaser, Esq., of Christensen, Glaser, Fink, Jacobs, Weil & Shapiro, LLP, and Charles Patterson, Esq., of Morrison & Foerster, LLP, also provided support. The presentation was an opportunity for The National Judicial College to welcome existing and new supporters of the NJC's Pillars of Justice Fund, a fund to provide our nation's judiciary with innovative, results-oriented programs and professional development.





Imagine This

Why Judges Need Your Help

By Nancy Copfer NJC Scholarship Officer







magine yourself being a family court judge. You hear family cases dealing with child abuse, domestic violence, divorce, probate. You may deal with financial statements and writing divorce and child custody decrees. Where does the initial training as an adjudicator, and for your specific challenges, come from?

Imagine you find yourself recently re-assigned to the criminal docket. You live in a capital case state. You are a lawyer, maybe having practiced civil cases before becoming a judge – or even criminal cases (burglary, DUI, assault) – but never a capital case. What is the process and what are the specific requirements for presiding over a capital case? Where do you go to find out?

Maybe writing was never your forté and you are seeking a judicial writing or a logic and opinion writing course. Perhaps mediation training (civil, mediation for administrative law judges, or advanced

mediation) may be your requirement. Who are the specialists in this field?

Imagine yourself as a limited jurisdiction judge. You will be hearing cases involving traffic issues, impaired driving, defendants with co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders and will have people of all ethnic backgrounds in your courtroom. How do you handle these cases without bias or the perception of bias?

As a military judge you may hear all of the above. How can you integrate the broad spectrum of training available at the NJC?

As an administrative law judge, you may hear cases regarding utility regulation, unemployment appeals, social security hearings, labor law. As a new administrative law judge, the Administrative Law: Fair Hearing course gives a strong foundation. You've heard so much about the quality of the training at the NJC. But, how do you get to the NJC when your

agency's budget won't support the cost?

The NJC's General Jurisdiction course (for new general jurisdiction judges), the Special Court Jurisdiction and Special Court Jurisdiction: Advanced courses for new limited jurisdiction judges and the Essential Skills for Tribal Court Judges (for new tribal court judges) are other foundation courses developed and presented by a distinguished faculty and talented staff. Teaching a variety of skills and substantive law to the new judge ensures a strong entrance to the bench. How can you begin your career without this foundation?

Your role as a new or experienced judge is to provide a fair and equal application of the law. Your community, your peers, and you deserve the finest adjudicator you can be.

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Imagine ALL judges, hearing officers and adjudicators having the opportunity for skills and substantive law training with other judges from across the nation and the world because someone cared enough to support the judiciary.

It is important that judges have the opportunity to take advantage of intense training on specific topics. Sometimes the funding is not available. The NJC has been providing scholarship assistance since 1991. Federal, foundation, corporate and private individuals provide these endowment and grant funds that assist all judges from all jurisdictions.

In 2007, 229 judges from 40 states and the District of Columbia received scholarship awards. Over the years, the NJC's scholarship program has provided scholarships to judges from all states and Washington, D.C., as well as U.S. territories. Nearly \$5 million in scholarship funds has been provided to judges since 1991.

An over-burdened court system needs your help. Your donation to the NJC scholarship endowment, providing a named scholarship endowment, or a general donation will keep America's adjudicators trained, efficient, productive – and most of all knowledgeable.



Hon. Duane Harves

Ret. District Court Judge, Burnsville, MN Faculty member since 1980

Why do you give to the College?

Money is of the utmost importance to the continual training of our judiciary. It is important to continue to give so that others can benefit from scholarship funds and the training that they receive at the NJC.



Why is judicial education so important?

Most judges receive no formal training before they become a judge. They come to the NJC to learn how to really be a knowledgeable judge.

What are your feelings on the role the NJC plays in educating our nation's judges?

The Ringling Bros. "Greatest Show on Earth" comes to mind. It's the only 'show' in town to train people at this level, where a national perspective is offered. NJC judges are more responsive to change on a national level.

How has the NJC helped improve your role as a judge?

I can't remember a single occasion where I haven't come home with at least one new idea. I work more efficiently because of what I've learned about managing distractions and people more effectively. I have accomplished so much in my home state because of what I've learned from conversations with judges from other states.

Why do you think it's important for others to give to the NJC?

It's not how much they give, it's how many of the NJC alumni who give. ...Giving back is important because the more money that is donated, the more classes stay affordable and the more scholarships are available.

Your last donation was made online – why the change?

I'd rather give online — I'm on the computer all the time. I like it better, not only for security purposes but because it is quick and easy.

FREEDOM & LEADERSHIP

UNR President Milton Glick and Rhode Island Chief Justice Frank Williams Present Lectures

t's not always easy when freedom of expression and institutional interests clash," Dr. Milton D. Glick, University of Nevada, Reno (UNR), president, told an audience of nearly 100 people on July 25, 2007, in The National Judicial College's (NJC) Tom C. Clark auditorium. Dr. Glick served as the NJC's 118th Jackson Lecturer and Rhode Island Chief Justice Frank Williams presented the 119th lecture in October. Both lectures focused on freedom, integrity and justice in our nation.

The NJC's Jackson Lectures are held in honor of Justice Robert H. Jackson, a 1940s Supreme Court justice whose role as chief prosecutor in the Nuremberg War Trials launched him into the judicial spotlight. Despite a period of post-war turmoil, Justice Jackson insisted on fair prosecution of suspected war criminals at Nuremberg during a

time when this view was unpopular. The NJC presents these lectures several times a year at the end of each two-week General Jurisdiction course for the NJC's course participants as well as the community. The Jackson Lectures are always free and open to the public.

118TH JACKSON LECTURE

The 15th UNR president, Dr. Milton Glick, spoke on the importance of "freedom of expression" granted in our nation but emphasized the great responsibility it creates on behalf of judges and the legal community to uphold that right.

In his lecture, entitled "Let Them In, Let Them Speak," Dr. Glick used examples from today's headlines to illustrate how threats to freedom of speech



Dr. Milton D. Glick, University of Nevada, Reno, president



Rhode Island Chief Justice Frank J. Williams

can arise anywhere, such as in college newspapers, governmental entities, religion and the arts. "Anywhere where people have an opinion, there is bound to be opposing views," he expressed.

Dr. Glick became UNR president on August 1, 2006, after serving 15 years as secondin-command of Arizona State University, based in the Phoenix suburb of Tempe. In the mid-1980s, he was responsible for placing a networked computer in the office of every faculty member of the College of Arts and Science at the University of Missouri, a revolutionary idea at the time. In the initial phase of his academic career. Dr. Glick was a noted researcher in the field of x-ray crystallography. His work was funded for 17 consecutive years by the National Science Foundation, and he published 99 research articles during that period.

119TH JACKSON LECTURE

Rhode Island Chief Justice Frank J. Williams, who chairs the Lincoln Forum, presented the Oct. 22, 2007, Jackson Lecture to a packed audience in the NJC's Tom C. Clark auditorium. His lecture, entitled "Abraham Lincoln and Leadership," highlighted the challenges faced by President Lincoln and illustrated the lessons today's judges could learn from this historic leader.

"Great leadership requires hope, confidence and unshakable moral courage," said Chief Justice Williams. "Great leadership requires the ability to stay the course even when you stand alone, as Lincoln so often did. Great leadership requires a commitment to the mission, especially when confronted with

personal and professional obstacles."

Chief Justice Williams has served on the Rhode Island Supreme Court since Feb. 26, 2001, and worked in private practice for 25 years. In addition to chairing the Lincoln Forum, he serves as president of the Ulysses S. Grant Association. He also serves as an adjunct professor for the U.S. Naval War College and Roger Williams University School of Law. He is a member of the NJC's faculty as well.

"As we judges face our daily challenges, we are not alone," he told the audience of judges, local residents and the NJC's staff and faculty. "We are following in the indelible footprints laid down on the sands of history. The challenges that we approach pale in comparison to the challenges that Abraham Lincoln faced – so the lessons of his leadership are invaluable today."

Chief Justice Williams encouraged judges in the audience to live with the same moral fortitude for which President Lincoln was known. "Lincoln has always exemplified the foundational virtues of our society: character, leadership, justice and a commitment to excellence in whatever one endeavored."

He also emphasized the importance of our nation's justice system and the value of a properly trained judiciary. "As I look around this afternoon, I can sense the accomplishment of The National Judicial College. Many of you, after leaving this great place of learning, will go on to positions of greater importance and esteem within your respective judiciaries. I am unabashedly proud of The National Judicial College. As I said to this morning's class, I think it is one of the best resources to help you acquire the tools and sharpen your skills so that you can serve effectively on the bench."

McCormick, Reynolds, and Hearst Provide Funds to Match SJI Grant

The McCormick Tribune Foundation, the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation and the William Randolph Hearst Foundation provided most of the matching funds required for a \$120,000 grant from the State Justice Institute (SJI). The total funds, \$240,000, will be used to host five regional bench-bar-media workshops.

The regional workshops will be one-day tutorials for teams from the participating states on various ways and means to initiate and maintain dialogue between the legal and journalism communities. At the end of 2007, workshops will be held in Austin, Texas, and Columbus, Ohio. In 2008,

workshops will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, Boston, Massachusetts, and Reno, Nevada. After attending the workshops, the teams will return to their respective states and communities and begin setting up the mechanisms to foster discussions about First and Sixth Amendment areas of mutual concern.

The SJI is a non-profit organization established by federal law to award grants to improve the quality of justice in state courts nationwide, facilitate better coordination between state and federal courts, and foster innovative solutions to common problems faced by all courts. More information about SJI is available at www.statejustice.org.

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pendent private philanthropy, operating separately from the Hearst Corporation. The charitable goals of the foundation reflect the philanthropic interests of Hearst – education, health, social service and culture. Within these four areas, the foundation assists institutions in every state in providing opportunities to underserved and underrepresented populations.

Founded in 1954, the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation seeks to honor the memory of its benefactor, for whom it is named, by filling unmet needs in several areas of interest including enhancing the quality and integrity of journalism, focusing particularly on better training of journalists who serve smaller communities and on business journalism.

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"It is wonderful for the faculty to teach without fear of technical failures."

Creating a fear of technical failures.' Learning Environment

Gifts From Cord and Hawkins Foundations Show Strength in Combined Giving



wo Reno-area foundations and longtime supporters of the NJC have enabled the conversion of five NJC classrooms to "smart classrooms" – computer-driven, technology-enhanced learning forums that will save time and increase the quality of course presentations. The gifts from the E.L. Cord Foundation and the Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation incorporate permanently-installed, state-of-the-art responder systems, audio-visual equipment, sound systems, and other electronic advancements for an enhanced educational environment.

Melody Luetkehans, NJC program attorney, presented a Commercial Driver's License Faculty Development Workshop, in one of the enhanced classrooms. "The technology was seamless," she said. "It provided a multi-media, interactive participant experience, enhancing the judges' learning by giving them a variety of tools by which to absorb information. All levels of technological experience were accommodated."

Three classrooms, including the NJC's Tom C. Clark auditorium have been completed. The final two will be upgraded in the next few months. In addition to serving as a classroom, the auditorium is used frequently to host prominent national speakers. Prior to the redesign, each classroom, including the audito-

rium, was partially set up to support audio-visual presentations, but required significant preparation before each course. The new upgrades will provide the NJC's staff and faculty with the time-saving advantage of not having to do lengthy pre-class set-up.

"The General Jurisdiction course has a large faculty and in the past, AV failures have caused much frustration among faculty," explained Verdene Johnson, NJC program attorney. "The new equipment worked so flawlessly that faculty members needed little assistance. Staff was able to focus on other ways to better serve course participants. It was wonderful for the faculty to teach without fear of technical failures."

The technology improvements have raised the level of the NJC's instruction by creating a consistent and user-friendly modern audio-visual environment in the three NJC classrooms, allowing the instructors to present better presentations and learning experiences than ever before.

The E.L. Cord Foundation, a longtime supporter of The National Judicial College, was established Dec. 11, 1962, by E.L. Cord, a well-known businessperson, industrialist and innovator whose visions, ideas and principles were far ahead of the times. Cord had many business ventures, mainly in the manufacturing of automobiles, airplane and boat



What is a "Smart" Classroom?

Smart classrooms are computerdriven, technology-enhanced learning environments in which the computers, responder system, audio/visual equipment, sound systems and other equipment are permanently installed. The equipment in a smart classroom may contain the following:

- * Video Projector
- * Visual Presenter
- * Computer (with DVD drive)
- * VHS Tape Player
- * Teacher's Work Station
- * Wall or Ceiling Mount Screens

engines and electrical appliances as well as real estate. He died in 1974, and his foundation has been active in northern Nevada since that date.

The Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation is known throughout northern Nevada. Formed in 1980 through the will of Robert Ziemer Hawkins, a long-time Reno resident, lawyer and successful inventor, the Foundation's giving is geared toward charitable, religious, educational, scientific and literary organizations as well as groups that work toward preventing child and animal abuse.

"We want people to realize the value and power of combined grants and giving," expressed NJC Development Director Gretchen Struble Alt. "With the help and generosity of these two foundations, the level of learning and quality of education at The National Judicial College has risen to exceed expectations."

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Nortel Government Solutions Donates Technology to Enhance Judicial Education

ortel Government Solutions recently donated a state-of-the-art digital courtroom software system, which will enhance judicial education at the NJC.

"This is a very sophisticated piece of technology," said Steve Beckman, division vice president for Nortel Government Solutions. "The National Judicial College is a phenomenally advanced educational facility and Nortel is proud to assist the NJC in the training of judges nationwide."

The new system provides electronic evidence capture and presentation along with digital audio and video transcripts, explained Joseph Sawyer, distance learning and program manager for the NJC.

"The capability of this software is the most advanced out there," added Sawyer. "We are grateful to Nortel Government Solutions for providing us the opportunity to enhance judicial education with this powerfully advanced system. Our judges will be amazed and they will benefit greatly from it as will their communities and courtrooms.

Designed and integrated by Nortel Government Solutions, a U.S. company wholly owned by Nortel, the system includes hardware and software donated by ExhibitOne, MediaEdge, Levare and BEA Systems. The NJC system is similar to digital courtrooms in Las Vegas and Rockville, Md., operated and maintained by Nortel Government Solutions for the

"The National Judicial College is a phenomenally advanced educational facility. Nortel is proud to assist the NJC in the training of judges nationwide." Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

"Digital courtrooms – with real-time, multimedia access to evidence, testimony and other information – are the wave of the judicial future," said Chuck Saffell, chief executive officer, Nortel Government Solutions. "Working with The National Judicial College, we've created an environment where judges can be exposed to the latest technology and hone their technology and literacy skills."

Nortel Government Solutions is a network-centric integrator, providing the services expertise, mission-critical systems and secure communications that empower government to ensure the security, livelihood, and well-being of its citizens. Headquartered in Fairfax, Va., Nortel



Clockwise from back left: Steve Beckman, of Nortel Government Solutions; William Brunson, NJC special projects director; Phyllis Whittiker, NJC chief operations officer; Gretchen Struble Alt, NJC development director; and Robin Wosje, NJC chief academic officer. Government Solutions offers a onestop shop for solutions designed to improve workforce productivity, reduce operating costs, and streamline inter-agency communications.

Nortel, the parent company, is a recognized leader in delivering communications capabilities that make the promise of Business Made Simple a reality for its customers. Its next-generation technologies, for both service provider and enterprise networks, support multimedia and business-critical applications. Nortel's technologies are designed to help eliminate today's barriers to efficiency, speed and performance by simplifying networks and connecting people to the information they need, when they need it. Nortel does business in more than 150 countries around the world.



orth Carolina's Charlotte School of Law recently purchased the NJC's 50,000 law book collection. The NJC preserved the portion of its collection most often used by NJC judges in their continuing education endeavors, explained Robin Wosje, chief academic officer for the NJC

"Fortunately, we were able to find a home for them where they will be utilized in the advancement of legal and judicial education," said Wosje. "The books we sold were not being used because of the online availability of the same information. Charlotte School of Law came forward and needed the books for their law program. We felt the books would better suit the needs of law students than our judges."

The collection purchased by Charlotte School of Law consisted of three parts: volumes on various

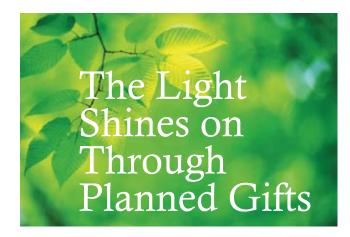
A New Home for NJC's Library Books

topics of law and sociology; statutes, state and federal codes and case law; and periodicals and journals from law schools and non-profit organizations. The collection, which has been growing since the mid 1970s, was boxed and shipped during the first part of September. The books originally came from private donors or were purchased by the NJC for specific law library needs.

"We held back the books that will further judicial training for judges and books that can be used in our courses," said Wosje.

Charlotte School of Law opened in 2006 and the new addition to its law library will help in the school's accreditation, explained Bobbie Studwell, associate dean of library and information services for Charlotte School of Law.

"The books will be used by the law students here as well as the Charlotte community," said Studwell. "We are hoping that the additional space made from the book removal will benefit the NJC as much as the books will benefit our school."



here are many ways to give to the NJC and providing a planned gift is an excellent way to leave a legacy to the NJC. Planned gifts will benefit the NJC for generations to come and provide tax benefits to donors. There are many options for leaving a legacy to the NJC. A

Sample Bequest Language

A bequest to The National Judicial College is simple to include in your will. You may instruct your legal counsel to include the following statement in your will, "I give and bequeath _______ (amount or percentage of estate) to The National Judicial College, a nonprofit organization. The purpose of this gift is (add language here, e.g., unrestricted support for the College, establishment of a scholarship fund or support for the endowment).

few examples include leaving a gift in a will, the establishment of a charitable gift annuity, and designating the NJC as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, to name a few.

"Donors who want to make a substantial gift to the NJC but cannot now because of present financial obligations, may

consider a planned gift," said Gretchen Struble Alt, the NJC's development director.

This year, an anonymous Reno couple provided the NJC with a generous bequest of \$366,000 that was designated for the NJC's endowment. Their gift will benefit judges who attend the NJC for generations to come. This gift represented just a small percentage of the couple's estate, which allowed them to contribute to other charities and provide contributions to family members.

The NJC has established a Legacy Council and all planned giving donors become members of the Council. Council members are periodically recognized and receive invitations to the NJC's events scheduled throughout the year. For more information, please contact Gretchen Struble Alt at (800) 25-JUDGE or alt@judges.org.

Donor Q & A

Hon. Karen Hunt

General Jurisdiction (Ret.), Anchorage, AK Faculty member since 1989

Why do you give to the College?

I give to the College because I believe in its mission and I trust the College to achieve it.

Why is judicial education so important?

Historically, judges only had on-the-job training to learn how to be a good judge. The quantity and quality of their training depended on who was



available when help was needed. Such a system of judicial education is a risky way to ensure quality justice. Good judicial education has standards, goals, criteria and its effectiveness can be measured. That kind of judicial education is very important to every jurisdiction in this country.

What are your feelings on the role the NJC plays in educating our nation's judges?

When The National Judicial College was created, it was the only institution of its kind. It created the mold for judicial education. Over the years, the College has learned how to be flexible so that it can continue to meet judges' needs. The College also accepted the responsibility to help train judicial educators so quality judicial education can be offered at the state level as well as nationally at the NJC. It also trains judges internationally. As a result, the two most important things that the NJC does are educate judges and train judges to educate other judges.

How has the NJC helped improve your role as a judge?

The National Judicial College gave me repeated exposure to other judges from all around the country who were facing the same problems and situations that I was facing as a judge. I could learn how other judges dealt with the same problems so I didn't have to learn everything by trial and error.

Why do you think it's important for others to give to the NJC?

To me, judges have an obligation to find ways to give back to society for the power and authority society has given us. One of the very best ways to give back is to contribute to the leading institution that provides the kind of quality judicial education that ensures the highest standards of justice can be reached and maintained. By giving to the NJC, you are giving back at all levels — state, federal and global.

Donor Generosity Allows the NJC to Give More

South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association Donation Matched by NJC Funds

n 2005, Hon. Becky Gerrard, Oconee County chief summary court judge, whose court sits in Seneca, S.C., and a representative of the South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association, presented a \$5,000 check to NJC president, Hon. William F. Dressel, to establish a scholarship fund for South Carolina limited jurisdiction judges to attend courses at the NJC. Funding was matched by the NJC and provided scholarships for three limited jurisdiction judges to attend courses at the College in 2006 and 2007.

The Special Court Jurisdiction and the Special Court Jurisdiction: Advanced courses are the foundation courses for limited jurisdiction judges. Other courses, however, may also be eligible for funding. The NJC has been fortunate, through grants from Congress, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), to be able to provide additional match funding, making the programs more attainable for the judges.

South Carolina is a state that has no in-state funding available from the Administrative Office of the Courts for limited jurisdiction judges to attend out-of-state programs. Some individual courts may have limited funding, but usually there is no financial support available to the limited jurisdiction judge through the state budget. Groups and organizations, such as the South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association, recognize the value of judicial education at the NJC and work to make it possible for the judges in their states to better serve their courts and their communities.

IOLTA Awards Provide Means for Judicial Education

nterests on Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) awards make a difference in the opportunity for judicial education and training. The North Carolina State Bar Plan for Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts and the South Carolina Bar Foundation, Inc., Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts, have consistently provided funding for judges from their respective states to attend judicial education and training at the NJC. Their pledge has allowed many judges to attend substantive law, skills and other courses at the College.

These grants have traditionally been matched by funding from the NJC through a grant from Congress. Without this funding, there would be limited opportunities for judges to increase proficiency and productivity to better serve their courts and their communities.

More Opportunities for Judicial Education Funding

The NJC is fortunate to have received awards from the Rhode Island Foundation (specifically for Rhode Island judges), endowment contributions (some state specific, some for judges in general), charitable trusts, planned giving and general gifts from private parties. These awards provide funding for education for all appellate and trial court judges, limited jurisdiction judges, administrative law judges, military judges, and tribal court judges.

Community Outreach High on the NJC's List

ach year, The National Judicial College holds several organized food/charity drives to help the local Reno community. During the summer of 2007, staff members at the College donated two barrels of non-perishable food items to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada.

"We have an extremely generous staff here at the College," said NJC Human Resources Manager Ben Davis. "Staff members are always willing to give time and donations to help our local community."

Felix Stumpf, the NJC's consultant and gardening guru, donated plenty of fresh-grown garden fare for staff members to purchase for small donations.

Registrar Muriel Bartlett and Assistant Registrar Julie

Russell coordinated the effort this year, which raised \$151 for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada.

The NJC's ongoing drive to collect toiletries for Reno-area homeless organizations has resulted in two large boxes full of shampoo, soap, toothpaste and other items, which were delivered to two charities: Project ReStart and The Ridge House. Graphic Designer/Web Manager Christina Nellemann coordinated this giving effort.

For the holiday season the NJC is also gearing up to collect clothing and toys for the Committee to Aid Abused Women (CAAW) and to collect blankets, food, treats and other supplies for the SPCA of Northern Nevada.



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Felix Stumpf 34 Years of Service to the NJC

By Heather Singer
NJC Communications Specialist

n the first part of 2008, Felix F. Stumpf, NJC publications consultant, will be reaching some significant milestones. The longtime employee of The National Judicial College will be completing the revised and expanded version of his book, "Inherent Powers of the Court," which he wrote in 1993. The book's revision has been Stumpf's latest project for the NJC, but only one of many he has tackled over the years. And, on Feb. 10, 2008, he will be celebrating his 90th birthday.

"Some of my fondest memories here are meeting the most unique judges – either as faculty mem-

bers or course participants," he said. "I always found the people who came here different because they sought to achieve just results."

Before he came to the NJC in 1973, Stumpf had earned a nationwide reputation as a continuing legal education guru. He was hired by Laurance Hyde, third dean of the NJC. The College was still in its infancy stages then, not even a decade old and boasting less than 10 employees. Three and a half decades later, Stumpf is still more devoted than ever to judicial education.

Initially, Stumpf started out as an attorney who organized and presented courses – a position known today as a program attorney. In 1974, Dean Ernst John Watts, appointed him as director of the



Circa 1956: Felix Stumpf with his employees at the University of California, at Berkeley.

Academic Department, overseeing the development and implementation of courses. In 1984, he accepted a position as professor and later served as dean of the Nevada School of Law at Old College in Reno, but still taught at the NJC during that time. He returned to the NJC in 1988 as a consultant, working on

numerous educational projects and judicial publications. His duties ranged from editing to teaching inherent powers and other topics.

"After I came back, I became sort of the all-around 'project guy," he recalled. "We had a great many State Justice Institute (SJI) projects at the time that I worked on, inheriting them before the completion of the projects."

In between working on his new edition of "Inherent Powers of the Court," Stumpf still teaches, though not as much

as he used to. Being in the classroom was the most appealing aspect of working in the judicial education field.

"I miss spending more time in the classroom because it was gratifying to see the student judges wanting to learn to become better judges," said Stumpf, who has five grown children, all boys, and nine grandchildren.

Asked about the difference between the NJC in the 1970s and 80s and now, Stumpf said it is reflective of the changes that have been taking place in the judicial system in the last several decades, "Back in the 1970s, the NJC's academic curriculum consisted mainly of civil law courses with minimal attention given to criminal subjects," he explained. "Today, there are very few civil law courses taught. Instead, the emphasis is on judicial areas often described as restorative or therapeutic such as drug, mental or DUI courts. In fact, the adversary or common law system is taking on some of the aspects of the inquisitorial system, particularly with the rising number of litigants acting pro se. In addition, we have a greater number of courses for administrative law judges and tribal judges. The College is constantly facing new academic challenges."

A health conscious fixture at the College who worked out daily until a year and a half ago, Stumpf can be found most days in his office inside the former NJC Law Library organizing research for his book. At home, he and his wife, Betty Jo, care for their feisty two-year-old miniature poodle, Zachary. Stumpf's gym workouts were replaced with the lengthy

walks his pampered pup needs each day.

Rarely does someone pass through the NJC building who does not know Stumpf – or know of him. As a matter of fact, he is often asked for by returning students, some who even knew him at the College in the 1970s. In addition to teaching, writing and working on other book publications, Stumpf contributes to the NJC's community outreach efforts. Every year, his green thumb yields a bountiful garden harvest, which is sold to staff members. The money raised is donated to the Food Bank of Northern Nevada.

Born in 1918 in Boston, Stumpf and his younger brother were raised by their mother, a vocal and piano teacher. His father, who played bass



Felix Stumpf (back row, second from left) with his Air Force comrades in the Southwest Pacific during WWII.



From left: Felix Stumpf, Scholarship Officer Nancy Copfer and Registrar Muriel Bartlett with some of Stumpf's famous fresh produce.

clarinet for the Boston Symphony, died when he was just 10 months old. In 1941, Stumpf, a 23-year-old Harvard Law School graduate found himself working

> for a large Boston law firm for less than a year before being drafted into military service. During WWII, he served as an Air Force squadron intelligence officer in the Southwest Pacific for two years.

> After the war, he settled in San Francisco in 1946 and spent the next seven years practicing corporate and commercial law. In 1953, Stumpf accepted a position at the University of California, at Berkeley, as an administrator for California's continuing legal education program, a whole new field at the time. "That was about as far from anything I thought I would ever do," he recalled. "At first I wasn't going to do it, but I went home that night and found a publication in the mail on continuing legal education. Educating lawvers after law school was new at the time. I read this article and it made such an impression on me. It convinced me to take the position."

"By 1958, continuing legal education had caught fire," said Stumpf, who spent the next 13 years building his department to more than 100 employees and grossing more than \$3 million a year. It was his mark in the continuing legal education field that spurred the NJC to call upon his skills in the early 1970s at the

mere age of 55. While many at that age were planning for retirement, Stumpf was really just beginning to open his wings. Now, with 90 just around the bend, Stumpf is still flying strong. "The only thing I can think to say about turning 90 is, well, I've had a most interesting and stimulating life," he said.

After working for more than half a century in the legal and judicial education fields, Stumpf is well-poised to offer advice to those in the legal and judicial professions. "The most important thing for judges and lawyers is for them to remain current on changes in the law and the way litigation is conducted," explained Stumpf. "Don't ever settle in your chair and think you have nothing new to do. There is always room for improvement and learning."

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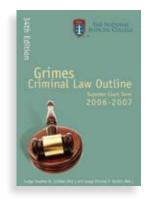
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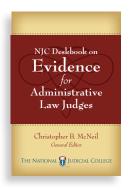
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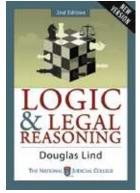


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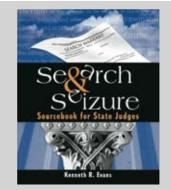
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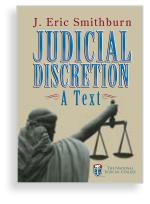


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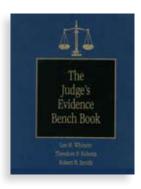


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On Oct. 18, 2007, Dorothy Ann Linton Souza's long and hard fought battle with melanoma ended. Souza was born in Lowell, Mass., Sept. 13, 1942. She attended Lowell Catholic School, and after graduating high school, she moved to Reno where she got her first job as a cocktail waitress at Harrah's. During her 14 years at Harrah's, she was also a flight attendant for William Harrah on his private planes. She would travel with Mr. Harrah and his headliners. She then worked at The National Judicial College. where she served as an alumni liaison working with judiciaries from all over the world. Her job involved working with the American Bar Association, Partners in Education, and the International Visitors Council for Northern Nevada, where she served on the board of directors for six years. While at the College, she graduated from Reno Leadership School. After 15 years of working at The National Judicial College, she began a new career working for Jones Vargas Law Firm as executive assistant to Senator William Raggio.

Mary Ryan, wife of longtime NJC faculty member, Hon. James L. Ryan, and mother of NJC faculty member, Hon. Daniel P. Ryan, passed away Nov. 3, 2007. The elder Judge Ryan, U.S. Court of Appeals, Detroit, Mich., first attended NJC courses in 1967, later joining the faculty. His son, Judge Dan Ryan, Circuit Court, Detroit, Mich., began taking NJC courses in 1995 and has been a faculty member for a decade.



Hon. Kirk R. Granier

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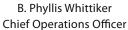
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NJC'S WHITTIKER AND WOSJE APPOINTED TO NEW POSITIONS

The NJC is pleased to announce the appointments of two longtime employees – **B. Phyllis Whittiker** as the College's new chief operations officer and **Robin E. Wosje** as the new chief academic officer.

Whittiker, who joined the NJC staff in 1998 as a program attorney and became the academic director in 2005, will be responsible for the daily non-academic operations of the College including developing, maintaining and initiating policies, procedures and

operational strategies. Prior to this recent appointment, Whittiker served as the NJC's chief academic officer

Former NJC academic director, Wosje, will now oversee the academic component of the College including curricula, faculty, learning materials and other elements essential to the judicial education process. Wosje joined the NJC staff in 2000 as a program attorney before becoming academic director in January of 2006.

NJC WELCOMES SEVERAL NEW STAFF MEMBERS

The NJC is pleased to welcome several new members to the staff. Joy Lyngar is the NJC's new academic director. She previously worked for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in Reno, NV. Timothy Hay is a new program attorney in the Academic Department and Pam Bailey is the new NJC staff accountant. Crystal Noel is a new course administrator

HON. McNEIL Appointed as Chair

NJC alumnus and faculty member, Hon. Chris McNeil, has been appointed chair of a committee formed by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland's regulatory reform task force, Advantage Ohio, to study the feasibility of creating a centralized panel of state administrative adjudicators. With this appointment, Judge McNeil is putting to use the training he gained from being a student and faculty member at the NJC.

NJC RECEPTIONIST Wins faculty Council Award

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Sharon Ehlert NJC Receptionist

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President Judge C. Darnell Jones II Addresses Attendees at NJC Event in Philadelphia

udges and attorneys from the Philadelphia area gathered to hear President Judge C. Darnell Jones II speak at the Pepper Hamilton Law Offices in Philadelphia. Judge Jones spoke about the importance of judicial education and the benefits provided to the judiciary by the NJC. Hon. William Dressel, NJC president, and Gretchen Struble Alt, development director, spoke about the work of the NJC and the Pillars of Justice Fund.

"Law firms and corporations can make an impact through their support of the Pillars of Justice Fund," Alt said. "This Fund is important since it provides funding for scholarships, has created a Research, Education and Services Fund, and allows for flexible support of programs at the College."

The event was supported by Board of Visitors members Ann Thornton Field, of Cozen O'Connor, and Ned Madeira, of Pepper Hamilton LLP. The event was attended by attorneys and judges from the Pennsylvania area.

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