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COME TO DES MOINES IN THE SPRING & SEATTLE IN THE FALL!!

The officers and members of the Iowa Association of Administrative Law Judges invite you to attend the 2006 Midyear Meeting of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges which begins on Sunday, June 4, 2006, and concludes on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. We want you to enjoy your stay and experience heartland hospitality in Iowa's beautiful capital city, Des Moines. Whether you are a frequent or first-time visitor to Iowa, you will find many opportunities for entertainment, fine dining, culture, and recreation within walking distance or a short shuttle ride from our conference site, the Embassy Suites Hotel, located in downtown Des Moines.

The theme of this year's educational conference is "The Changing Face of Administrative Law." Our programming carries forward this theme by examining contemporary issues facing administrative law judges and practitioners.

The conference sessions start at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, 2006, and end at noon on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. There will be a special reception on the evening of Sunday, June 4, 2006. The conference brochure containing details about the conference (topics, speakers, hotel information, and a form that can be printed out for registering for the 2006 Midyear Conference) appears at the end of this newsletter. Full details can also be found on the conference website at <http://2006-NAALJ-Midyear.home.mchsi.com>. Check back often for the latest conference developments, for ideas on what to do and see in Des Moines, and to book your hotel room online.

*Is this Heaven?
... No, it's Iowa.*

IAALJ held its Fall ALJ CLE on September 26, 2005, with Dr. Nancy Jones, Director of the University of Iowa College of Law's Writing Center, as our focal point presenter. She gave an excellent

presentation on the topic of: "The Persuasiveness of Grammar and Style." The CLE also included the topics of internet legal research, ADA and FMLA, eliminating bias, and pro se litigants. We had 75 attendees, which is our largest CLE audience.



Midyear conference committee members (Lynette Donner, James Timberland, Mark Wampler, Jim Twedt, Maggie LaMarche, Mary Cowdrey, and Steve Wise) attended the 2005 NAALJ Annual Conference in Chicago. We would like to thank Ed Schoenbaum, Stan Cygan, and the Illinois Association of Administrative Judges for hosting the conference. We appreciated the chance to meet ALJs from across the country and hope to see you all again in Des Moines, Iowa in June 2006. Beverly Nash, ALJ from Washington, D.C., won the Iowa Trivia contest at the annual conference. Bev will receive one free night's lodging in the Presidential Suite at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Try your luck on the online Iowa Trivia Quiz, which is posted on the conference website. See you in June!

WALJA WELCOMES YOU



SEATTLE, 2006

Mark your calendars now to attend the upcoming 2006 Annual NAALJ Conference, to be held in Seattle, Washington, from September 5, 2006 through September 8, 2006. The National Association of Women Judges is a co-sponsor, and the Conference will be co-hosted by NAALJ, the Washington Administrative Law Judges Association, (WALJA) and Seattle University.

The theme for the 2006 Conference is "Building Bridges for Better Administrative Adjudication." The program is designed around the theme of building bridges to other judges; to better technology; to more inclusive administrative processes; to a better understanding of the relationship between managers of ALJs and staff ALJs; and to ALJ career development. Sessions will be offered on various subjects as ethics and professionalism; management; ADR; and "current issues" in substantive law areas such as unemployment, special education, public entitlements, and driver licensing. Several distinguished speakers for the conference and annual banquet have been planned that build on this theme.

The conference will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, which is located in the heart of downtown Seattle. The Red Lion is a first-class hotel, with plenty of amenities and services, a beautiful outdoor terrace and lounge, spacious guestrooms and meeting facilities. Space is limited so reserve your room early.

Seattle is known for its natural beauty and breathtaking mountain and water views. Several recreational outings are being planned along with time built into the program to enjoy the city and surrounding areas.

Choose Seattle as your 2006 Adventure. Registration information is available from Brian Watkins, Conference Co-Chair at 360-753-3566 or bwatk@oah.wa.gov. For more information about Seattle or the hotel, visit our website at www.walja.org.



**THE
PRESIDENT'S
LETTER**

By Lois Oakley(GA)

AN OPEN INVITATION

You are warmly welcomed into a role of active personal involvement in your association.

Your association provides myriad opportunities for your contribution to the promotion of excellence in administrative adjudication. Please consider joining the work of one or more of the seventeen (17) committees that are described elsewhere in the newsletter. The accomplishments of each committee will be enhanced by your involvement, and the dialogue within the association will be enriched by the addition of your voice. Your inclusion is only dependent upon your expression of an interest via email to the committee chair. I look forward to watching your stamped.

Your voice in matters pertaining to association governance is valued. The officers and board of governors are inadequate to the task of wise decision-making without the benefit of your input. Please consider expressing your views by participating in membership meetings, by voicing your questions and concerns to individual officers and board members, and by writing articles for the association newsletter.

I look forward to an on-going conversation with each of you about the future of our association.

NAALJ ACKNOWLEDGES 12 SUSTAINING MEMBERS

We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to the following 12 individuals who have become Sustaining Members of NAALJ in the current year. Sustaining Members are a distinguished group of members who provide extra financial support that aids the association in maintaining its leadership position as the voice of administrative adjudication. The Sustaining members are:

- Catherine M. Bennett of New York
- L. David Brunke of Texas
- Fred L. Buckline of Florida
- Sammie Chess, Jr. of North Carolina
- Christopher B. McNeil of Ohio

- A. Michael Nolan of Maryland
- James A. Norris of Pennsylvania
- Lois F. Oakley of Georgia
- Ben I. O'Brien of California
- Felicia Orth of New Mexico
- Errol H. Powell of Florida
- Charles C. Sullivan of Tennessee

Sustaining membership dues are \$100.00 per year, and information on becoming a sustaining member can obtained from Laura Bierman, Secretariat, at 518-475-1498 or by email at naalj@naalj.org.

NAALJ FELLOWSHIP PARTICIPANTS SOUGHT

By Ed Felter (CO)

The National Administrative Law Judge Foundation, the public interest arm of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges, is requesting applications for the 2006 Fellowship. The Fellowship was endowed to encourage research and scholarship for improving administrative justice. Please encourage ALJs, hearing officers and/or law professors and students you know to apply. The 2006 Fellowship Topic is **“What Can the Administrative Judiciary Do to Relieve Congestion in the Judicial Branch.”** The Fellowship will offer the successful candidate the opportunity to analyze a major topic of interest to the administrative law judiciary. The Fellow will prepare an original article for publication in the Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges, and will deliver a fifty-minute oral presentation at the 2006 annual meeting in Seattle, Washington during Fall 2006. In addition to the \$1,000 cash stipend, the Fellow will receive air transportation, accommodations, and meals at the annual meeting and educational program in Seattle, Washington. The final draft of the paper, ready for publication in the Journal, will be due by January 1, 2007. Applicants for the 2006 Fellowship should submit two copies of a detailed outline for the proposed article, an abstract or an introduction to the paper, along with a writing sample, curriculum vitae, and a list of publications by **April 1, 2006**. Email submissions are highly encouraged. The Fellowship Committee will review the submissions and select a Fellow by May 30, 2006. Applications and inquiries should be addressed to the Chair of the Fellowship Committee: Edwin L. Felter, Jr. Senior Administrative Law Judge Colorado Office of Administrative Courts 633 17th Street, Suite 1300 Denver, Colorado 80202 Tel: (303) 866-5676 Fax: (303) 866-5909 Email: ed.felter@state.co.us

NAALJ NAME CHANGE PROPOSAL

by Tyrone Butler (DC)

The essence of administrative adjudication evolves daily as it has been practiced over the decades. There was a time when the **“National Association of Administrative Law Judges”** name was indicative of the membership of our organization. Today that is no longer accurate.

It has been proposed that we change the name of our organization to reflect the myriad titles and categories of administrative adjudicators who comprise our membership.

This initiative is by no means unique. **“The National Conference of Administrative Law Judges,”** Judicial Division, American Bar Association, recently changed its name to the **“National Conference of Administrative Law Judiciary”** to reflect the changed nature of that organization’s membership. You will note that the name change did not affect the **“NCALJ”** acronym.

The current proposal is to make a similar change in our organization's name to broaden the descriptive aspects of the title while maintaining the familiar acronym "NAALJ" (for example, "The National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary").

President Oakley has appointed me to chair a committee to research this matter and report back to the NAALJ Board with a recommendation at the Mid-Year meeting. At the present time this is a committee of one, but I would welcome assistance with this task. Anyone interested in joining me can e-mail me at: ttb01@abanet.org.

PRESIDENT OAKLEY ANNOUNCES SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

President Lois Oakley has announced plans to include a special membership meeting in the schedule for the Mid-Year conference to be held in DesMoines, Iowa in June. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the membership to discuss the potential NAALJ name change, as well as other NAALJ initiatives that are presently in the works. Specific details of the meeting will be provided in the April 2006 edition of the NAALJ News

**JANET THOMPSON RECEIVES
ROSSKOPF AWARD**



**PAST PRESIDENT LARRY CRADDOCK
PRESENTS THE VICTOR ROSSKOPF
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
TO JANET THOMPSON**

At the annual banquet held on November 1, 2005 in conjunction with the Annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois, Former NAALJ President Janet L. Thompson was presented with the Victor Rosskopf Lifetime Achievement Award. Judge Thompson has been an active member in Association Activities for many years. Janet Thompson is a Hearing Officer with the Office of Administrative Hearings for Kentucky's Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. In this position, she conducts hearings and related proceedings in cases contesting final determinations of the Cabinet's various environmental divisions. She then presents final Reports and Recommendations to the Secretary who issues the final order. Judge Thompson is a graduate of Georgia State University. She graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1982. Subsequently, she served as staff attorney with the Kentucky Court of Appeals from 1982 to 1992, where she was responsible for researching and writing draft opinions, as well as presenting motions and preparing orders.

Judge Thompson served on the Board of Governors of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges (NAALJ) since 1997. She served as Secretary for two years and as co-editor of the *NAALJ News* prior to becoming President-Elect, and then serves as the NAALJ President for the year 2002-2003. Judge Thompson was instrumental in the organization of the Kentucky Association of Administrative Adjudicators (KAAA), an affiliate of NAALJ since 1998, and is the current President of that Association.

**PRESIDENT OAKLEY APPOINTS
NEW COMMITTEES**

President Lois Oakley recently announced the appointment of the following NAALJ Committees for the 2005-2006 year:

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NAALJ Journal

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Conference Host Guidelines

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**SENIOR ALJ ED FELTER AGREES TO
BE AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LAW
AT UNIVERSITY OF DENVER THIS
SPRING**



Ed Felter, Senior Administrative Law Judge with the Colorado Office of Administrative Courts, will serve as an adjunct professor of law, teaching administrative law at the University of

Denver Sturm College of Law this spring. His objective is to prepare the students to practice administrative law, successfully, after being admitted to practice. He welcomes guest appearances by NAALJ members who will be in Denver on Tuesdays or Thursdays between January 17, 2006 and April 20, 2006, 6 PM to 7:15 PM.

**MCNEIL PUBLISHES SEVERAL
ARTICLES**

By Chris McNeil (OH)

Newly elected member of the Board of Governors, Chris McNeil, has written four articles about administrative adjudication that were published this fall. His article



"The Older Driver: Law Enforcement Challenges" describes the administrative law process as it involves older drivers and licensing agencies. The article was co-written with Lt. Bob Ticer of the

Arizona State Highway Patrol, and was prepared as part of their joint duties with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The article was published in the Fall 2005 issue of "Experience," the

American Bar Association's journal of the Senior Lawyers Division. A paper Chris wrote for one of the courses in the Master of Judicial Studies Program at the University of Nevada – Reno has been published as the cover story for the Cincinnati Bar Report, December 2005. The course was Gaming Law, and the article is "Interstate Compacts and the Gaming Industry: An Ohio Application."

Papers that Chris wrote for two other Master's degree courses – comparative law, and law and economics – are being published by law reviews: His article "Shifts in Policy and Power: Calculating the Consequences of Increased Prosecutorial Power and Reduced Judicial Authority in Post 9/11 America" which compares prosecutorial and administrative structures in Japan and the United States, will appear in the Winter 2005 issue of the Widener Law Journal; and his article "The Marginal Utility of Consolidated Agency Hearings in Ohio: A Due Process Analysis from an Economic Perspective," will appear in the Winter 2005 issue of the Ohio Northern University Law Review.

Having earned his Master of Judicial Studies degree from the UNR last December, Chris was admitted to the Ph.D. program this past spring and currently is working on his dissertation. His proposal for gathering empirical data about executive branch adjudication has been recognized by the American Law and Psychology Association, which has invited Chris to present a poster of his dissertation research topic at its annual meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida in March, 2006.

COLORADO'S CENTRAL PANEL BECOMES OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COURTS

*by Michael S. Williams, Director and Chief Judge, and Ed Felter, Senior Judge
Colorado Office of Administrative Courts*

Colorado has been in the forefront of the central panel movement, both in its commitment to judicial independence and to high quality adjudications. Colorado was one of the early state central panels [a central panel is an independent adjudication mechanism (in the executive branch of government) that provides fair and impartial hearings in cases involving other state agencies]. For many years, Colorado's central panel has enjoyed a favorable reputation among members of the public in Colorado because the average citizen has

made no practical distinction between the central panel judges and judicial branch judges. The perception has been that the aggrieved citizen has finally arrived before an independent judge, where a fair hearing will be accorded.

On June 3, 2005, Colorado took another major step forward. Governor Bill Owens signed Senate Bill 05-185 into law. The Bill creates the Office of Administrative Courts to replace the Division of Administrative Hearings. The changes are reflected in Sections 24-30-1001 *et seq.*, Colorado Revised Statutes. The new law enhances the structure of Colorado's central panel as an independent judicial model organization, as opposed to a hierarchical, institutional organization of hearing officials who are sometimes housed in the agency that appears before them in an adversarial capacity (and in some situations, the chief hearing official reports to the general counsel of the agency).

From the Office's perspective, the new law strengthens the judicial independence and accountability of Colorado's central panel and evidences the fact that Colorado's central panel is functionally the same as a judicial branch court. The differences are that the Office of Administrative Courts is in the executive branch, and its judges are statutory judges, not constitutional judges.

As a practical matter, Colorado's central panel must hear most administrative law cases arising in the executive branch of government, with some statutory exceptions (for example, public utilities, unemployment insurance, motor vehicle drivers' licensure cases). An important feature in the new law provides that the Director and Chief Judge assigns cases in a manner appropriate to the needs of the agencies whose cases the Office hears and decides. Before the change, the Executive Director (the cabinet officer) of the Department of Personnel and Administration (the Department in which the Office of Administrative Courts is housed) was legally responsible for the assignment of judges but, as a practical matter, delegated this responsibility to the Director and Chief Judge. Now, once an agency refers a case for hearing, the new law requires the Director and Chief Judge to assign a judge "in an appropriate manner." This provision conforms with national thinking in the administrative law community that judging should be in the control of judges. The change recognizes

the need for a structure that ensures the decisional independence of executive branch judges, a principle never questioned for the judicial branch.

One of the most important features of the new law is that it vests the Office of Administrative Courts with the original authority to issue subpoenas and control the course of proceedings before the Office. Before the change, the authority to control the course of proceedings was derivative of the Administrative Procedures Act or of specific agency organic acts. The new law specifies that the Office's judges shall meet the same qualifications as district court judges, as provided in the Colorado Constitution (admitted to practice for five years).

Another important feature of the new law mandates regional offices in the Southern Region of the State (Colorado Springs), and on the Western Slope (Grand Junction). It also permits the Department Cabinet Officer (the Executive Director) to establish other regional offices as deemed necessary. The new law provides statutory authority for the Office to engage in alternative dispute resolution (there has been a very successful mediation program in the Office for several years and most judges have been trained as mediators). The statutory authority for this program is a substantial step forward in the Office's efficient resolution of administrative law disputes.

The new address of our main office is: Office of Administrative Courts, 633 17th Street, Suite 1300, Denver, Colorado 80202. The new main telephone number is (303) 866-2000. The new website address is: www.colorado.gov/dpa/oac



NEWS FROM THE STATES



VIRGINIA

By Robert S. O'Neal

The Virginia Association of Administrative Law Judges and Hearing Officers (VAALJHO), the Virginia affiliate of NAALJ, held its Fall 2005 Training Seminar and Annual Meeting on November 10, 2005 at the Virginia State Corporation Commission In Richmond, Virginia.

About 40 hearing officers and staff from Virginia state agencies attended the meeting. VAALJHO also invited state agency executives recently assigned to administer the newly authorized alternatives to state agency litigation (dubbed Administrative Dispute Resolution- ADR) and members of the state ADR Council to attend the meeting.

The Honorable Cheryl Bailey, PhD, Deputy Secretary of Administration for the Commonwealth of Virginia state government, gave the attendees an overview of emerging trends in state Administrative Dispute Resolution and mediation practices in state agencies.

Ms. Barbara Hulburt, a nationally known mediator, lawyer, trainer and judge with the McCammon Group provided a 3-hour block of training on Mediation and Negotiation skills and techniques.



Barbara Hulburt

The seminar provided attendees with an overview of emerging trends in Virginia state agencies with respect to ADR / mediation efforts and provided a forum to review the scope of new state legislation enabling and encouraging agencies to use methods other than litigation to resolve disputes.

After a buffet lunch, VAALJHO members elected a new slate of officers for 2006. They are:

President: Hon. **Robert S. O'Neal**,
Director of Hearings and Appeals and

Chief Administrative Law Judge with the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control;

Vice-President: Hon. **Willie Thompson, Administrative Law Judge (and former NAALJ president)** with the Virginia

Employment Commission;

Secretary: Hon. **Sara M. "Sallie" Gilliam, Administrative Law Judge** with the Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and

Treasurer: Hon. **Alexander Skirpan, Hearings Examiner** with the State Corporation Commission.

For more information about VAALJHO, visit our website at www.vaaljho.org



The Kentucky affiliate (KAAA) is busily planning its 2006 Annual Meeting and Conference which will be held in May 2006. The Planning Committee is considering "Credibility" as the theme of the conference and is exploring speakers and topics related to this theme.

At its February 3, 2006 quarterly meeting, a roundtable discussion will focus on the future of KAAA and its mission ... where we are and would like to go. The discussion will be led by President Janet Thompson and member Jim Dickinson. Officers for 2005-2006 are:

Janet Thompson, president;
Shaun Orme, president elect;
Steve Bolton, vice president;
Janet Hall, secretary;
Morgain Sprague, treasurer;
Nathan Goldman, past president;
Camille Duncan and Brown Sharp, members at large.



MARYLAND & DC

By Marvin N. Robbins

This has been a very busy and exciting year for our organization. Although we have not had a general membership meeting since our Annual Meeting last June, our Officers and Board of Governors, along with committee members working on special projects, have been very, very busy. We have been

working diligently making plans for hosting the 2007 NAALJ Conference in Washington, D.C. As you might imagine, a great deal of time and effort by many people is required to plan a successful national conference.

On October 28, 2005, the Maryland and District of Columbia Association of Administrative Adjudicators (MDCAAA) sponsored its third annual panel on the legal profession at the annual Eduserc Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. Eduserc stands for Educators Serving the Community. Robert H. McGowan, Past-President of MDCAAA, chaired the panel. Other panelists were Professor Odeana Neale and librarian Elizabeth Rhodes of the University of Baltimore School of Law, and Professor Douglas Colbert of the University of Maryland School of Law.

The Eduserc conference offers an opportunity for college-bound high-school students to investigate various professions by talking with practitioners. The panel had a lively interchange with students regarding preparation for law school, legal specialties and the legal profession in general, as well as Administrative, criminal and International Human Rights law.

Another very exciting activity in which we have partnered with NAALJ, our parent organization, has been to identify effective means by which to invite the interest of members of the executive branch of government (eligible for membership) to join us. We have adopted an incremental approach toward that goal. It began with a meeting in Baltimore on September 14, 2005 which was hosted by Judge John Hardwicke, Executive Director of NAALJ. Several key members of the Maryland Governor's Cabinet were invited. That meeting inspired an enthusiastic level of interest, and a second meeting (with an expanded list of selected invitees) was incorporated as the subject of a special Membership Meeting held at the University of Baltimore on December 6, 2005. More than 30 persons representing the administrative law community and the Secretaries of several executive branch agencies attended this meeting and took advantage of the opportunity to witness and participate in this most ambitious and worthwhile endeavor.

Recognizing that we are a "bi-local" affiliate of NAALJ, with members in both Maryland and Washington, D.C., the next phase of this outreach to executive decision makers will include invitees from the executive branch of D.C. government.



Conference Web Site:
<http://2006-NAALJ-Midyear.home.mchsi.com>

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The Embassy Suites Downtown Des Moines hotel is located in Des Moines' historic East Village on the River close to the Iowa State Capitol, Science Center of Iowa, Des Moines Civic Center, Veterans Memorial Auditorium, and Iowa Events Center.

Guests of the Embassy Suites Downtown Des Moines hotel stay in spacious two-room suites and receive a complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast and a nightly manager's reception and high-speed internet access. All suites feature a separate living and bedroom area, two televisions, hairdryer, full-sized iron and ironing boards, and a wet bar area with a microwave, refrigerator, and coffee maker.

Relax in the tropical indoor pool area featuring a large whirlpool. Work out in the fitness center. Lay back and soak up the rays on the spacious sun deck overlooking the Des Moines River and beautiful downtown skyline.

Our conference rate is **\$89 per night**. This special rate will be available until May 13th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

There is **free** airport shuttle service as well as **free** shuttle service to nearby attractions.

If you reserve your room by phone, the conference rate is listed under **"NAALJ CONFERENCE."** We encourage you to book your room on-line and have established a special hotel web page for that purpose at:

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/private_groups/dsmdnes_alj/index.jhtml



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The conference will start at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, and end at noon on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. A special reception will be held on the evening of Sunday, June 4.

Conference Theme

The overarching theme of our conference is **"The Changing Face of Administrative Law."** Our programming carries forward this theme by **examining contemporary issues facing administrative law judges and practitioners.**

The centerpiece topic of the 2006 NAALJ Midyear Conference is the new Model State Administrative Procedures Act (MSAPA), which is currently in the drafting stage. The reporter for the new MSAPA, Professor John Gedid, is attending the NAALJ conference not only to educate us about the new Model Act and its provisions but to solicit our views on the Act. We will be shaping the future direction of administrative law through our comments and involvement. For further information see:

<http://www.nccusl.org/Update/CommitteeSearchResults.aspx?committee=234>.

Conference Programming

In addition to our centerpiece topic, our conference programming emphasizes topics and issues that have not been addressed at length in past conferences.

- A panel of interpreters and court experts will offer advice on conducting fair and productive hearings with parties who have difficulty with the English language.
- Journalists, media experts, judges, and attorneys will discuss balancing the public's right to know with protecting the rights of the parties and confidential information.
- An expert on witness recollection will explore the psychological factors to consider in determining credibility.
- Administrative law scholars and judges will address the issues of judicial review and creating a proper record and decision for review.
- Establishing standards for judicial performance.

Conference Presenters

- John Gedid, Professor, Widener University School of Law; Reporter, Model State APA
- Clark Kauffman, Des Moines Register, 2005 Pulitzer-prize finalist for investigative journalism
- Arthur Bonfield, Professor, University of Iowa College of Law; Reporter, 1981 Model State APA
- Gary Hengstler, Director of Donald W. Reynolds National Center for the Courts and Media
- Jim Rossi, Professor, Florida State College of Law
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