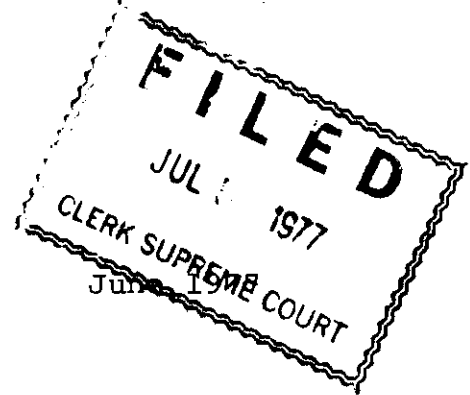


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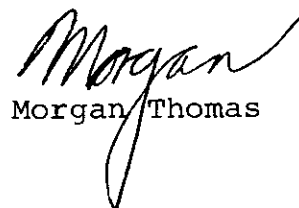
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was June 25 and there I was sitting in this airplane with Billie waiting to take off for Dallas and the annual convention of Kiwanis International. I was looking over the newspaper when I spied a small article on "Today in History".

Apparently nothing good ever happened on June 25. In 1815 on that date Napoleon delivered a farewell address before being exiled. In 1876 Custer's force was massacred at Little Big Horn. In 1934 it was announced that 16 million Americans were on relief. In 1950 the Korean war began.

Then, for gosh sakes, I looked at Billie and realized that this was the anniversary of our wedding day and we had 42 beautiful years to be thankful for. It has to be a good day.

What I'm getting at is that no matter what else happens from July 31 through August 4, there will be great days at Coeur d'Alene when we clerks get together for the annual meeting. Be there, won't you?


Morgan Thomas

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING TO OPEN JULY 31

In slightly less than a month, the Conference's Fourth Annual Meeting will open at the North Shore Hotel in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. As is virtually always the case with such events, there have been some further revisions in the conference program (Monday afternoon is to be "free time.") Essentially, though, the agenda remains much as it was when published in the April Newsletter; a copy of the final program is enclosed with this issue.

In mid-June the program committee, chaired by Alexander Stevas of the DC Court of Appeals, sent out its final pre-conference mailing. Anyone who is interested in attending but either lacks a hotel reservation card or requires other assistance may call or write Geoff Mort at the National Center for State Courts, 1660 Lincoln Street, Suite 200, Denver, Colorado 80264 (303) 892-1261.

This year's conference will begin on Sunday evening with a boat cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene. The cruise will include cocktails and dinner; we expect that the Lieutenant Governor of Idaho will join us. Other social highlights are Monday evening's Western Barbecue at the Bonanza ranch near Coeur d'Alene and Wednesday night's formal banquet.

Conference host Bill Young has been investigating the possibility of fishing expeditions in the area. He reports that both boats and guides are available for fishing trips either before or following the conference; guide fees are \$35.00 per day, per person or \$60.00 for two persons. Three boats, each holding two people in addition to the guide, have been reserved for Friday, August 29 and Saturday, August 30. Those interested in this activity should contact Bill Young at (208) 384-2210.

Room rates at the North Shore Hotel are as follows:

Single Room, One Occupant	
One Queen Size Bed	
In the North Wing	\$20.50
In the Tower	24.50
Single Room, Two Occupants	
One Queen Size Bed	
In the North Wing	\$24.50
In the Tower	28.50
Double-Double Room, Two	
Occupants	
Two Queen Size Beds	
In the North Wing	\$28.50
In the Tower	33.50

Reiterating a Few Important Points:

There is limousine service from Spokane airport to the North Shore Motor Hotel at Coeur D'Alene. The limousine service is provided by the North Shore Motor Hotel and costs \$5 per person one way with a minimum charge of \$10 per trip. The round trip from the North Shore to the Spokane airport takes about one hour and 45 minutes, so it is advised that arrival schedules and flight numbers be provided the North Shore at least ten days in advance of arrival so that they can schedule the shuttle service to provide a minimum of waiting time at the Spokane airport.

If you have not yet returned your workshop questionnaire and advance registration form, please do so as soon as possible. This promises to be a conference that no one should miss.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In keeping with the provision in the NCACC's by-laws that "at least 30 days before the annual meeting the nominating committee shall make and report to the members nominations for the offices of vice president, secretary-treasurer, and members of the executive committee to succeed those individuals whose terms will expire at the close of the annual meeting and to fill vacancies then existing for unexpired terms" (Article VI, Section 5), the nominating committee report is as follows:

Vice President:	Wilfried J. Kramer, Clerk Court of Appeal, Third Appellate Division Sacramento, California
Secretary-Treasurer:	Jean M. Kennett, Assistant Clerk Supreme Court for Suffolk County Boston, Massachusetts
Members of the Executive Committee:	Lewis C. Carter, Clerk Supreme Court Topeka, Kansas
	John E. Powers, Clerk Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County Boston, Massachusetts
	Edward K. Suzuki, Chief Clerk of Supreme Court Honolulu, Hawaii

Members of
Executive Committee
(Continued):

C. M. Whitaker, First
Deputy Clerk
Court of Appeals
Washington, D.C.

John Wilkerson, Clerk
Court of Civil Appeals
Montgomery, Alabama

R. H. Young, Clerk
Supreme Court
Boise, Idaho

In accordance with the by-laws, the current president-elect, Ronald L. Dzierbicki, Clerk of Court of Appeals of Michigan succeeds to the presidency; current vice president, Florence Peskoe, Clerk of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, becomes president-elect; and current President Morgan Thomas, Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Georgia, as immediate past President, becomes a member of the executive committee.

C. M. Whitaker's nomination to the executive committee is in accordance with the by-laws' stipulation that "at least one of those elected to the executive committee must be an associate member" of the conference (Article VI, Section 1).

The Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Members of the Executive Committee (with the exception of the immediate past president) must be elected by vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting and entitled to vote. Other nominations, in addition to those submitted by the nominating committee, may be made from the floor.

Elizabeth McLaughlin
Chairperson

THE JOB MART

Fourth District Court of Appeals - Clerk of Court

The Fourth District Court of Appeal is taking applications, until August 1, for position of Clerk of Court. Applicant must be member of the Florida Bar, with administrative and fiscal experience. Duties include serving as administrator of the court; responsibility for all papers, records and files; responsibility for preparing legislative and court operating budget and supervision of the library services; salary, \$25,200; send resume and letter of application to Chief Judge, Fourth District Court of Appeal, P.O. Box A, West Palm Beach, Florida 33402.

Supreme Court of South Dakota - Legal Research Assistants (2)

The State Court Administrator's Office of the Supreme Court of South Dakota is accepting applications for two (2) Legal Research Assistants, at a salary of \$16,000.

Through an LEAA grant the State Court Administrator's Office is preparing Pattern Jury Instructions, a Circuit Judges Bench Book, and Magistrate and Clerk manuals. This will be a two-year project, located in Pierre, South Dakota.

These positions will require the review, study and search of constitutions, statutes, rules, case law, documents, and related legal authority for the drafts of the above publications. Work will be reviewed by the Project Director and an Advisory Committee of Judges, Clerks and members of the Bar.

Graduation from an accredited school of law or a Doctorate degree in a related research field are desirable. Applicants should have experience in research and writing and have knowledge of Judicial procedures and policies, legal documents, laws and legal factors pertaining to the courts.

Applications may be made by submitting a personal resume to: Supreme Court Personnel Office, Capitol Building, Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Applications for these positions will close July 18, 1977.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM/UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Application Deadline: July 10, 1977; Starting Salary: \$13,000; Starting Date: August 10, 1977.

Duties: Assists the Director in field research projects, program development, and policy decisions. Responsible for the implementation of the budget; supervising all aspects of student recruitment; counseling students and managing the daily operations of the research projects. The Assistant Director reports directly to the Director, and will act as the Director in his absence.

Qualifications: (1) MPA with a specialization in Judicial Administration, or a Masters in Judicial Administration; (2) Administrative and management skills necessary, fiscal ability; (3) Excellent oral and written communication skills; (4) Knowledge of research methods.

Contact: Peter Kiefer, Assistant Director, Judicial Administration Program, 3601 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, California 90007

The Minnesota State Court Administrator is seeking a person to design a model financial information system for the state court system. The person will survey existing court budget practices and financial records, determine state and local financial data needs, and recommend a model financial system. Applicants should have extensive experience or education in accounting and/or auditing. The term of this LEAA funded project is one year. Salary will be commensurate with experience to a ceiling of \$22,500. Starting date will be September 1, 1977. Send resumes to: Deputy State Court Administrator, 318 State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

State of Minnesota - District Administrator of the District and County Courts

The State Court Administrator on behalf of the judges of the State of Minnesota is accepting applications for the position of district administrator of the district and county courts. One position will be filled in each of the ten judicial districts. The district administrator will manage the administrative affairs of the courts of the judicial district, supervise the clerks of court and other support personnel, except court reporters, and assist the chief judge in the performance of the judge's administrative duties. Salaries will range from \$25,00-\$35,000 per year.

Applicants should have business administration experience with a knowledge of court operations. B.A./M.A. degree in Business Administration/Court Management or J.D. degree desirable. Resumes should be submitted to: Deputy Court Administrator, 318 State Capitol, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

State of Oklahoma - State Court Administrator

The State of Oklahoma is accepting applications for the position of State Court Administrator, located in Oklahoma City. Salary Range: \$26,000-\$35,000; send applications to Honorable Ralph B. Hodges, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Oklahoma, State Capitol, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. Responsibilities: (1) Administrative Organization of the Judicial System; (2) Jurisdiction of the Courts; (3) Non-Adjudicative (Administrative) Functions of the Supreme Court.

CLERKS' SALARIES COMPARED TO
ASSOCIATE AND CHIEF JUSTICES'

(Percentage of clerk's salary to Associate and Chief Justice's
salaries of Highest Court by state)

<u>State</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Alabama	Clerk	\$ 27,170	
	CJ	33,500	81.1 %
	AJ	33,500	81.1
Alaska	Clerk	42,000	
	CJ	52,992	79.3
	AJ	52,992	79.3
Arizona	Clerk	21,825	
	CJ	37,000	59.0
	AJ	37,000	59.0
Arkansas	Clerk	16,880	
	CJ	34,024	49.6
	AJ	31,189	54.1
California	No response		
Colorado	Clerk	28,000	
	CJ	42,500	65.9
	AJ	40,000	70.0
Connecticut	Clerk	27,544	
	CJ	40,000	68.9
	AJ	36,000	76.5
Delaware	Clerk	14,450	
	CJ	42,500	34.0
	AJ	42,000	34.4
Florida	Clerk	31,000	
	CJ	40,000	77.5
	AJ	40,000	77.5
Georgia	Clerk	28,000	
	CJ	40,000	70.0
	AJ	40,000	70.0
Hawaii	Clerk	21,500	
	CJ	47,500	45.3
	AJ	45,000	47.8
Idaho	Clerk	23,172	
	CJ	31,500	73.6
	AJ	31,500	73.6

Clerks' Salary Comparison

<u>State</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Illinois	Clerk	\$ 27,500	
	CJ	50,000	55.0 %
	AJ	50,000	55.0
Indiana	Clerk	16,000	
	CJ	38,100	42.0
	AJ	38,100	42.0
Iowa	Clerk	21,008	
	CJ	40,000	52.5
	AJ	39,000	53.9
Kansas	Clerk	28,128	
	CJ	35,000	80.4
	AJ	34,000	82.7
Kentucky	No response		
Louisiana	Clerk	33,000	
	CJ	50,000	66.0
	AJ	50,000	66.0
Maine	Clerk	21,000	
	CJ	27,500	76.4
	AJ	26,000	80.8
Maryland	Clerk	27,762	
	CJ	45,200	61.4
	AJ	44,100	63.0
Massachusetts	Clerk	28,552	
	CJ	42,236	67.6
	AJ	40,788	70.0
Michigan	No response		
Minnesota	Clerk	25,000	
	CJ	40,000	62.5
	AJ	36,500	68.5
Mississippi	Clerk	22,500	
	CJ	35,000	64.3
	AJ	34,000	66.2
Missouri	Clerk	28,675	
	CJ	36,500	78.6
	AJ	36,500	78.6

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<u>State</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Montana	Clerk	\$ 14,000	
	CJ	28,000	50.0 %
	AJ	27,000	51.9
Nebraska	Clerk	22,500	
	CJ	39,750	56.6
	AJ	39,750	56.6
Nevada	Clerk	24,504	
	CJ	35,000	70.0
	AJ	35,000	70.0
New Hampshire	No response		
New Jersey	Clerk	35,500	
	CJ	50,500	70.3
	AJ	48,000	74.0
New Mexico	Clerk	17,136	
	CJ	33,500	51.2
	AJ	33,500	51.2
New York	Clerk	48,370	
	CJ	63,143	76.6
	AJ	60,575	79.9
North Carolina	Clerk	23,272	
	CJ	40,860	57.0
	AJ	39,816	58.4
North Dakota	Clerk	21,600	
	CJ	33,500	64.5
	AJ	32,000	67.5
Ohio	Clerk	29,182	
	CJ	43,500	67.1
	AJ	40,000	73.0
Oklahoma	Clerk	18,000	
	CJ	38,000	47.4
	AJ	38,000	47.4
Oregon	Clerk	36,000	
	CJ	38,720	93.0
	AJ	38,720	93.0
Pennsylvania	No response		
Rhode Island	No response		

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<u>State</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
South Carolina	Clerk	\$ 30,000	
	CJ	45,049	66.6 %
	AJ	39,272	76.4
South Dakota	Clerk	17,971	
	CJ	29,000	62.0
	AJ	28,000	64.2
Tennessee	Clerk	33,518	
	CJ	51,598	65.0
	AJ	47,629	70.4
Texas	Clerk	20,100	
	CJ	47,900	42.0
	AJ	47,400	42.4
Utah	No response		
Vermont	Clerk	25,792	
	CJ	31,400	82.1
	AJ	29,900	86.3
Virginia	Clerk	34,987	
	CJ	45,000	77.7
	AJ	44,000	79.5
Washington	Clerk	30,240	
	CJ	39,412	76.7
	AJ	39,412	76.7
West Virginia	Clerk	31,600	
	CJ	35,000	90.3
	AJ	35,000	90.3
Wisconsin	Clerk	24,780	
	CJ	49,920	49.6
	AJ	44,160	56.1
Wyoming	Clerk	15,000	
	CJ	32,500	46.1
	AJ	32,500	46.1
District of Columbia	Clerk	39,600	
	CJ	42,620	92.9
	AJ	42,120	94.0

FOOTNOTES AND MISCELLANY

John Coleman Scott

John Coleman Scott, Frankfort, Kentucky, has been appointed Clerk of the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Mr. Scott has served as Chief Deputy Clerk of the Supreme Court of Kentucky (formerly the Court of Appeals) for 13 years. He is a member of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks, the American Legion and the Frankfort Lions Club, serving as secretary for 11 years. He has served as president of the Frankfort Jaycees and was Frankfort City Commissioner from 1960 to 1962.

Tax-Exemption

In late June the NCACC received a formal notification from the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that we are now officially a tax-exempt organization.

Williamsburg II

As reported in the June issue of the National Center for State Courts Report, chairmen have been appointed to head each of the six task forces preparing papers for the Center's Williamsburg II conference in March 1978. The conference, which will have as its purpose the development of specific goals and strategies for court improvement in the next twenty years, has been structured so that a task force is assigned to delve into each of its six subtopics: "public image of the courts;" "courts and the community;" internal organization and procedures;" "international models;" "courts and the America system of government;" and "implementation strategies."

Since the NCSC Report was published in early June, four of the six task forces have held meetings and are in the process of preparing monographs. In addition to the individuals highlighted in the NCSC Report, task force members include Jerrold Footlick of Newsweek, J. Woodward Howard of Johns Hopkins University, Frank Murray of the National Judicial College in Reno, Leonard Sayles of Columbia University and Patricia Wald, Assistant U.S. Attorney General for Legislation.

LEAA's Woes Continue

As expected, the House Appropriations Committee has endorsed a recommendation that LEAA's budget for fiscal 1978 be limited to \$600 million. (This figure is \$104.5 million below the Carter Administration's request and \$153 million below the current level.) The bill in question also contained a series of earmarkings which would further reduce the LEAA funds available for block and discretionary grants going to the states. A floor fight led by supporters of the agency to keep funding near its present level is underway.

ABA Standards for Appellate Courts

The American Bar Association's Standards Relating to Appellate Courts is presently in final draft form. The NCACC program committee hopes to obtain copies in time to distribute them to all who are expected to attend the Fourth Annual Meeting. In the event that this is not possible, members of the Conference are strongly encouraged to obtain and study their own copies. (A discussion of the standards is part of the educational agenda for Coeur d'Alene.) Sections of the final draft which are particularly relevant are 3.00, 3.10 (entire section), 3.20, 3.30, 3.31, 3.35, 3.36, 3.37, 3.40 (entire section), 3.50 and 3.60 (both entire section.)