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POSITIVE RESULTS FROM FORMATION OF CONFERENCE

The formation of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks has been paying off in a positive way for clerks and the courts, according to reports received by John E. Powers, Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.

As a direct result of the NCACC Annual Meeting in Louisville, Lawrence P. Gill, Clerk of the Court of Appeals, Division II, Tacoma, Washington, learned about an opening with the U. S. Supreme Court. Mr. Gill applied and got the job--Deputy Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Also, in its search for a new Clerk, the Supreme Court of Alaska used the NCACC membership list in contacting prospective applicants.

NAME SOUGHT FOR NEWSLETTER

This is the first issue of this newsletter put out in cooperation with the National Center for State Courts, acting as our secretariat. We will be publishing every two months, with the first 1975 issue scheduled for February.

The format will change slightly in future editions. We also want to develop a distinctive name for the newsletter. Please send in your suggestions.

Those having news items or suggestions for the newsletter are asked to contact one of the members of the Editorial Committee.

Members of the Committee are: Florence Peskoe, Clerk of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, Chairman; John Powers, Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, Vice Chairman; Hyman W. Gamso, Clerk of the Supreme Court of New York, 1st Appellate Division; Corbin Davis, Deputy Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court.

HYMAN W. GAMSO RECEIVES CROMWELL AWARD

Hyman W. Gamso, Clerk of the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department, received the William Nelson Cromwell Award of the New York County Lawyers Association on December 5 at the Association's Annual Bar Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City.

The award honors each year a member of the New York Bar who has rendered useful and unselfish service to the Bar and to the community.

### PRESIDENT MILLS APPOINTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

President Frances Jones Mills has appointed Chairmen for the Conference Committees. They are:

Editorial Committee--Florence Peskoe, Clerk of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, Chairman; Long Range Planning Committee--J. O. Sentell, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Alabama, Chairman; Site Selection Committee--John J. O'Brien, Clerk, New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department, and Mary Ann Hopkins, Chief Deputy Clerk, Arizona Supreme Court, Co-Chairmen; Finance Committee--John A. Parker, Clerk, Tennessee Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal, Chairman; Funding Committee--Thomas H. Abraham, Clerk, Supreme Court of Connecticut, Chairman; Educational Committee--Ronald L. Dzierbicki, Chief Clerk, Court of Appeals, Michigan, Chairman; Membership Committee--Vacancy.

Anyone interested in volunteering to work on any of these committees please let the Chairman of the committee know.

### INDIANA UNIVERSITY TO TRAIN COURT ADMINISTRATORS

Indiana University soon will be training court administrators, according to an article in the November 18 issue of Criminal Justice Newsletter, published by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency.

The Indiana University Indianapolis Law School has received LEAA funds to be administered through the Indiana Judicial Center to establish a certificate program to begin in January. The initial class will take part in six months of course work in the evenings with days free for internships or regular employment in the courts, the article says. Courses will include civil and criminal procedure, management accounting, development of information systems, and judicial administration.

### BILLIE R. McCULLOUGH LEADS DEMOCRATIC TICKET IN INDIANA

Billie R. McCullough, Clerk of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal in Indiana, led the Democratic ticket for Indiana Statehouse offices in the November elections. Mr. McCullough polled more than 860,000 votes in winning reelection.

### TAPES OF LOUISVILLE ANNUAL MEETING AVAILABLE

President Frances Jones Mills, Clerk of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, reports that tapes of the first annual meeting of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks are available from Conference Recording Corporation, 3937 Elfin Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky 40207. The company has sent notices of the availability of the tapes to all NCACC members who attended the meeting.

Price of a complete set of tapes is \$45. On a single tape basis, the prices are: Tape 1--Authority and Administrative Discretion of Clerks, \$10; Tape 1-A--Authority and Administrative Discretion of Clerks, Questions and Answers, \$5; Tape 2--Expediting Appeals, \$10; Tape 3--Office Procedures, New Concepts, \$10; Tape 4--Role of the Appellate Clerk, \$10.

APPELLATE COURT CLERKS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN FIRST  
NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON APPELLATE JUSTICE TO BE HELD IN JANUARY

The Advisory Council for Appellate Justice has called the first National Conference on Appellate Justice to focus attention on possible remedies for problems of appellate courts. The planners have arranged for post-conference measures to implement improvements in the appellate systems.

The National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks has been invited to send a representative to participate in the conference. Others among the 250 participants invited include state and federal judges at all court levels, lawyers, law professors, elected government officials, and leading citizens.

The conference will be held January 23-26 in San Diego. It is co-sponsored by the National Center for State Courts and the Federal Judicial Center.

"The conference will become an engine for converting its best ideas into legislative realities," said Professor Maurice Rosenberg of the Columbia University School of Law. He is chairman of the Advisory Council for Appellate Justice.

The conference will devote a full day each to two questions: How to maintain quality in the appellate process, and how to handle the problems of efficacy, fairness, sentencing review and finality in criminal appeals. The implementation of conference ideas will be discussed on the final day.

The post-conference implementation phase, specially funded by a grant to the National Center for State Courts from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, will continue for 12 months.

MAJOR STUDY OF MINNESOTA COURTS UNDER WAY

The Minnesota Judicial Council is conducting a study of the structure and operation of Minnesota's court system under a grant from the Governor's Commission on Crime Prevention and Control. The study, being conducted by a Select Committee on the Judicial System, will result in recommendations for change, according to an article in Interchange, a publication of the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The Select Committee, comprised of 20 members who are judges, community representatives, legislators, and attorneys, is studying all existing data on the Minnesota Courts, including the National Center for State Courts' two studies, Minnesota County Court Survey and Minnesota District Court Survey.

The principal categories of inquiry are: (1) jurisdictional structure of the state court system, (2) administrative management of the courts, (3) fiscal management of the courts, and (4) policies and practices for judicial and non-judicial personnel. The Select Committee will present a report to Legislature during its 1975 session which will provide conclusions and recommendations as to legislative actions.

COLORADO BAR EXAM LAWSUIT TO BE HEARD

U. S. District Judge Alfred A. Arraj of Denver has issued an order setting up a three-judge federal panel to hear a class action suit filed by four Hispano law school graduates who claim the Colorado bar exam is racially discriminatory.

The four plaintiffs are graduates of the University of Denver law school. They are David J. Cordova, Juan E. Vigil, Carlos F. Vigil, and Ernest L. Lopez. They brought suit when notified they had failed to pass the examination for admission to the Colorado bar.

Named as defendants are the members of the Colorado Supreme Court and the 18-member State Board of Bar Examiners.

In a similar case in federal court in New Jersey, Maurice Abrahams is suing for the right to be admitted to the New Jersey Bar Exam, citing that he is a long-term resident of the state who does not meet the court's normal requirements for the exam in that he did not attend an ABA accredited law school. He did read law, attended law school for 1½ years, and is admitted in New York State. Defendants are the New Jersey Supreme Court and the State Board of Bar Examiners.

VOTE YOUR PREFERENCE AS TO DATE AND SITE OF 1975 ANNUAL MEETING & SEMINAR  
(Please submit by January 10, 1975, to Frances Mills)

To: Mrs. Frances Mills  
Clerk, Kentucky Court of Appeals  
209 Capitol Building  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

I would prefer (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Upstate New York (Lake Placid Area)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Flagstaff, Arizona

As to dates, I would prefer (make one selection)  
\_\_\_\_\_ July 16-19  
\_\_\_\_\_ July 30-August 2

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Signed

(Tear along dotted line and mail today!)