



The NAALJ News

NAALJ Journeys to Santa Fe, New Mexico

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In less than two months, NAALJ will journey to the high desert of Santa Fe, New Mexico, for our annual conference. What better place to fill our heads with knowledge, our bellies with Southwest delicacies, our hearts with culture in the form of beautiful art, crafts, and jewelry, and our imaginations with stories of the Wild West, outlaws, spies, and even aliens!

The conference agenda will feature excellent sessions in all the core curricula we have come to expect at our annual meetings. Top-notch presenters will cover evidence, judicial independence, and due process issues. Leading experts will explore topics of Judicial Decision-Making and Reliability Standards for Expert and Scientific Evidence. We have arranged a special screening of "The Response," a film that received the American Bar Association 2009 Silver Gavel Award for Drama and Literature. This riveting 30-minute courtroom drama illustrates the legal and ethical challenges of enemy detention in the war on terror. Breakout sessions in specialized areas of interest--special education, communication skills, labor/personnel, and high volume proceedings--promise topics to pique anyone's interests. We will offer sessions and speakers with a local flair to provide attendees with the flavor of the Southwest, Santa Fe style--notably Chief Justice Charles Daniels, New Mexico Supreme Court, on the intriguing subject of "Conflicts of Interest and Conflicts of Pistols: History of the Development of New Mexico's Courts"; a fine storyteller, Cisco Guevera, Bidtah Becker, a member of the Navajo Nation; and even a visit from CIA agent E.D. Held who will reveal secrets of espionage right in the heart of Santa Fe.

The conference will be held at the historic La Fonda on the Plaza Hotel, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. A block of rooms has been reserved at a great conference rate of only \$139 per night plus tax. Reservations at the La Fonda can be made by calling 800-523-5002, using the group code "NAALJ." Reservations can also be made via email by completing and submitting the form found at www.lafondasantafe.com/email-group.html, using the group code 674361. You will receive an email from the La Fonda with instructions for submitting your credit card information. Remember to book early, as space is limited.

Special Point of Interest:

- **NAALJ 2011 Annual Conference**
September 18-22, 2011
Santa Fe, NM

President's Message

By Mary-Margaret Anderson



“LIVE RICHLY”

In 2001, Citicorp chose “Live Richly” as its new advertising slogan. Purportedly, it was designed to lure clients into incurring more debt. But that is not what I think when I see those words up on a billboard. Instead, I am reminded that I have one life and that I want to experience it to the fullest. So how does that relate to NAALJ?

Being active in NAALJ has been an extremely rewarding experience. I came to my job as an ALJ from a background in civil and criminal litigation. Through membership in NAALJ and the ABA’s Judicial Division, I have learned about administrative law from dozens of perspectives. But most importantly, I have met people from all over the country and even the wider world who are committed to the same things I hold dear. And I have made many wonderful friends. To all our “paper members” we are grateful that you pay your dues and hope you enjoy our publications. But we would love to hear what you would like to do that extends forward from that. NAALJ really is a Big Tent. Although the By-Laws define eligibility in detail, the bottom line is: Do you decide administrative matters for a government agency? If so, you are very welcome in our organization.

In the meantime, I will share what has been going on at “NAALJ Central” since the last NAALJ News. NAALJ is traditionally centered on our mid-year and annual conferences. In May in Atlanta we were treated to two days of gracious hospitality and very interesting programming produced by our Georgia affiliate. Kristin Miller, NAALJ Treasurer, led the effort. A rained-out Braves game could not dampen our spirits, as we learned new things about our profession and each other.

Every conference involves a leap of faith and a firm belief that “if we build it, they will come.” Excitement is palpable for the 2011 Annual Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Chair Bob Cohen, Programming Chair Steve Wise, and local judges Felicia Orth and Pilar Vaile have put together an outstanding schedule. We have every reason to believe that the Santa Fe meeting will set a new benchmark in NAALJ history for location, programming, and fun and interesting extra events. Please come! You will not be disappointed. (And don’t forget to donate to the Silent Auction, which benefits the NALJ Foundation.)

NAALJ is blessed with a small core of multi-talented and dedicated leaders. But these folks can do only so much. A major goal this year has been to re-vitalize NAALJ committees to maximize our impact in the admin law world and give all who are interested a means to participate.

Front and center in this effort is NAALJ’s only section: Special Education. Jim Rosenfeld, Jim Murray, Larry Craddock and others have been working to jumpstart this group. NAALJ has so much to offer special ed hearing officers, no matter their title or working arrangement. A meeting will be held in Santa Fe on Sunday, September 15th. If you hear special ed cases, you will want to be in Santa Fe and at this meeting.

Another committee on the move is Membership and Affiliate Support, led by Chair Bob Layton. This committee will also meet in Santa Fe and Bob would welcome your participation.

This is not to say that NAALJ does not face some challenges. Although we have weathered the Great Recession with a stable treasury, NAALJ is not a wealthy organization. And despite a certain amount of pressure, we have kept dues at a very low \$50 per year in recognition of the financial hardships suffered by so many of our members. But to be effective and provide the services members reasonably expect, including professional management, NAALJ will need to raise dues and/or locate different funding sources. Due to the efforts of Sponsorship Committee Chair and President-Elect John Farrell, NAALJ has received, despite the down economy, corporate donations at an unprecedented level. But one-time donations do not a steady revenue stream make. And our NALJ Foundation, which funds a variety of scholarships for judges to attend our conferences and the National Judicial College, needs donations if we are to be able to continue to give away money at the rate we would like to.

All the more reason to become more involved in your organization! Apply for the Board, join a committee. Take on a project that you are interested in and that will further the profession. Live Richly includes your professional life. And let me know what you think — hearing from members is the best part of this job. See you soon in Santa Fe!

NAALJ Special Education Section Begins Membership Drive

The Special Education (SPED) Section of NAALJ is beginning a membership drive to bolster its participation in the next reauthorization of IDEA. The SPED Section was established several years ago, in response to NAALJ members' interest in having a separate section in which they could meet and network with fellow independent hearing officers (IHO), regardless of title.

NAALJ is in the process of establishing the Section under the direction of its chair, Jim Rosenfeld, of Seattle University School of Law, and the newly-appointed NAALJ liaison, Judge Jim Murray, Deputy Director, National Appeals Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture. The only requirements for membership in the Section are membership in NAALJ (\$50 per year) and being a special education impartial hearing officer (IHO) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). (All IHOs are, of course, eligible to join NAALJ.) The broader objective of the Section is to provide a forum for the sharing of ideas and experiences and for contributing members' unique viewpoint to the improvement of special education dispute resolution process. To join the Section and to discuss how you can participate in this effort, please contact the Section Chair, Jim Rosenfeld at rosenfeld@seattlu.edu or Jim Murray, the NAALJ Special Education Section Liaison at james.murray@nad.usda.gov.



The Section wants to be sure to establish a process that guarantees and reflects the impartiality of the decision-maker, but also constitutes a significant contribution to improvement of the process. A first step for the Section will be to assemble its membership and elect officers, probably for a two-year period. In addition to geographic and experiential considerations, an important objective in determining Section officers will be to reflect the existing differences among states of who conducts IDEA due process hearings, e.g., ALJs v. contract hearing officers. Chair Jim Rosenfeld and others are working on the section's organizational structure and administration. This is your opportunity to get in at the beginning! The NAALJ Special Education Section is looking forward to hearing from you. Your viewpoint is important! "See you in Santa Fe!"

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NEWS FROM THE STATES

District of Columbia Affiliate News

News from the District of Columbia

Association of Administrative Adjudicators (DCAALJ)

In its regular newsletter this spring, Paul Handy, DCAALJ's president, expressed his pleasure at being DCAALJ's President during its second year. He wrote that he intended on building on the success achieved under President Joan Davenport during DCAALJ's first year. His goals for the affiliate are to provide meaningful educational programs for DCAALJ's members, foster collegiality among fellow administrative adjudicators, build membership, and support the work of NAALJ. Regarding Judge Handy's goals of building membership and supporting the work of NAALJ, later this spring DCAALJ published a special edition of its newsletter primarily to call attention to the National Administrative Law Judiciary Foundation's (NALJF) Challenge Grants.



This winter the District of Columbia received a visit from Mr. Chen Biwen, the person responsible for administrative review with the Legislative Affairs Office of the State Council of China. Accompanying Mr. Chen was Jamie P. Horsley, Deputy Director of the China Law Center at Yale Law School, who focuses on administrative law and regulatory reform.

Mr. Chen sat down with several local ALJs at a round table discussion. According to Mr. Chen, in China an individual or organization can apply for administrative reconsideration to the appropriate regulatory authority if the person or organization feels their rights or interests have been infringed upon by an administrative act. He noted that China's system, which has made rapid growth in recent years due to the strong support of the Chinese government, needs to keep adjusting to meet the needs of the new situation in China. Mr. Chen observed that there are a range of administrative resolution mechanisms in the U.S. He intends to study them and to do research on how to improve China's system of resolving administrative complaints.

On June 29, 2011, DCAALJ held a meeting at which a silent auction was held. Of course, besides the silent auction, one of the main points to the meeting was to choose members to receive Challenge Grants to help them to attend the NAALJ Annual Conference in Santa Fe this September. In keeping with tradition, DCAALJ chose two members to receive grants. This year's lucky members are: Judge Fred Barney, ALJ, D.C. Department of Employment Services Workers' Compensation unit and Judge Claudia Barber, ALJ, D.C. Office of Administrative hearings.

The grant recipients are looking forward to seeing their NAALJ colleagues at the annual conference in Santa Fe this September!

NEWS FROM THE STATES

Maryland Affiliate News

MARYLAND AFFILIATE REMAINS STEADY

The Maryland NAALJ affiliate was originally established in 1996. In 2003 it joined with administrative adjudicators in D.C. to establish a joint local NAALJ affiliate. Effective July 1, 2009, the Maryland affiliate re-established itself as a separate affiliate, the Maryland Association of Administrative Adjudicators (MAALJ). Since that time, MAALJ has increased the number of Maryland members and became a National Administrative Law Judiciary Foundation (NALJF) Life Mentor.



On May 2, 2011, MAALJ, led by ALJ Mary Shock of the Maryland OAH, held a Law Day presentation at the Administrative Law Building to educate citizens on the U. S. Constitution. The various sections of the Constitution were discussed by MAALJ members and participants received pocket copies of the Constitution. Although attendance was small, questions were plentiful and the program was well received. MAALJ is contemplating another Law Day presentation next year.

On June 27, 2011, MAALJ held its annual meeting and election of officers. The following slate of officers was approved by the members:

President:	Mary Shock, ALJ, OAH
President Elect:	Ron Frampton, Talbot County Tax Appeals
Secretary:	Michael Osborn, ALJ, OAH
Treasurer:	Robert McGowan, Hearing Examiner, Public Service Commission
Board Member:	Thomas Dewberry, CALJ, OAH
	Jim Murray, ALJ, OAH (at the time)
	Scott Oakley, Sundry Claims Board (Immediate Past President)

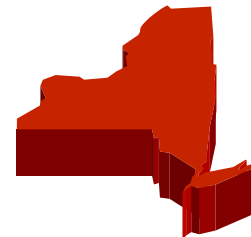
Also at the June 27, 2011 meeting, MAALJ selected Michael Osborn as the recipient of the 2011 NALJF Challenge Grant recipient. He will have his fee to the 2011 NAALJ Conference in Santa Fe paid, receive \$500 from the NALJF and receive up to another \$500 from MAALJ for other conference expenses. We are looking forward to a report from Judge Osborn at our mid-year meeting in January.

In other news, Jim Murray announced his retirement from the OAH - his last work day with the OAH was July 1, 2011. Judge Murray, a founder of the original and new Maryland affiliate and an ALJ with the Maryland OAH since its inception in January 1990, will be sorely missed at the OAH. Judge Murray, however, is not retiring from administrative adjudication. ALJ Murray left OAH to take the position of Deputy Director, National Appeals Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Although he will be busy learning his new job, Judge Murray plans to remain active in MAALJ and NAALJ.

NEWS FROM THE STATES

New York Affiliate News

By Peter S. Loomis



Under the leadership of Hon. James McClymonds, who is completing his second and final year as president, the New York State Administrative Law Judges Association (NYSALJA) has had a busy year. Following up on a day-long CLE presented by several members at Pace University's New York City campus in November 2010, NYSALJA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Pace earlier this year that provides for CLE at a reduced cost to NYSALJA members. Our CLE subcommittee, headed up by Hon. Ed Mevec, continues to investigate other partner opportunities with Pace.

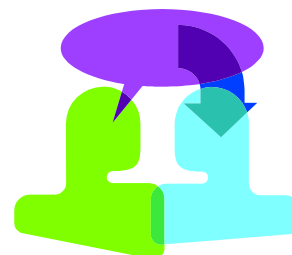
Thanks to the work of Hon. Eric Zaidins, our Technology Subcommittee chair and in-house wizard, NYSALJA now has a new and improved website (<http://www.nysalja.org>), and Eric continues to work with Hon. Steve Wise on the NAALJ technology committee, developing a prototype website that can be used by interested state affiliates.

As part of a continuing effort to attract new members, NYSALJA has been hosting pre-meeting social get-togethers in Troy and New York City, and Hon. Cathy Bennett has prepared an attractive NYSALJA membership certificate which will be issued to all members.

Proving that travel is no barrier to participation, New York had more attendees than any state other than Georgia at the mid-year meeting in May 2011 in Atlanta. Hon. Marc Zylberberg was the lucky winner of the drawing for a NYSALJA \$500 grant to attend the mid-year. We hope to also continue our tradition of being a significant presence at the annual conference this fall, particularly since Hon. John Farrell, our immediate past NYSALJA president, will become President of NAALJ in Santa Fe. NYSALJA plans to participate in the NAALJ matching grant program for this year's annual conference and to also offer a \$500 NYSALJA grant.

2011 Fellowship Award Winner Announced

Judge 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, has announced that the Committee selected Judge David B. Torrey as this year's winner. Judge Torrey, a Workers' Compensation Judge in Allegheny County Pennsylvania, was selected for the Fellowship based on his proposed Fellowship Article, entitled: *Master or Commander? The Workers Compensation Hearing Officer And Adjudicatory Power*.



The Fellowship Committee considered a number of entries this year, but was particularly impressed with Judge Torrey's thorough submission and with the interesting premise of his proposed article. 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 2011 NAALJ Annual Conference in Santa Fe, NM in September 2011.

NAALJ congratulates Judge Torrey and thanks him for his excellent submission! We look forward to seeing him in Santa Fe, hearing about his article, and reading the completed article in the NAALJ Journal.

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La Fonda on the Plaza

Enchanted Evening in New Mexico. On Tuesday, join us for a walking tour of Pueblo de San Ildefonso, established 400 years ago along the Rio Grande. The Pueblo is home to the sacred Black Mesa. The Pueblo Museum features the work of famous potter Maria Martinez, whose influence is still strong, and the work of other Pueblo artists—including paintings, weavings, embroidery, and a depiction of the pottery-making process. Then enjoy tableside guacamole and other foods of the Southwest and Old Mexico at Gabriel's, one of Santa Fe's finest restaurants, with an excellent art collection, located near the Tesuque Pueblo. Note: an extra charge for this outing is required to cover the cost of the bus and dinner.



We have kept our conference fees stable this year and offer a \$400 registration fee (\$450 for non-NAALJ members) if postmarked (or made online) prior to August 15. After that the fees will increase by \$50. We could not maintain such a reasonable registration fee without the great help of our Gold Sponsor, Sustain Technologies, Inc. Thank you Sustain!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: go to www.naalj.org to register for the conference, reserve your hotel stay, and see the schedule of events.

Bob Cohen, Conference Chair

Join the Journey to Santa Fe, New Mexico

Register now for the NAALJ Annual Conference and join us in Santa Fe.

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REGISTRATION FEES (includes all educational programs and materials, Sunday night reception, Monday-Wednesday continental breakfasts, Tuesday and Wednesday lunches, and the Wednesday night Silent Auction Reception and Banquet.)

	NAALJ Member	Non-Member
Early registration (Postmarked by August 15, 2011)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450
Regular registration (Postmarked after August 15, 2011)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500
Challenge Grant Recipient	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 (Registration fee waived)	

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Yes - No I'm attending NAALJ Reception on September 18 (included in registration).

Yes - No I have accessibility needs as specified below.

Comments: _____

EVENT REGISTRATION

List number of tickets in box

\$60 Guest ticket for NAALJ Banquet on September 21
Guest Name(s) for Banquet _____

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Name(s) for Excursion _____ (Limited Availability)

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Charter Life Mentors:

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Mary-Margaret Anderson (CA) (pledge 2009)	E. Savannah Little (VA) (pledge 2009) (Challenge Grant recipient in 2010)	Bev Sherman Nash (DC) (pledge 2009) (Challenge Grant recipient in 2010)
Abigail Bernhardt (NY) (2008, pledge 2009)	Barbara Lundin (KS) (pledge 2009)	Janet and Jerry Raider (KY) (lump sum 2008; donations in 2009, 2010)
David Brunke (TX) (lump sum in 2009)	Bryan McDaniel (DC) (lump sum 2009)	Edward Schoenbaum (IL) (lump sum 2009)
Tyrone Butler (DC) (pledge 2008)	R. Bruce McKibben (FL) (pledge 2009) (Challenge Grant recipient in 2010)	Steven and Debra Wise (IA) (lump sum 2009, donation in 2010) (Debra – Challenge Grant recipient in 2010)
Bob Cohen (FL) (lump sum 2010)	June McKinney (FL) (pledge 2009)	Marc Zylberberg (NY) (pledge 2008)
John Hardwicke (MD) (pledge 2009)	Julian Mann (NC) (pledge 2009)	
Ana-Beatriz Pasion Kidd Kennedy (GA) (lump sum 2009)		

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Phyllis Carter (WV) (2009)	Laura King (WA) (2008)	Greg Ogden (CA) (2008, 2010)
Sammie Chess (NC) (2008)	Marvin Kittrell (SC) (2010)	Felicia Orth (NM) (2009, 2010)
Nicholas Cobbs (DC) (2009) (Challenge Grant recipient in 2009)	Ruth Kraft (NY) (2009, 2010)	Robert O'Neal (VA) (2009, 2010, 2011) (Challenge Grant recipient in 2009)
Robert Cohen (FL) (2009)	Bob Layton (KY) (2009) (Challenge Grant recipient in 2009)	Rebecca Pauli (AK) (2009)
Larry Craddock (TX) (2009) (2010)	Peter Loomis (NY) (2009, 2010, 2011)	Peter Plummer (MI) (2009)
Lynette Donner (IA) (2009, 2010) (Challenge Grant recipient in 2009)	David Mackey (AR) (2009) (Challenge Grant recipient in 2009))	Errol Powell (FL) (2009)
John Farrell (NY) (2009)	Maryland Affiliate (2009)	Jordan Rossen (NY) (2008)
Sallie Farrow (NY) (2009)	Kristin Miller (GA) (2009, 2010, 2011)	Robert Sharkey (DC) (2008, 2010)
Camela Gardner (IL) (2009, 2010)	Anne Murphy (NY) (two donations in 2009)	Denise Wilson-Taylor (DC) (2009) (Challenge Grant recipient in 2009)
John Gedid (PA) (2008, 2010)	Jim Murray (MD) (2009, 2010)	Ann Marshall Young (DC) (2008)
Richard Goodwin (CA) (2008, two donations in 2010)		
Patricia Hart (FL) (2009)		

Mentors:

Louis Burnett (MD) (2010)
(Challenge Grant recipient in 2010)
 Joan Davenport (DC) (2010)
 Lionel Foster (IA) (2010)

Mark Handley (AK) (2010)
 Allen and Mary Hoberg (ND) (2010)
 Marvin Kittrell (SC) (2010)
 Kristin Miller (GA) (2011)

Life Mentors:

IA Affiliate (2010)
 KY Affiliate (2010)
 MD Affiliate (2010)
 NY Affiliate (2010)

Which Affiliate Will Answer the Challenge??

In the February 2011 newsletter, it was announced that the Kentucky Affiliate (KAAA) became the fourth state affiliate to become a Life Mentor by donating \$1,000 to the John Hardwicke Mentor Program! KAAA joined three other affiliates – the Maryland Affiliate, the Iowa Affiliate, and the New York Affiliate in becoming Life Mentors.



These four affiliates challenged other affiliates to join them in becoming Life Mentors. To become a Life Mentor, an affiliate makes a one-time, lump sum contribution of not less than \$1,000 or an initial contribution of \$300 and a written pledge to contribute an additional \$900 over the next three years.

No additional affiliate has taken up the challenge to become a Life Mentor!

If your affiliate is unable to make the donation to become a Life Mentor, why not make an annual contribution of not less than \$100 and become a Mentor. The decision to become a Mentor should be within the financial means of every affiliate. Indeed, by making a pledge over three years, every affiliate should be able to become a Life Mentor.

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Which affiliates will answer the challenge?

Facts and Figures

Can you name all the programs the Foundation supports?? Here they are:

- Two Neil Alexander scholarships to the National Judicial College
- Fellowship presentation Vic Roskopf plaque
- Challenge Grants made possible by the John Hardwicke Mentor Program

If all of these programs are utilized in a single year, the cost to the Foundation is over \$12,000!

ONLY if you give generously to the Foundation by becoming a Mentor or Life Mentor can these programs be fully funded. You are urged to do so!

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Have You Thought About Becoming a Legacy Mentor?

In the February 2011 newsletter, Past President Bob Cohen introduced a new category of giving to the Foundation – the Legacy Mentor.

By stating in your will or trust that you wish for a sum of money or a percentage of your estate to be given to the Foundation, you are making a lasting bequest to further the good work of the Foundation. The Foundation encourages research and scholarship for improving administrative justice and fulfills this mission by supporting the Neil Alexander Scholarships to the National Judicial College; the Challenge Grant Program; the Fellowship; and provides the plaque for the Vic Rosskopf Award for Judicial Professionalism and Ethics.



The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable entity. Thus, you may secure a charitable estate-tax deduction for the value of the gift and know that your generous gift will support the Foundation’s mission for years to come.

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Legacy Mentor Form

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Name: _____

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Signature: _____

Date: _____

Note: Please consult your professional tax and financial advisor concerning the specific consequences of making gifts to the National Administrative Law Judiciary Foundation.



Atlanta, GA - 2011 Mid-Year Conference Photos



President Maggie Anderson welcoming conference attendees to Atlanta.



View of Atlanta from the roof of the Glenn Hotel



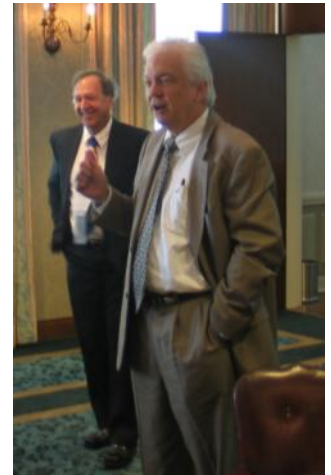
Reflection of Atlanta from roof of the Glenn Hotel



Lois Oakley, ALJ, GA OSAH, introducing the session on Autism.



Steve Wise (ALJ, IA), Beverly Nash (ALJ DC OAH), Barbara Brown (ALJ GA) and John Farrell (ALJ NY) arriving at the Glenn Hotel rooftop for the opening reception.



Point-counterpoint on RTI and specific learning disabilities in special education



Comprehensive Psych Evaluations presentation



Bob Cohen, CALJ, FL-OAH, introducing the session on assessing credibility.



Stone Mountain

Thank you Kristin Miller, James Murray, and Marc Zylberberg for photos of the Mid-Year conference.

Georgia Host To Mid-Year Meeting

On May 2, ALJs from around the country descended on the Glenn Hotel in downtown Atlanta for the 2011 NAALJ Mid-year Conference. With its central location and easy access to CNN Center, Centennial Olympic Park, and the Georgia Aquarium, the Glenn was the ideal location for the midyear meeting. And what better way to kick off the conference than with an evening on the hotel's rooftop party deck? At the Board reception, judges reunited with old friends, met new ones, and enjoyed cold beverages and good Southern cooking. Judge Matt Mooney of Kentucky remarked, "The rooftop reception was wonderful. We had mild weather, great views of Atlanta and the park, and interesting conversation all around." Rumor has it that a few partiers lucked into some surplus drink tickets, but everyone still made it to the conference on time the next day!



ALJs Bob Layton (KY) and Barbara Brown (GA) unwind at the Board reception.



Maryland ALJs Dick O'Connor and Deb Buie and their guests enjoy the view from the Glenn Hotel's SkyLounge.



Georgia Association of Administrative Judiciary President and conference CLE chair Kim Schroer introduces the first speaker.



Judges Chris Traskos, Janet Graham, Gayle Everitt, and Anne Murphy, all of New York, pose with Judge Murphy's husband, Arthur Bence.

The educational component of the conference was held on May 3 and 4 at the State Bar of Georgia's conference center, just across the street from the hotel. Former NAALJ President and Chief Judge of the Florida Office of Administrative Hearings Bob Cohen commented, "The program was first-rate, with the perfect mix of law school professors and local judges handling a variety of topics such as evidence, writing for judges, special education issues, and witness credibility." The seminars stimulated vigorous discussion among the conference participants, and the speakers were thrilled to have the attention of such an engaged audience.



Professor Linda Jellum of Mercer University shines light into the abyss of statutory interpretation.

The educational program had many highlights. Professor Paul Milich of Georgia State University, a renowned expert on Georgia evidence, used real-life fact patterns to answer difficult evidentiary questions. Mercer University Professor Linda Jellum cracked the previously indecipherable code of statutory interpretation with her straightforward checklist. And Chief Judge Max Wood of the Georgia Office of State Administrative Hearings gave new meaning to the term "war stories" by sharing his experiences working in the Iraqi court system. Georgia ALJ Barbara Brown particularly enjoyed the segment on judges as mediators, noting that "Mr. Kendrick had obviously done his research, and his presentation was genuinely interesting and informative."

Conference attendees were also witnesses to a watershed event in Georgia history: Governor Nathan Deal’s signing of the bill revising Georgia’s evidence code, which took place just down the hall from the conference program. The revised, Federal Rules-based code eliminated a number of idiosyncrasies in Georgia law, some of which dated back to the 1860s. (Professor Milich, who worked for years on the legislation, was ecstatic – at least until he had to sit down and rewrite his evidence books.) One ALJ who attended the signing made an even bigger impression than the Governor. Judge Peter Plummer of Michigan confessed that he collided with a floor-to-ceiling pane of glass when he left the signing, leaving a face print that was visible for the rest of the afternoon. According to Judge Plummer, “Thank goodness the Governor had left the room about five minutes before I tried to walk through the wall.”

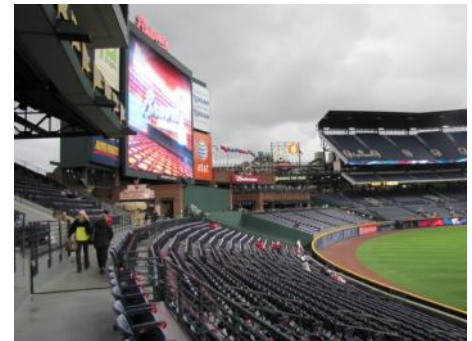


Investigator Steve Duncan of the Georgia State Patrol offers ALJs Stephanie Howells (GA) and Cathy Bennett (NY) more tips for detecting deception in witnesses.



Professor Paul Milich of Georgia State University rhapsodizes about the new and improved rules of evidence in Georgia.

Of course, every conference has its snafus (in addition to the occasional face plant), and this time it was the weather. The meticulously planned outing to see the Atlanta Braves play the Milwaukee Brewers at Turner Field ended in disaster when the game was rained out after a substantial delay. However, the indefatigable NAALJers turned lemons into lemonade by directing the bus toward the charming town square in Decatur, Georgia. In Decatur, the judges dined at Parker’s on Ponce Steakhouse or hung out “upstairs and to the left” at the Brick Store Pub’s Belgian beer bar. Even better, anyone who stayed in town after the conference ended was treated to a doubleheader the next night. ALJ Cathy Bennett of New York attended the second game and remarked, “There was chilly night air, but it was a hot night for baseball at a great park!” It was indeed a hot night for baseball, as the Braves swept the doubleheader.



It was a dark and stormy night



Judge Cathy Bennett (NY) and her son, Tim Bennett, had a great time watching the Braves beat the Brewers in the second game of the doubleheader.

All in all, the conference was a great success with fun and learning for all. Your Georgia hosts extend a warm thank-you to everyone who attended and helped make the program possible.



NAALJ President Maggie Anderson (CA) and Treasurer Kristin Miller (GA) relax after the conference.

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