



# The NAALJ News



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**AUTUMN IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL  
NAALJ ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
*Administrative Adjudication  
A "Capitol" Idea  
Fact, Fiction, Proof in the 21st Century*  
October 16-20, 2007**

The Maryland - District of Columbia Association of Administrative Adjudicators and the American University Washington College of Law host the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. October 16-20, 2007. Autumn is the perfect time of the year to visit the Nation's Capital with its grand boulevards, world-class museums, sweeping memorials, outstanding restaurants, vibrant nightclubs and unique neighborhoods.

**Host Hotel**

This year's annual conference will be held at the Washington Plaza Hotel, located at 10 Thomas Circle, N.W., Washington, D.C. It is a landmark hotel that is within a 15-minute walking distance to the White House. Famous for its famous International Lounge, the city's only outdoor hotel swimming pool, and its proximity to downtown, the Washington Plaza provides NAALJ conference attendees a unique stay.

**Hotel Registration**

The Washington Plaza Hotel has arranged a special conference rate for its guest rooms at \$195 per night for single or double occupancy. Conference registrants who present a federal, state or local government employee ID will be exempt from the District of Columbia sales tax. To make reservations you may now go on line at [www.washingtonplazahotel.com](http://www.washingtonplazahotel.com) and click "Make Reservation." Click on "Group Reservation" at the bottom of the screen. Enter the attendee code #5720. Alternatively, you can call (202) 842-1300 or 800 424-1140. The special rate is good three days before and after the conference. To obtain the special rate, you must book before September 24, 2007.

**Conference Information**

Conference registration begins on the afternoon of October 16, 2007. The NAALJ Board of Gov-

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**Special points of interest:**

- NAALJ Annual  
October 16-20, 2007  
Washington, DC
- NAALJ Midyear  
June 24-26, 2008  
Harrisburg PA
- NAALJ Annual  
October 12-14, 2008  
New York City, NY



## Autumn in the Nation's Capital (continued)

ernors will also meet that afternoon. In the evening, early conference attendees will be treated to a Welcome Cocktail reception.

The first full day of conference activity begins on October 17, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. with the opening plenary session, and the conference concludes on the evening of October 19, 2007 with the Annual Gala Awards Banquet. On Saturday, October 20, 2007 the new Board of Governors will conduct their first meeting. Organizers of the conference have left plenty of free time for attendees to tour the city and enjoy its hospitality.

### Education Information

The education theme of the conference is "Fact, Fiction, Proof in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Sessions will focus on issues that are facing the administrative adjudicator in the 21<sup>st</sup> century such as technology issues and discovery, expert review panels, evidence and credibility, and the new Model State Administrative Procedure Act. Additional conference sessions will examine the central panel systems, the independence of the administrative judiciary, security issues, eliminating bias in decision-making, legal updates and more.

### Conference Entertainment

#### Play and Reception

American University Washington College of Law is presenting District of Columbia ALJ Paul Handy's original play, *Full Truth*, a story of Thurgood Marshall's struggle to eliminate segregation of children in pub-

lic schools, as he coordinated the NAACP Legal Defense Fund presentation of *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*. A reception will follow sponsored by American University for attendees. Cost is free to all registrants.

#### United States Capitol Tour

The United States Capitol Historical Society is providing a special tour for NAALJ attendees of the U.S. Capitol of the interior and exterior of the Capitol building with highlights of its construction. Cost to NAALJ members \$20.00. You may sign up for the tour on the conference registration form. There must be a minimum of 25 persons participating. For more information concerning the historical society, log onto [www.uschs.org](http://www.uschs.org).

#### Registration Information

The conference registration fee is as follows:

- \$400 for current members of NAALJ, NAWJ, and CCAT, if paid by August 15, 2007
- \$450 for current members of NAALJ, NAWJ, and CCAT, if paid after August 15, 2007
- \$450 for non-members if paid by August 15, 2007
- \$500 for non-members if paid after August 15, 2007

The conference fee includes:

- Admission to conference sessions
- Welcome cocktail reception
- Three continental breakfasts
- Three luncheon buffets

- Reception at American University Washington College of Law
- Admission to Full Truth, a play by Judge Paul Handy
- Shuttle service to American University
- Banquet and Award Gala
- Gift attaché bag

#### Secure Online Registration

You can register online using our secure web form:

[https://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/naalj\\_form.cfm](https://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/naalj_form.cfm)

#### Registration by Fax

Send the completed registration form (page 8) and credit card information to (202) 274-4079

#### Registration by E-Mail

Forward the completed registration form and credit card information to:

secle@wcl.american.edu

#### Mail

Send the completed registration form and credit card information or check to: Office of Special Events and Continuing Education, American University Washington College of Law, 4801 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20016

#### Contact Information

For further information please contact the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, American University Washington College of Law at (202) 274-4075.

#### Conference Website

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/events/naalj>



Visit the United States Capitol Building in a Special NAALJ Tour

### NAALJ Foundation Silent Auction

A major activity on the calendar of events for this year's Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., is the Silent Auction on October 19. Proceeds go toward the NAALJ Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization of NAALJ, to support research and scholarship for administrative law judges, hearing officers, and law students interested in improving administrative justice.

The Maryland and District of Columbia Association of Administrative Adjudicators (MDCAAA) challenges state affiliates to donate an original and eye-catching gift to this year's Silent Auction reflecting the unique characteristics of their state or region. The state of Washington's affiliate did a great job with NAALJ's first Silent Auction in Seattle last year. MDCAAA urges each affiliate and every member of NAALJ to become involved in insuring that the second Silent Auction is equally as successful. For additional information on how you can donate a gift to this year's Silent Auction, please contact Dianne Harris at [diannes.harris@dc.gov](mailto:diannes.harris@dc.gov) or call her at (202) 727-2350.



## Candidates for NAALJ Leadership Positions Needed!

**By Lois Oakley**

President Catherine Bennett has appointed a Nominating Committee for the purpose of proposing a slate of candidates for each of the positions of leadership within the Association. The Nominating Committee consists of the following members in good standing:

**Lois Oakley, Past President**

Georgia—(404) 651-7850  
loakley@osah.ga.gov

**Larry Craddock, Former President**

Texas—(514) 474-4248  
lcraddock@banking.state.tx.us

**Jim Horan, Board Member**

**(Term Expires 2007)**  
New York—(518) 402-0748  
Jfh01@health.state.ny.us

**David Marcus, Former Board Member**

Oregon—(503) 947-1744  
David.g.marcus@state.or.us

**Tom Dewberry, Board Member**

**(Term Expires 2007)**

Maryland—(410) 229-4105

tdewberry@oah.state.md.us

You are encouraged to contact members of the Nominating Committee with your suggestions for candidates for Officers and Member of the Board of Governors. The Nominating Committee will determine a slate of candidates for President-Elect, Treasurer and Secretary, as well as four positions on the Board of Governors.

Please provide your suggestions by **August 20, 2007.**

## 2007 Fellowship and 2008 Topic Announced

The National Association of Administrative Law Judges Foundation (NALJF) awards a fellowship including a \$1,000 stipend each year to a successful applicant who prepares an original paper on a topic relevant to administrative adjudication. The paper is published in the Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary and delivered at

the NAALJ annual conference.

This year NALJF has awarded the Fellowship to Chief Administrative Law Judge Julian Mann from North Carolina on the topic: "Administrative Due Process and Enemy Combatants." His address will be on October 18, 2007, at the 2007 NAALJ Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

The NALJF Fellowship Committee has also chosen the Fellowship topic for 2008: "Deference to the Administrative Law Judge's Decision: Fact or Fiction?"

More information about the 2008 Fellowship can be found at <http://www.naalj.org/foundation.html>.



## Nominations Being Sought for Roskopf Award

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Roskopf Award for Judicial Professionalism and Ethics. This award is given by NAALJ on a yearly basis to a judge who embodies the qualities of judicial success, such as moral courage, fairness, patience, mercy, decisiveness, innovation, intellect, intelligence, dignity, honesty and integrity.

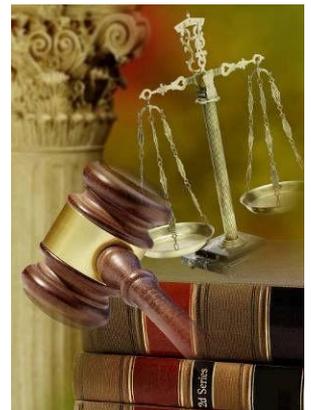
The first award was given posthumously in 1998-99 to the Honorable Victor John (Vic) Roskopf of Missouri, who served as treasurer of NAALJ at the time of his death.

In past years, the award has been given to the Hon. Arthur A. Gladstone, the Hon. Sammie

Chess Jr., the Hon. John W. Hardwicke, the Hon. Stan Cygan, and the Hon. Janet Raider.

Nomination letters should summarize the achievements of the nominee and should be submitted no later than **August 31, 2007**. Nominations can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to the Roskopf Committee Chair, Hon. Janet Raider, at:

Office of Administrative Hearings  
35-36 Fountain Place  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
Email: Janet.Raider@ky.gov  
Fax: 502-564-4973



## NEWS FROM STATE AFFILIATES

### West Virginia News—Our Newest Affiliate!

**By Melissa Marland, President**

The West Virginia Association of ALJs (WVAALJ) formed a NAALJ Affiliate March 2007. WVAALJ officers are President—Melissa Marland, Chief ALJ Public Service Commission; President-elect—Henry Haslebacher, Deputy Chief ALJ Insurance Commission;

Treasurer—John Poindexter, Hearing Examiner Insurance Commission; Secretary—Rebecca Sheppard Rodak, ALJ Insurance Commission.

On July 24, 2007, WVAALJ will have its first CLE program with a discussion of a recent West Virginia Supreme Court case, *Heeter Construction v.*

*Human Rights Commission*, that held the ALJ failed to maintain adequate control of the hearing. WVAALJ will hold at least four short CLE programs during the year. We will also have a full-day CLE program each year. WVAALJ's website is at <http://pages.suddenlink.net/wvaalj/>



**NEWS FROM STATE AFFILIATES (continued)**

**Georgia Affiliate News**

**By Kristin Miller, President**

This year is shaping up to be a busy one for the Georgia Association of Administrative Judiciary (“GAAJ”).



In March, GAAJ provided a hospitality suite during a three-day joint training seminar sponsored by the State Board of Workers’ Compensation and Georgia’s central administrative judiciary panel, the Office of State Administrative Hearings (OSAH). The seminar took place at the exquisite Jekyll Island Club Hotel, a historic hotel that once served as an exclusive club for the most prestigious American families. Located on Jekyll Island, one of Georgia’s scenic and minimally developed barrier islands, the club once entertained such American icons as J.P. Morgan, Joseph Pulitzer, and William K. Vanderbilt. The ALJ training covered several topics of importance to the administrative judi-

ciary, including evidentiary issues, judicial ethics, and stress reduction techniques. When the judges were not in the training seminar, they enjoyed the GAAJ-sponsored hospitality suite, which was filled to overflowing with food and drink for the ALJs and their guests. The judges took advantage of this unique opportunity to network and meet with other ALJs from all parts of Georgia.



In June GAAJ and the Administrative Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia cosponsored an administrative law luncheon held at OSAH. Justice Harold Melton of the Georgia Supreme Court was the guest of honor and featured speaker. In his remarks, Justice Melton reflected on the two years that have passed since he was appointed to the Supreme Court, and he spoke eloquently on the importance of collegiality and

respectful discourse among judges in creating a body of case law that fosters popular support for the rule of law. He also cracked a few jokes that had the lawyers and judges rolling in the aisles! The attendees, which included ALJs, hearing officers, and attorneys who regularly practice in the field of administrative law, filled OSAH’s newest and largest courtroom nearly to capacity, and GAAJ utilized this opportunity to promote membership.

The current board (President Kristin Miller, Vice-President Stephanie Howells, Secretary Patrick Woodard, and Treasurer Lynda Moser) is also planning two more events for the second half of the year.

In October, GAAJ will host a seminar on the timely and important topic of court interpreters, as ALJs are seeing more requests for interpreters due to increasing numbers of parties whose primary language is not English. GAAJ will also be assisting with a national invitational mock trial tournament for law students to be held in Atlanta in November. GAAJ is looking forward to these events and to a prosperous 2008.



**Louisiana Affiliate News**

**By Ann Bolner, Vice-President**

The Louisiana Association of Administrative Law Judges (LAALJ) held its Annual Meeting/Crawfish Boil on May 18, 2007, in Baton Rouge, near the Louisiana State University campus. The meeting was attended by approximately 30 administrative law judges from across

the state.

The new LAALJ officers are:

President, Judge Pam Moses-Laramore, Louisiana Department of Labor; President Elect, Judge Bonnie Johnson, Louisiana Department of Labor; Vice President of Education, Judge Alvin Landry, Louisiana Divi-

sion of Administrative Law; Vice President of Communications, Judge Anne Bolner, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals; Secretary, Judge Marilyn Grimes, Louisiana Department of Labor; Treasurer, Judge Adaora Chukudebelu, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals.

**Alaska Affiliate News**

**By Mary Alice McKeen**

The Alaska Association of Administrative Law Judges has about 10 members in Anchorage and Juneau. We meet monthly (except in the summer) with the Juneau group linked by telephone to folks in Anchorage. Current officers include

President, Andrew Hemenway, Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), State of Alaska; Vice President, Katy Howard, OAH; Secretary, Ed Hein, Office of Administrative Appeals (OAA), National Marine Fisheries Service; Treasurer, Mark Handley, OAH; National Liai-

son, Mary Alice McKeen, OAA. At our monthly meetings, we discuss issues that have arisen in our work, recent cases on administrative law, employment opportunities and educational events we have attended or that might be of interest to our members.



## New York Affiliate News

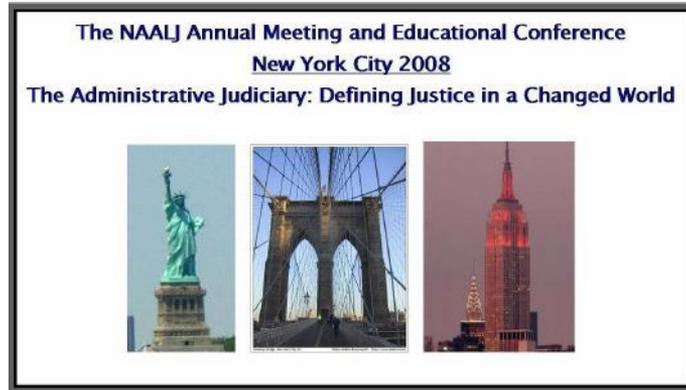
By John Farrell, President

NYSALJA will host the 2008 NAALJ Conference in New York City on October 12, 13 (Columbus Day), and 14, 2008. Planning is moving forward on this exciting conference.

The conference will be held at the New York Marriott Financial Center, 85 West Street, New York, NY 10006. This striking hotel, with a pool and workout room, is located in the heart of the New York's historic financial district, just a few blocks from the Hudson River and a waterfront park with breathtaking views of Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty.

The conference will include at least 16 CLE credit hours, administered by the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA), our major partner in this venture. Founded in 1908, the New York County Lawyers' Association has historically been one of the largest and most influential county bar associations in the country. Other partners so far include the City University of New York (CUNY) Law School and the NYC Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH).

This first NAALJ conference in New York City since 1980 promises to be an unforgettable event! More details will be available at the end of summer.



In other NYSALJA news, member Sean O'Brien, the Chief ALJ at the New York State Department of Health, has been called to active duty in the New York National Guard. Sean will serve at the Judge Advocate General's Office in the Guard Headquarters outside Albany until June of 2008. We all thank Sean for his service. While Sean is on active duty, James Horan, Member of NAALJ Board of Governors and past president of NYSALJA, was appointed as Acting Chief ALJ of the New York State Department of Health.

Judge Catherine Bennett, NAALJ President and past president of NYSALJA, was recently invited to speak at the 4th International and 23rd Annual Conference hosted by the Council of Canadian Administrative Tribunals, held at the Westin Bayshore, in Vancou-

ver, British Columbia, Canada. In a segment entitled "The World Report," highlighting trends and developments in the United States, Australia and Canada, Judge Bennett presented a comparative analysis between the American Bar Association's recently endorsed Model State Administrative Tax Tribunal Act and the successful administrative forum under which she has served for the past 18 years, the New York State Division of Tax Appeals and Tax Appeals Tribunal, which in large part served as the basis for the Model Act.

NYSALJA President John Farrell's article entitled "Administrative Alternatives to Judicial Congestion," prepared in conjunction with the 2006 NAALJ Fellowship Award, has now been published in the Spring 2007 issue of the Journal of the NAALJ.



## Maryland/DC Affiliate News

By Neil Alexander, President

At its annual meeting on June 8, 2007, at the Washington Plaza Hotel, the members of the Maryland and District of Columbia Association of Administrative Adjudicators elected its officers and new board for the 2007-2008 year. Elected officers are: Neil Alexander, President; Jim Murray, President-

Elect; Joan Davenport, Vice-President; Paul Handy, Secretary; and William England; Treasurer. New board members are Tyrone Butler, Tom Dewberry, Robert McGowan, E. Savannah Little, A. Michael Nolan and Past President Dennis Sober.

Bert Brandenburg, Executive

Director of Justice at Stake Campaign spoke to the membership about his organization and how it educates the public about special interests attacks on the judiciary and how to seek reforms. Mr. Brandenburg's organization is beginning to focus on the administrative judiciary and plans to speak at the upcoming annual conference.



### FLORIDA FORMING A NAALJ AFFILIATE !

The State of Florida is proud to announce that it intends to complete the formation of an affiliate of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary (NAALJ). Eleven Administrative Law Judges of the Florida Division of Administrative Hearings, and counting, have agreed to become the initial members of the affiliate. They intend to form the affiliate before the end of July 2007. Once formed, the affiliate's membership efforts will begin in earnest.

## Like Déjà vu All Over Again in Des Moines

**By Richard Boulanger  
Hearing Examiner  
Vermont Agency of Transportation**

Sometimes going back can be just as enjoyable as the first time. Have you ever returned from a conference or trip thinking about what you would have done differently if you'd only experienced what you now know to be the situation? Well, if you attended the 2006 Des Moines Mid-year Educational Conference, that opportunity recently presented itself.

A great conference/training experience must have excellent accommodations, a great program, and numerous opportunities to network and socialize with your peers. Last year's summer conference in Des Moines—which in this writer's opinion is still the finest conference he's ever attended—would be hard to emulate. I doubted whether it could be done, especially on such short notice. But it was the end of May, and I'd spent every evening for the past week chopping up blowdowns. I was tired of the black flies, moose, high water, and cold, rainy, spring weather prevalent this time of year in the Kingdom. It was time for a change. Needing some additional Judicial College credits and looking at the reasonable cost for the trip, I decided to use some air miles credits and attend the 2007 Midyear in Des Moines.

For one, the same great 2006 accommodations were present. The Des Moines Embassy Suites offered the same central loca-

tion, free happy hour, free breakfast, and a spacious room. An added bonus for returnees was that having tried nearby restaurants last year, you had the opportunity to return to the ones you liked.

Last year's program, two years in planning, was hard to top. Instead, the sponsors, Iowa Workforce Development and the Iowa Association of Administrative Law Judges, and their partners, NAALJ, the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, and the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals, opted for a different direction by "Bringing Reno to Des Moines."

The National Judicial College presented this year's training program, "Achieving an Impartial Environment in Administrative Adjudication." This was no torturous two day-long training lecture. Over the two days, attendees were provided detailed information and tips on recognizing and eliminating biases as they appear during the course of hearings, identifying ways in which we as administrative adjudicators can help build an impartial hearing process by maintaining a bias-free ethical standard, ensuring a bias-free hearing process, and communicating decisions using neutral, bias-free language. Presenters Ken Kawaichi and Phyllis Carter (both of whom are acting judges and familiar to NAALJ members), Kathleen Sikora, Esq., and Kelly Tait mixed participatory and interactive exercises with skillful use of lecture and video materials to keep everybody interested and informed.

Going back provided another opportunity to renew and update old friendships and make new ones. The 110 attendees included ALJs from New York, Florida, Texas, Maryland, Washington DC, Minnesota, South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Nebraska, West Virginia, Utah, Wisconsin, Vermont, and Pennsylvania. Iowa ALJs and agency legal staff showed their commitment to achieving impartiality in administrative adjudication through the over 80 Iowa attendees. Many expressed their pleasure at being able to earn CLE and ethics credits at so reasonable a price in such an informative and entertaining fashion. For those judicators like myself looking to earn credits towards an NJC professional judicial development certificate, I found attending this training a very economical and pleasant chance to earn NJC 2.5 credits.

All in all, an informative and enjoyable training opportunity and conference. Good job, Iowa!



*Richard Boulanger enjoys course discussion*



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### Elected Officers and Board Members

#### OFFICERS

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Hon. L. David Brunke (TX)	President-Elect
Hon. Robert S. Cohen (FL)	Secretary
Hon. Steven Wise (IA)	Treasurer
Hon. Lois F. Oakley (GA)	Past President

#### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Hon. Toni White (Bogan) (AR)	(term expires 2008)
Hon. Thomas E. Dewberry (MD)	(term expires 2007)
Hon. Janet Raider (KY)	(term expires 2008)
Hon. James F. Horan (NY)	(term expires 2007)
Hon. Beverly Sherman Nash (DC)	(term expires 2008)
Hon. Peter L. Plummer (MI)	(term expires 2008)
Hon. Brian Watkins (WA)	(term expires 2007)

## Des Moines Conference Photos



*Conference guests had front row seats for the World-Cup Triathlon at the Conference Hotel*



*Triathletes round the turn for the final leg to finish at the Capitol Grounds*



*NJC Instructor Kathleen Sikora addresses Conference participants*



*NJC Instructor Kelly Tait presents bias-free communication tips*



*Eliminating bias can be fun!*



*NJC Instructor Phyllis Carter graciously continues the dialogue during a break*



*NAALJ President Cathy Bennett greets guests from West Virginia and Minnesota*



*NAALJ President-Elect David Brunke toasts a successful conference with President Bennett and Secretary Bob Cohen*

## Diamond Shines at Emmys

**By Jim Murray**  
**Administrative Law Judge**  
**MD Office of Administrative Hearings**

Unlike in the past, this year Administrative Law Judge Yvette Diamond of the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearing (OAH), was very interested in the Emmys – she won an Emmy for her video, *Branded DUI*.

Several years ago Judge Diamond, who has been an ALJ over seven years, began work on a bar association public education project. When she began the project she had no idea of how deep her commitment to that project would become. As the project evolved, a video on underage drinking and driving, it was heartily embraced by everyone—the bar, educators and the OAH. Judge Diamond took her idea to Maryland Public Television (MPT), and it was embraced there as well. Steve Smith, editor/production designer from MPT, was instrumental to the final product. Besides his editing wizardry, he helped with many of the concepts incorporated into the final production, often on his own time. He also enlisted his colleagues at MPT to assist with lights, additional sound and additional footage, so the video, as Judge Diamond explained, “was not just a bunch of “talking heads”.” According to Judge Diamond, her success, in large part, was due to the help of her colleagues at OAH and the cooperation of management in helping her to find time to work on the project.

*Branded DUI* debuted at the National Aquarium in Baltimore on April 9, 2006. The debut was a rather upscale event; it was well attended by Judge Diamond’s colleagues at OAH, the bar, the judiciary, educators and representatives from all branches of government. More importantly, the initial public screening was very well received by all in attendance. The video was sent to all of the high schools in Maryland with a letter of endorsement from Dr. Nancy Grasmick, Secretary of the Maryland State Department of Education. Schools around the State now offer programs featuring *Branded DUI*. Additionally, largely as a result of her video,

Judge Diamond was chosen as the ABA-NHTSA Administrative Law Judicial Fellow for 2006-2007. Although Judge Diamond has many responsibilities in that capacity, *Branded DUI* plays a key role.

When Judge Diamond learned she had been Emmy nominated as Producer of *Branded DUI* (the category was Teen (13 and up) Program/Special), she was surprised and elated. When she learned she had won the Emmy, she was ecstatic, and even more surprised. She shouldn’t have been. Judge Diamond’s public education project has been accomplished as she envisioned. *Branded DUI* is not just a bunch of talking heads; it is much more. It is a very professional production that features young drivers from all backgrounds and socio-economic strata who have gotten caught drinking and driving sharing their compelling and often sad stories. It is a very powerful tool to help educate drivers, young and not so young, to the dangers of drinking to excess and driving.

The Emmy awards ceremony was held on Saturday evening, June 16, 2007 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Washington, D.C. It was slated to be a very gala event. Judge Diamond decided to celebrate in style and attend with an eclectic group of friends, family and colleagues. The group included fellow adventure seekers who Judge Diamond met on trips to either Africa, Australia or both, Bella, Amy and Myra; her long time friend and former client Jay; Marc Nachman and Jim Murray, ALJs from OAH; her long-time hair stylist and friend Sue; and, of course, her parents. Judge Diamond engaged a stretch limousine to ensure that the group got to the ceremony on time and in style. Her planning paid off. The limo ride to the ceremony was hassle free and fun. Sue broke out some champagne, but Judge Diamond abstained to be in top form for her acceptance speech.

Once at the hotel we found our way to our assigned table through a maze of people, several of whom were easily recognizable as local TV personalities. Amy swore she saw Ben Affleck, but no one else did. Of course Amy also had some champagne

during our trip from to D.C. Our table had a good overview of the room, but was tucked back in a corner. Judge Diamond remained composed, but was clearly very excited about the prospect of receiving her very own Emmy. After a fine meal, the business of awarding the Emmy’s began. It was a long, but interesting process – short clips of the nominees’ work were shown. The presenters were well known on-air personalities in the Baltimore/Washington market; however, most Emmy winners were not on-air personalities. Our table turned out to be in an excellent location: the table next to ours was full of Emmy winners from MPT!

Finally, Judge Diamond’s category was announced and the Emmy awarded. She took the stage, radiant in her Desperate Housewives dress (that’s a different story). Although nervous, she accepted the award with aplomb and dignity, giving all proper credit where credit was due, all within her allotted time. What could be better than winning an Emmy? Winning two Emmys! Besides Judge Diamond’s Emmy as Producer of *Branded DUI*, Steve Smith also won an Emmy as Editor. Judge Diamond was quite happy with her Emmy and the fact that *Branded DUI* won two Emmys. The limo ride back to Baltimore was even more festive than the trip to D.C. There was more champagne, toasting, and everyone donned their Pink Flamingo head bands (Judge Diamond got them at the Hon Festival in Baltimore City As in “Welcome to Balmer, hon.”)

Judge Diamond’s Emmy is a well-deserved and a fitting symbol of the hard work and effort she poured into the project. Although the Emmy is perhaps the most salient reminder of her efforts in producing *Branded DUI*, she has received considerable recognition for her work from others as well – not only locally, but nationally and even internationally. She will be a speaker at T2007, an international toxicology conference in Seattle in August. In October, Judge Diamond will lead a discussion about *Branded DUI* at the NAALJ Conference in Washington D.C.



### Administrative Adjudication: A "Capitol" Idea

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October 16 – 20, 2007

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**GENERAL REGISTRATION**

**REGISTRATION FEE, includes: three lunches, three breakfasts, two receptions, Gala Dinner, attendance at the play, CLE Accreditation.**  
*Please note that program materials will be available on the NAALJ and WCL websites after the conference*

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**INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR TOUR OF THE U.S. CAPITOL (Wednesday, October 17)**

\$20 per person, with a minimum of 25 individuals participating, to include transport \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GUESTS**

- \$80 for Gala Dinner \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$25 for Lunch per day  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$15 for breakfast per day  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL DUE FOR SELF AND GUEST(S) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT**

**Check**

Print and mail this registration form, together with your check made payable to Washington College of Law, to American University Washington College of Law, Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education, 4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20016

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**PLAY**

I will attend the play and bring  guest(s) – no charge

**AUCTION**

I would like to donate the following item for the Auction \_\_\_\_\_

All proceeds will go to the NAALJ Scholarship

**CLE ACCREDITATION**

If you would like CLE Accreditation, please indicate which state(s)

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