



The NAALJ News

2012 EN BANC IN NEW ORLEANS FIRST EVER NAALJ/FALJC JOINT CONFERENCE

September 9-12

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Special Point of Interest:

- NAALJ 2012 Annual Conference
September 9-13, 2012
New Orleans, LA



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Don't miss this opportunity to join colleagues from across the country for an extraordinary conference.

Any realtor will tell you that location is key when it comes to real estate. The same is true when it comes to finding a great conference venue. Access the lovely Ritz-Carlton Hotel in New Orleans from its entrances on Canal Street or the French Quarter. The opening reception on Sunday evening will be held in the Ritz-Carlton Courtyard. Greet old friends and make new ones while enjoying the sounds of cool jazz in beautiful surroundings, fabulous canapés and cocktails. FALJC attendees will gather for dinner afterwards at the Ritz. NAALJ attendees are welcome to purchase a ticket and join them.

After a welcoming speech from Louisiana Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne, attendees will experience a fast-paced program of interesting and relevant judicial education. Course topics include recent developments in administrative law, evidence issues, social media and ethics. There will also be sessions on technology in the courtroom. Panelists will discuss case-management, e-filing and paperless files. Learn about the use of remote/audio-visual testimony and capturing the record. There will be break-out sessions that will be useful for every judge, whether her caseload is high-volume or high-complexity. Special education, mediation and managing conflict will be addressed. Thought provoking topics such as the comparison of civil law and common law, judicial review as a check on democracy and the role of central panels in the administrative law process will also be covered.

What would a trip to New Orleans be without trying the local cuisine? Frankly, we don't know and don't care to find out. Breakfast will be provided each morning at the Ritz. Optional events include a traditional jazz brunch at the famed Court of Two Sisters Restaurant on Monday. There will be something to please all foodies in attendance. There will also be an opportunity to try out for "So You Think You Can Dance?" Cajun-style. All while enjoying a buffet of New Orleans favorites at a casual local favorite, Mulate's. The live Cajun band will play for both dining and dancing. Don't worry if you have two left feet. The most popular Cajun dance is called a two-step so set your feet for a 1-2 beat and dance the night away.

2012 En Banc in New Orleans



The Louisiana affiliate, shown at their recent annual meeting, looks forward to welcoming you to New Orleans!

Tuesday brings the NAALJ Challenge Grant Luncheon and an optional evening excursion to “Dine Around” at your choice of several French Quarter restaurants. We are excited about this opportunity for attendees to try some of New Orleans’ favorite restaurants with old friends or new ones. Whether your reservation is for one or more, please sign up for this great culinary experience.

Guests of attendees will have plenty of opportunities to mix and mingle. Please check out the optional guided walking tours of the French Quarter and the Garden District. Stop by the hospitality desk at appointed times if you want some company poking around in the antique shops on Royal Street or visiting the Aquarium or Insectarium. The options are practically endless. Check out the website for the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau for more ideas.

While FALJC attendees are having a two-day seminar, NAALJ will continue its tradition of hosting three days of learning and fellowship. On Wednesday night, you will not want to miss the NAALJ Silent Auction, benefitting the NAALJ Foundation. The NAALJ banquet that follows it will be a fun and fabulous culinary experience. FALJC attendees are invited to purchase tickets and join in the festivities. As a final farewell to the NAALJ/FALJC conference, an optional event will be held in conjunction with the Central Panel Conference Chairs who will also be meeting in New Orleans.

Please join fellow NAALJ/FALJC colleagues for an amazing educational opportunity in the lovely Crescent City, New Orleans, Louisiana. Please visit our conference website for more information on the conference and registration.
<http://www.naalj.org/2012-annual-conference-home>



President's Message

By Hon. John G. Farrell
NAALJ President

After enjoying a busy, but very mild, winter here in the Hudson Valley of New York State, I had the pleasure of attending our 2012 Mid-Year conference in Reno, Nevada in April. That conference was a great success and has strengthened our professional relationship with our planning partner, the National Judicial College (NJC), a national leader in judicial education. The conference took place at their state-of-the-art facility on the NJC Campus. The program, planned by Steve Wise from NAALJ and Susan Conyers from NJC, was first-rate and very well received by the conference attendees. The topics were wide-ranging and very engaging, with highlights including decision writing, social networking for judges, working with interpreters, and implicit bias. An optional excursion to the historic CalNeva Resort on Lake Ta-

hoe was greatly enjoyed by many conference attendees. Congratulations to Steve Wise and Susan Conyers for all their hard work on this very successful conference!

In other news, unfortunately, the hoped-for **ABA** group discount for NAALJ members has been postponed indefinitely by the ABA. We will let you know if their position changes on this issue in the future.

I am pleased to report that the NAALJ Board has approved establishment of the **Special Education Section**. This marks the very first NAALJ Section to be formally established. The following initial officers of this Section were also approved. Chair: S. James Rosenfeld (WA), Vice Chair: Mary Schwartz (IL), and Secretary-Treasurer: Clara L. Slifkin (CA). Congratulations and good luck to the newly formed Section!

As most of you know by now, the **2012 NAALJ Annual Conference** will take place in **New Orleans on September 9-13, 2012**. This conference is hosted by the Louisiana Association of Administrative Law Judges (LAALJ). For the very first time, NAALJ will be holding a joint conference with our federal ALJ counterparts and their professional organization: the Federal Administrative Law Judges Conference (FALJC). Following this first joint project, we hope to continue to develop and strengthen our professional relationship with FALJC in the coming years. Our tireless New Orleans Planning Team consists of Valerie Meiners (LAALJ), Maggie Anderson (NAALJ) and James Gilbert (FALJC). (*We can all practice our acronyms this summer!*) I'd like to thank them all in advance for what promises to be an unforgettable conference. The Conference venue is the lovely Ritz-Carlton on Canal Street, just adjacent to the historic French Quarter. Register soon and don't delay! This conference is expected to be very popular.



I am also pleased to report that the 2013 Mid-Year Conference location has been chosen. Save the dates of **April 14-16, 2013**, for the 2013 NAALJ Mid-Year Conference to be held in historic Williamsburg, Virginia. This mid-year conference will be hosted by the Virginia Association of Administrative Law Judges and Hearings Officers (VAALJHO) and our venue will be the Williamsburg Hospitality House, located just blocks from Historic Colonial Williamsburg. The Conference Planning Chair is Robert S. O'Neal, current president of the Virginia Affiliate and also a member of the NAALJ Board. Stay tuned to www.naalj.org for more updates on the 2013 NAALJ Mid-Year Conference.

With respect to 2013 Annual Conference, we are now in discussions with the Illinois Association of Administrative Law Judges. Watch for a formal announcement later in the summer.

As always, I strongly encourage all members to try to attend a NAALJ conference in the next year, especially if you have never done so. These conferences provide a rare opportunity to engage with other adjudicative professionals, who know first-hand what our job is all about, and who are actively working to improve our profession. You will meet remarkable judges at these conferences and have an opportunity to share your own expertise with others. Moreover, attending these conferences is just plain fun, with a chance to explore a new city and make new friends in the profession.

I understand that it can be logistically and financially challenging to attend a conference. I encourage you to check with your government agencies regarding their professional leave policy and to inquire with your agencies, and professional unions (if applicable) regarding possible financial reimbursement for attendance at NAALJ Conferences. Remember that many professional expenses, including costs to attend professional conferences, can be tax deductible. If you are interested in more active involvement with NAALJ, you may wish to consider applying for an Affiliate or Non-Affiliate Challenge Grant. You can read more about these grants later in this newsletter.

Please let us know what's on your mind and if there are issues on which you would like to see NAALJ become more active. I look forward to hearing from you this summer and to seeing many of you in New Orleans in September!

NAALJ New Orleans Conference Sponsorship Update

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By Cathy Bennett and Peter Loomis
NAALJ Sponsorship Committee Co-chairs

With more potential sponsors in the wings, NAALJ is proud to announce our current Gold, Silver, Bronze and Tote Bag Sponsors for the Association's 2012 Annual Conference at the Ritz-Carlton in New Orleans. Joining us for the second consecutive year as our single Gold Sponsor is **Sustain Technologies, Inc.**, which was also our Gold Sponsor at our April 2012 Mid-Year Conference in Reno. Sustain's eCourt is a completely Web-based case processing system, developed from over 25 years of delivering successful case management systems to large and small courts and justice agencies in two provinces, eleven states and three countries. We invite you to explore Sustain's products and services at its website (<http://sustain.net>). On Tuesday afternoon of the Conference, David Smith of Sustain will participate in a plenary session currently entitled "Technology in the Courtroom, Part 1: Case-Management, E-Filing, and Paperless Files."



Joining NAALJ for the second time this year as a Silver Sponsor, having also been with us in Reno, is **Infocom Systems Services, Inc.** Infocom's JACS (Judicial Agile and Configurable Systems) is a suite of full-featured software products for event-driven and agile Case Management, Automated Scheduling and Calendar/Docket Management. In business for more than 22 years, Infocom has the distinction of being one of the vendors participating in the Courtroom 21 project (NCSC and Law College of William and Mary) demonstrating the "Courtroom of the Future." We invite you to visit Infocom's website (<http://infocomsystems.com>). During the breakfast hour in New Orleans on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, P.K. Gupta and Mark Gruensfelder of Infocom Systems Services, Inc. will make a presentation about its products and services.

Making its very first appearance as a NAALJ sponsor is **ForTheRecord**, which will be with us in New Orleans as a Bronze Sponsor. FTR is a global leader, dedicated to providing digital recording and content management solutions for justice and public safety venues. It specializes in court recording, digital court reporting, and interview room recording among other applications. FTR solutions are sold through a global network of authorized resellers and systems integrators and can be found in over 22,500 recording venues located across 55 countries. Please refer to FTR'S website (<http://www.fortherecord.com>) for more information about its products and services. On Tuesday afternoon of the Conference, FTR will participate in a plenary session presently entitled "Technology in the Courtroom, Part 3: Capturing the Record," which will provide an industry view of capturing the court record with a focus on educating and informing ALJs on the topics of stenography and audio video solutions.

No conference is complete without a tote bag, and joining us in New Orleans in September as our Conference Tote Bag Sponsor is **Westlaw**, a Thomson Reuters Company. Please refer to Westlaw's website (<http://www.westlaw.com>) for more information about Westlaw's wide range of products and services.

We thank all of our sponsors for their participation in our New Orleans conference. Without their support, NAALJ would not be able to hold these conferences and keep costs affordable for attendees.

NAALJ Goes Back to Our Roots!

Save the dates of April 14-16, 2013, for the 2013 NAALJ Mid-Year Conference to be held in wonderful, historic Williamsburg, Virginia! The conference will be hosted by the Virginia Association of Administrative Law Judges and Hearing Officers (VAALJHO) and our destination is the beautifully appointed Williamsburg Hospitality House, located just blocks from Historic Colonial Williamsburg. We have gotten a conference rate that will reflect the current prevailing state and federal per diem rates, which is currently \$96 for single/double/king rooms. The conference rate is valid for the two days prior to and one day after the conference, so plan your stay accordingly without a major hit to your wallet! Reservations can be made beginning June 1, 2012 by mentioning our group name, The National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary, when making your reservations (1-757-229-4020 or www.williamsburghospouse.com).

About the Hotel/Conference site

Williamsburg Hospitality House is an independent luxury hotel within walking distance to the historic area of Colonial Williamsburg and across the street from The College of William and Mary. Featuring a lovely blend of 18th century tranquility and modern convenience, guests may choose from 296 elegant guestroom accommodations including suites, each with city or courtyard views.



Hotel amenities include a laptop lounge, pool, WiFi, complimentary underground parking, two restaurants and tavern, meeting and banquet facilities for up to 400 guests, fitness center and the best location in Williamsburg.

Close to local attractions, guests at Williamsburg Hospitality House may visit nearby Jamestown, the Governor's Palace, and many other historical attractions in Colonial Williamsburg. This hotel is also a member of Stash Hotel Rewards, a premium hotel rewards program. You may enroll in the program by going to www.stashrewards.com/invite/DXGPGH.

If you enroll in Stash Rewards, you may accrue rewards at this and other premium properties.

About the Conference Content

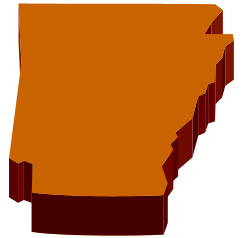
Stay tuned to www.naalj.org for more updates on the 2013 Mid-Year NAALJ Conference planning, content, speakers, and excursions. An electronic survey will be administered this summer to poll our membership for desired tracks and conference content. If you would like to be on the planning committee, please contact Robert O'Neal at 804-213-4566 or Robert.oneal@abc.virginia.gov.

NEWS FROM THE STATES

Arkansas Affiliate News

By Robert Hunt

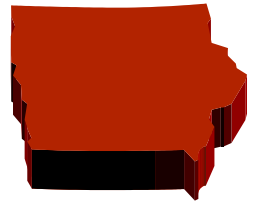
Our 2012 Administrative Law Judges and Hearing Officers 2012 Continuing Legal Education conference was great--ArkAAA secured 24 new members and we all had a great time. In our two days, we covered topics from HIPAA, HIT, and the new up-coming national on-line medical health information data base, evaluating credibility, and decision making and opinion writing from the Appeals Court level. We also had speakers on topics such as courtroom management (security to using interpreters), and using video and telephone conferencing effectively. Our State Attorney General's office furnished us a speaker regarding the Freedom of Information Act and specialized information regarding ethics in our lives and on the job was very interesting. Despite these and other topics, we also had time to spread the word about the upcoming national NAALJ conference and plan to give away scholarships and stipends to encourage our membership to attend in the near future.



Iowa Affiliate News

By Steve Wise

IAALJ President Lynette Donner and Steve Wise attended the NAALJ Mid-Year Conference in Reno, Nevada, in April. IAALJ's Spring ALJ CLE was held on April 16, 2012. Judges Ann Brenden and John Priester made an excellent presentation on Judicial Ethics in the Internet Age focused on technology and social media. The short film, The Response, a dramatization of the Guantanamo Combatant Status Review Tribunals, was screened with Writer-Producer-Actor Sig Libowitz, Drake Law School Professor Mark Kende, and Southern Illinois Law School Professor Chris Behan participating. Tips for Good Media Relations were presented by Jeff Eckhoff, Des Moines Register Reporter; and Geoff Greenwood, Communications Director, Attorney General's Office. Iowa Court of Appeals Judge Michael Mullins gave us Hints for Effective Hearing Management. Judge Joel Novak's View from the Bench provided some comic relief from our usual serious educational fare. Finally, we were updated on Administrative Law case law and legislative developments by Jim Elliot, Deputy Workers' Compensation Commissioner; and Joe Royce, Legislative Services Agency Staff Attorney. Check <http://www.naalj.org/iowa> for the latest on what is happening with IAALJ.



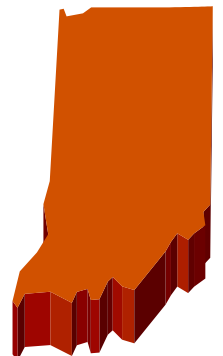
Indiana Affiliate News

By Catherine Gibbs

Indiana has formed a new affiliate, the Indiana Association of Administrative Law Judges (InAALJ). The members approved the by-laws and elected officers at a meeting held on January 26, 2012. The new officers are: Catherine Gibbs, president; Linda Klain, vice-president; Aaron Raff, secretary; and Gregory Ellis, treasurer. The new affiliate was officially approved by the National Association on February 28th. The officers have been occupied with completing the various tasks necessary to get the affiliate up and running. Members volunteered to help on committees for education and social functions.

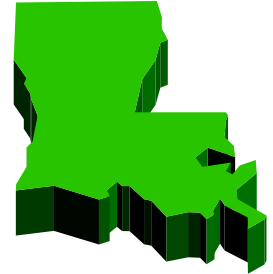
I was able to attend the mid-year conference in Reno thanks to a scholarship from National. The conference was held jointly between the National Judicial College and NAALJ. So, the conference was (of course) very informative. Attendees traveled to Lake Tahoe and toured the Cal/Neva casino and were treated to a wonderful view of the lake. We intend to send a couple of members to the conference in New Orleans.

InAALJ is seeking new members. We are planning a continuing education seminar in the fall, with the hope that this will both attract new members and give our current members an opportunity to receive training specific to issues faced by administrative law judges.



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Louisiana Affiliate News



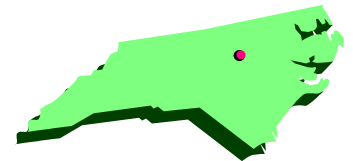
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LAALJ AND LOUISIANA!

The Louisiana Association of Administrative Law Judges is 20 years old and 71 members strong. Kind of fitting that we should be hosting the NAALJ Annual Conference in 2012 – LAALJ’s 20th anniversary and Louisiana’s 200th anniversary! At our recent annual meeting, members celebrated the anniversary, discussed the upcoming annual conference, and volunteered to welcome conference attendees to New Orleans. Old and new officers were recognized and are shown above. You’ll see these faces again in New Orleans! (From left – Marilyn Grimes, Michelle Finnegan, Vivian Guillory, Nancy Goodwin, Roxie Goynes, Joe Cleveland, Parris Taylor, Kathe Zolman, Valerie Meiners, and Pam Laramore) We are excited about hosting the NAALJ/FALJC conference in New Orleans from September 9-13, 2012 and hope that you will attend - not only for the great topics and location, but also for the warmth and hospitality for which the South is so well known. We invite you to help us celebrate our 20th anniversary! And Louisiana’s 200th anniversary!

North Carolina

By Selina M. Brooks

The NC OAH is participating in the planning of the Fourth Southeastern Health Planning Symposium which is scheduled to be held in Columbia, SC in September 2012. The Symposium has members from NC, SC, GA, FL and TN. This year’s conference will focus on policymaking, and the historical effects of health care regulation on urban and rural communities. The current national debate toward continuation of traditional Certificate of Need laws makes this a timely topic in a region that shares legal, cultural and health care philosophies.



This multistate perspective forms the basis for NC’s incentive to create a southern regional NAALJ affiliate composed of both state and federal administrative law judges. Focusing on the commonalities of regional philosophies, such as the regional policy debate concerning hospital CON, NC will urge NAALJ to create a broad professional regional organization that will strengthen the policies that underlie the practice of administrative law on both the state and federal level and will urge NAALJ to consider, debate, and adopt resolutions that reflect the development of informed national administrative law policies. If this regional approach proves to be successful, NC invites other regions to petition NAALJ to form similar affiliates.

Over the last two years regulatory reform measures enacted by NC’s General Assembly have focused primarily on agency rulemaking that emphasizes regulatory clarity, authority, necessity and costs. In the area of Medicaid and other administrative hearings, several new legislative initiatives addressed fairness, balance and finality in administrative hearing procedures.

The use of mediated settlement conferences for all types of contested cases has increased and shown the efficacy of this form of dispute resolution. Most notably in the area of Medicaid appeals, mediations have resolved eighty percent or more of all contested cases referred.

NEWS FROM THE STATES

Maryland Affiliate News

By Jim Murray

On May 1, 2012, MAALJ, once again led by Ron Frampton, MAALJ's then President-Elect and Mary Shock, MAALJ's President of the Maryland OAH, MAALJ members gave several Law Day presentations at the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, a Baltimore City High School. The presentation followed the American Bar Association's Law Day theme for 2012 which was "No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom." The MAALJ presenters, Mary Shock, Ron Frampton, Denise Shaffer, Tom Dewberry, and Jim Murray, discussed the federal and Maryland court systems and administrative "courts." Questions were plentiful; the 2012 Law Day presentation was well received by the students and their teachers. MAALJ was invited to return for Law Day again next year. Of course, MAALJ is planning another Law Day presentation next year. Stay tuned for further information.

On May 21, 2012, MAALJ held its annual meeting and election of officers. The following slate of officers was approved by the members:

President Elect: Michael Osborn, ALJ, OAH
 Secretary: Deborah Buie, ALJ, OAH
 Treasurer: Robert McGowan, Public Utilities Judge, Public Service Commission
 Board Member: Wayne Brooks, ALJ, OAH
 Board Member: Dennis Sober, Public Utilities Judge, Public Service Commission
 Board Member: Marc Nachman, ALJ, OAH



Ron Frampton, Talbot County Tax Appeals, acceded to President and Mary Shock, ALJ, OAH, is now Immediate Past President

Retired Circuit Court Judge Diane Leasure, who currently teaches administrative law at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, was the featured speaker for the annual meeting. Her perspective on administrative law and its future was very interesting and informative. However, many in the audience were more interested in her role as the judge in the Linda Tripp case in which Ms. Tripp was accused of illegally recording conversations she had with Monica Lewinsky.

Also at the May 21, 2012 annual meeting, MAALJ selected brand new MAALJ member David Norken, Administrative Judge, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, as the recipient of the 2012 NALJF Challenge Grant. He will have his fee to the 2012 NAALJ Conference in New Orleans reimbursed by NAALJ, receive \$500 from the NALJF, and receive up to another \$500 from MAALJ for other conference expenses. We are looking forward to a report from David at our mid-year meeting in January 2013.

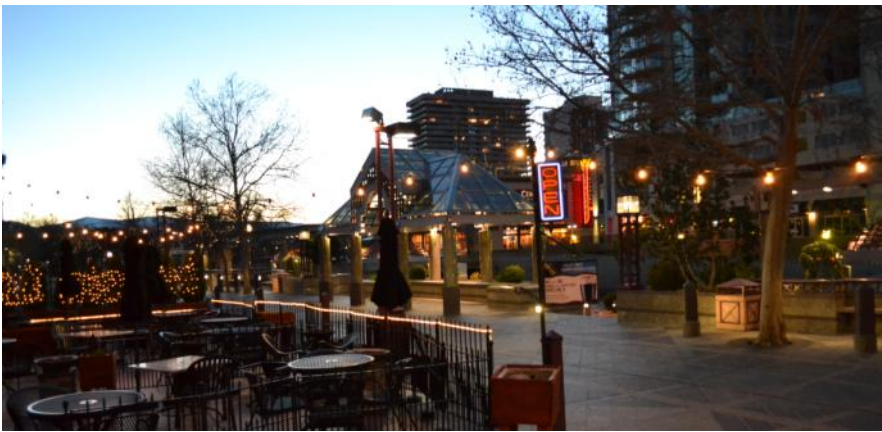
In other news, Mary Shock and Jim Murray attended the NAALJ Mid-Year Conference, co-sponsored by the National Judicial College (NJC). The conference was held at the NJC in Reno, NV, "The Biggest Little City in the World." A tour of the Cal-Neva Resort at Lake Tahoe, once owned by Frank Sinatra and playground of the "Rat Pack," various gangsters, JFK and Bobby Kennedy, and Marilyn Monroe was a highlight of the extra-curricular activities. There was a guided tour of the secret tunnels, complete with ghost stories.

Of course, the conference itself was also very interesting and enlightening. Many of the programs were presented by NJC staff. However, Mary Shock, along with ALJs from Florida and California, were panelists for an informative discussion of prehearing issues that are sometimes problematic and delay getting to the merits in special education cases. Jim Murray moderated the diverse panel.

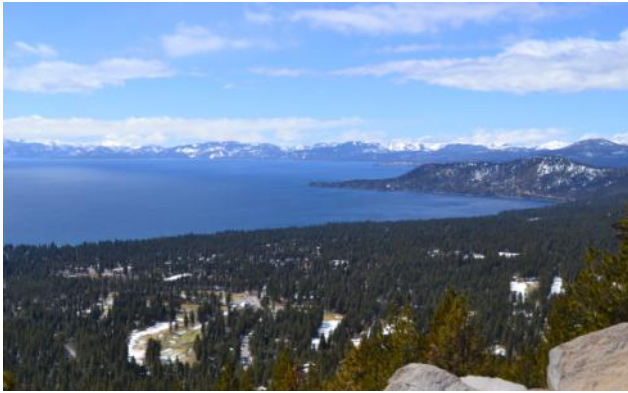
Reno, NV - 2012 Mid-Year Conference Photos



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2012 Mid-Year Conference in Reno, Nevada

By Richard A. Boulanger, Vermont Agency of Transportation

The 2012 NAALJ Mid-Year was held on April 1-3 at the National Judicial College located on the campus of the University of Nevada - Reno. The National Judicial College, hereafter referred to as the NJC, was a co-



sponsor of this event. It's been decades since a NAALJ conference convened in Reno, and high time it finally happened. Although no specific theme was announced by the conference's organizers and sponsors, NAALJ Secretariat Bev Thomas set the mood for this event by coining the slogan "NAALJ goes to college," inviting both NJC first time attendees and veteran alumni to attend. However, from the Sunday night opening reception at the Wild River Grille to the presentation of our NJC completion certificates on Wednesday afternoon, the whole event sure felt like a homecoming to this NJC alumnus.

This year's Mid-Year promised to be a unique event. After all, NAALJ and NJC have much common history. The conference planners, NAALJ Past President and present NJC faculty member Steve Wise and NJC Program Attorney Susan Conyers, made sure we had an old-fashioned quality education program to be held on the premises of the NJC, specifically rooms (pre-2000) 103 and (post-2000) 1245, a mix of the old and the new. Even the conference "faculty" (as listed on the official NJC faculty roster) had an old/new feel to it, with NJC faculty, NAALJ members, and some new, to us, speakers combining to deliver the two-day program. We got a peek at the direction future conferences may be headed in the "Technology for Breakfast" presentations at Monday's and Tuesday's breakfasts by the conference's Gold and Silver sponsors, Sustain Technologies, Inc. and Infocom Systems Services, Inc. Attendees learned about better management using technology while we drank coffee, nibbled fruit, and chewed bagels.

Admittedly, April in Reno is not the best time of year for sightseeing. Cold and blustery winds are a feature of early April there, and we were not disappointed. Still, the sunny days made for great walking weather, so some of us seized the opportunity for invigorating morning and afternoon walks through the university campus to and from NJC and our rooms at the Silver Legacy Casino and Hotel. The good news was that Silver Legacy rooms went for the prevailing NJC attendee rate of \$49.00. The better news was that the rooms appeared to have been recently renovated; my room was in much better condition than the Silver Legacy room assigned to me during my last NJC class in 2009. In this instance, the reality was better than my memories.

So conference attendees got a full dose of the NJC experience; 50 minute classes/sessions, end of class bells, sitting in the old lecture hall, and stalking the plaque covered NJC halls. Why, even the bookstore was open. Every day we had breakfast and lunch at the NJC dining room where dining arrangements haven't changed and the food is the same as always—plenty of it. For old-timers like me, interested to see what has changed in Reno, a walk downtown was eye-opening. Some changes I noted were for the better, like Reno's new rapid transit system center, while others were not—too many empty storefronts in front of the casinos on Virginia Street. Some downtown restaurants, like Adele's, have disappeared; others, like Roxy's, remain. In his Monday morning welcoming address NJC President Bill Dressel told us that Reno is considering dropping "The biggest little city" slogan. Wonder if that means they'll knock down the arch on Virginia Street?

Monday's first presenter was NJC faculty member Elizabeth Francis, my 1998 Administrative Law Fair Hearing Judicial Writing teacher. Her remarks on decision writing are as timely now as then. Later that morning we were treated to a session from NJC Donald Reynolds Courts and Media Center faculty member Benjamin Holden covering public access, privacy, and the press. The afternoon breakout session provided a choice between a panel discussion on special education by NAALJ Board members June McKinney and Jim Murray, California ALJ Susan Ruff and Maryland ALJ Mary Shock, and two presentations, social networking by New York City Tax Appeals ALJ Anne Murphy, and "ethics, evidence, and metadata" by Las Vegas, Nevada DMV ALJ Toni Boone. Seeing as how my caseload is not special education, I opted for Murphy and Boone, and enjoyed both fact-filled presentations.



Tuesday saw more of the same as that day's program began with a breakout choice between sessions on communicating with self-represented litigants by NJC faculty member and another of my former instructors, Kelly Tait, or about complex cases by NAALJ Past President Maggie Anderson and fellow California ALJs David Benjamin, Michael Cohn, Melissa Crowell, and Jonathan Lew. Later we heard a diverting presentation on working with interpreters from two Nevada based interpreters, Andrea Krlickova and Ixtla Malagon. The conference finished with an afternoon on ethics and implicit bias by Professor Paul Paton of the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law.



No trip to the NJC would be complete without a visit to Lake Tahoe. Ours was Monday evening. We were bussed over the Sierras to the north shore and the Cal-Neva resort, straddling the California-Nevada state line of course, for an optional dinner and tour. The tour centered on the resort's colorful history which had at various times been owned by bootleggers and mobsters. During the 1950s and '60s the resort became a frequent playground for the likes of Frank Sinatra, John and Bobby Kennedy, Marilyn Monroe and that crowd. We saw secret tunnels and escape routes running between the lodge, the waterfront, and some of the guesthouses, and heard about late night rendezvous among the rich and famous, dead bodies, and ghosts. All that and Frank, Jack, Bobby, and Marilyn in a single hour's tour, oh my!



So that's how NAALJ went back to college. All of the attendees I talked to enjoyed their NJC experience and many indicated to me that they would consider returning to a future conference held at this site. The conference made a profit, and with 55 participants, was well attended for a Mid-Year. Personally, I had a nice time. After all, in Reno at least I knew some of the restaurants and most of the places and things I wanted to see and do. Plus I got lucky—won three dollars on a penny slot machine while "In Reno in the Casino"—my apologies to David Spade, but I just had to work that line in somewhere.



See you in New Orleans!

NALJF and NAALJ OFFER CHALLENGE GRANT TO AFFILIATES

The National Administrative Law Judiciary Foundation and the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary are offering a Challenge Grant to affiliates for the 2012 Annual Meeting and Conference in New Orleans!

Through the Challenge Grant Program, each affiliate in good standing (with NAALJ dues up-to-date) may choose an affiliate member to attend the annual meeting and conference. The registration fee for each Challenge Grant recipient will be immediately reimbursed to the recipient by NAALJ. The recipient will be presented with a check at a ceremony during the Annual Meeting and Conference and will get an opportunity to meet with Charter Mentors, Life Mentors, NAALJ officers, and other long-time supporters of NAALJ who will share with recipients the benefits of active involvement in NAALJ. Affiliates are challenged to provide all or a portion of the remaining expenses for the affiliate member to attend.



The Challenge Grant Program is made possible in part by generous donations made by Charter Mentors and Charter Life Mentors to NALJF, and proceeds from the NAALJ annual silent auction.

The purpose of the Challenge Grant is to encourage the recipient to increase active participation in NAALJ or local affiliates, including participation on committees and consideration of taking on other leadership roles in NAALJ. The implementation and interpretation of this provision and method of choosing the grant winner will be left up to the local affiliates.

The grant recipient's NAALJ membership must be up-to-date, and the grant may not be awarded to any person who has received a challenge grant within the last three years or to any current NAALJ Board member or officer. Other criteria for choosing the recipient of the Challenge Grant may be determined by the affiliate. Information about this grant has been sent to all Affiliate Presidents. Interested applicants should contact their local affiliate president.

The affiliates must advise NAALJ of the state's recipient on or before July 20, 2012 by sending the name of the recipient to NAALJ's Secretariat, Bev Thomas at apmsthomas@aol.com.

NALJF Fellow Is Announced

Julian Mann, Chief Administrative Law Judge of the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings and Chair of the National Administrative Law Judiciary Foundation (NALJF) Fellowship Committee, announced that the Fellowship Committee selected the Honorable Larry Craddock (Retired) as this year's fellowship winner. Judge Craddock was awarded the fellowship for his proposed submission on the topic: "*A survey of final decision authority among central panel states with interpretative analysis and policy implications.*"

For the last forty-eight years Judge Craddock has served as an administrative law judge and practitioner of administrative law in the State of Texas. He attended the University of Texas at Austin and received both his undergraduate and law school degrees from there. He is board certified in administrative law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Prior to becoming and serving for twenty years as an administrative law judge for the Texas Finance Commission, Judge Craddock served as General Counsel to the Texas Comptroller and Assistant General Counsel to two Texas Governors. The Fellowship Committee was particularly impressed with Judge Craddock's thorough submission which outlined the profile for his proposed research, as well as his historical advocacy for the judicial independence of the administrative law judiciary, and his service as the ABA's Judicial Division advisor to the drafting committee of the 2010 MSAPA. As the NALJF Fellow, he will prepare his original article for publication in the Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary and will deliver an oral presentation at the 2012 NAALJ Annual Conference in New Orleans in September of this year. For the first time, the recipient's oral presentation will be followed by a panel discussion of the fellowship topic.

NALJF and NAALJ OFFER A CHALLENGE GRANT TO A NAALJ MEMBER FROM A STATE WITH NO AFFILIATE

The National Administrative Law Judiciary Foundation and the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary are offering a Challenge Grant to a NAALJ member from a state with no affiliate for the 2012 Annual Meeting and Conference in New Orleans!

The recipient of this non-affiliate Challenge Grant will receive the following. The registration fee for each Challenge Grant recipient will be immediately reimbursed to the recipient by NAALJ. The recipient will also be presented with a \$500 check at a ceremony during the Annual Meeting and Conference and will have an opportunity to meet with Charter Mentors, Life Mentors, NAALJ officers, and other long-time supporters of NAALJ who will share with recipients the benefits of active involvement in NAALJ.

The Challenge Grant Program is made possible in part by generous donations made by Charter Mentors and Charter Life Mentors to NALJF, and proceeds from the NAALJ annual silent auction.

The purpose of the Challenge Grant is to encourage members interested in the formation of local affiliates, and active participation in NAALJ, including participation on committees and consideration of taking on other leadership roles in NAALJ. The applicant's NAALJ membership must be up-to-date, and the grant may not be awarded to any person who has received a challenge grant within the last three years or to any current NAALJ Board member or officer.

Interested applicants must complete the attached Application Form for consideration by the Membership Committee, who will then make a recommendation to the NAALJ and NALJF Boards. Information about this grant has been sent by email to all NAALJ members from non-affiliate states.

The entries must be received by NAALJ on or before July 20, 2012 by sending the attached form to NAALJ's Secretariat, Bev Thomas at apmsthomas@aol.com.

Application for Non-Affiliate Challenge Grant
2012 NAALJ Annual Meeting and Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana
(NOTE: This Application is for members from States without Affiliates)

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 E-mail: _____ Phone# _____
 Agency Name and Address: _____

NAALJ member since _____ (year)

Have you ever attended a NAALJ Midyear or Annual Meeting and Conference? If so, please list: _____

Have you made a significant contribution to NAALJ in the past or would you be willing to do so in the future? YES NO (Explain your contribution or future plans for contributing): _____

Would be willing to work toward creating an affiliate in your state? YES NO

Do you have the support of your employer to attend this NAALJ Annual Meeting and Conference (time away from work, payment of expenses beyond registration waiver and \$500): YES NO If yes, explain support offered by employer: _____

Current position, dates in current position, and brief description of duties:

Past experience in administrative law (may attach resume):

Please attach a brief statement specifically describing how you believe attending the NAALJ Annual Meeting and Conference will benefit you in the performance of your job:

Would you be willing to write an article for the NAALJ newsletter about the Annual Meeting and Conference and its benefits? YES NO

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