

## National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks Fort Worth, Texas July 30 - August 4, 2006

President Terry Lord has issued the official call to attend the 2006 National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks' 33<sup>rd</sup> annual educational conference. Registration materials will be mailed in early April. This year we're meeting in beautiful and historic Fort Worth, Texas, July 30 - August 4, 2006, at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel. Andrew Weber and the Education Committee have put together a great educational program. Plan on bringing your family because the Fort Worth/Dallas area has so many things to enjoy!

### **Renaissance Worthington Hotel. [www.renaissancehotels.com](http://www.renaissancehotels.com)**

The Worthington Hotel is located in the heart of downtown Fort Worth's lively, vibrant and family-friendly Sundance Square area. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-HOTELS1 or by calling the hotel direct at 817/870-1000. The group rate is \$135 per night for single, double, triple or quad occupancy. This rate will be offered for the two days prior and the two days after the conference based upon availability. The group name for reservations is "NCACC."

Directions from the airport to the hotel can be found on the hotel's website and are reprinted below. The hotel recommends Yellow Checker Airporter Shuttle Service to/from DFW airport. [www.yellowcheckershuttle.com](http://www.yellowcheckershuttle.com). The shuttle is around \$15 one way. By comparison, a taxi is around \$50 one way. Service runs to approximately 8:00 p.m. Late service to/from DFW is available on request until midnight. Please call 817-267-5150 for service and reservation information. If you prefer to rent a car, all major rental companies service DFW airport.

Directions to Worthington Hotel (200 Main Street) from DFW airport: 19 mi.  
Driving Directions: South Exit from Airport to 183 West to 121 South. Follow 121 South to downtown Fort Worth. Take Belknap exit, go 1 mile, turn left on Houston. Turn left on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The hotel is on the left.

### **Attire**

The North Texas region can be quite warm this time of year. The average temperatures during July/August are a high of 96 and low of 72. The attire for the education conference and most social activities will be relaxed and very casual. You may, however, want to bring a sweater or light jacket because meeting rooms can be cool. The attire for Thursday night's banquet will be dressy casual to cocktail. You may also want to throw in some suntan lotion! And maybe some mosquito repellent just in case.

### **Great Events**

We will be having our usual exciting events, including our Sunday night reception sponsored by BNA, golf tournament, fun run/walk, closing banquet, and hospitality suite.

For our West and Lexis events, get ready for some action! Fort Worth is "Where the West Begins," so it's only fitting that West will be hosting a night of family fun in the historical Fort Worth Stockyards where Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and other notorious characters from the Old West came to party and relax! We'll start off in the Stockyards Station to watch the world's only daily longhorn cattle drive, the Fort Worth Herd.

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# THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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By Terry Lord (MO)



fields that lay dormant during the winter are now filled with kids, and there just seems to be more happening in our worlds. So it is with the NCACC.

By the time you read this, the executive committee probably will have concluded its spring meeting in New Orleans. I must admit that I am very anxious to return to New Orleans but I am also a bit apprehensive. Several of us were in New Orleans in November 2004 for an executive committee meeting. I remember it as lively, loud, bawdy, filled with humanity and, for those of us who got the Kenneth DeBlanc tour, strikingly beautiful. I suspect things may be a little different this time around. You hear different things in the news. I prefer to be hopeful. As I mentioned in an earlier column, we are committed to holding our 2007 annual conference in New Orleans.

Since you are probably reading this post-executive committee meeting and I am writing this pre-executive committee meeting, there may be a disconnect between what I anticipate taking place and what actually did take place. With that bit of lawyerly disclaimer, let me tell you what is on the agenda. Stephanie Lavake, Andrew Weber and Tom Hall will be updating us on plans for the Fort Worth conference, educational program and exhibitor show. You should have received your registration materials by now. Please return your registration to Stephanie as soon as possible. Also, be sure to check out our website at [www.appellatecourtclerks.org](http://www.appellatecourtclerks.org) for more information and links to all things Fort Worth. Speaking of conference attendance, scholarship committee chair Cynthia Rapp has a note in this issue about the availability of scholarships for those whose courts cannot or will not fund their attendance. If you find yourself in this situation, please consider applying for scholarship assistance. We want you there!

Executive committee meetings tend to be dominated by committee reports, and the upcoming meeting will be no

exception. Just to spotlight a few, the nominating committee will be presenting a slate of nominees for three executive committee positions and the offices of Vice President and Secretary. The site selection committee will be recommending a site for the 2009 annual conference. I expect a significant portion of our meeting will be devoted to the report of the strategic planning committee headed by Sherie Welch. At the outset of my year as president, I charged this committee to work with the Educational Fund committee to draft a strategic plan for the conference. I am proud to say that Sherie and fellow committee members Christie Cameron, Ed Hosken, Joseph Lane, Penny Miller, Dan Schuckers, Diana Pratt-Wyatt, Dan Shearouse, Marilyn May and Sandra Skinner accomplished their task. We will be discussing the content of the strategic plan. Maybe even more important, we will deal with the question: "Where do we go from here?" Last year, New Orleans development expert Michael Guillot worked with the executive committee and other interested members to begin the process of strategic planning for the conference. This year, Michael, now of Charlotte, NC, has submitted a "next step" proposal for our consideration.

Most members recently received their NCACC dues statements. If you look at your statement, you will notice that there is an opportunity to add a contribution to the NCACC Educational Fund. If you have not yet contributed this year, please take this opportunity to add your support to the future of our conference. On another front, get your creative juices flowing or, if you're like me, find someone with creative juices and get your art ready to submit for the silent and live auctions in Fort Worth. Finally, get those recipes to Jean Kennett and/or Kenneth DeBlanc for inclusion in "**Cooking With Appeal.**" Who said raising money can't be fun?



## Hello Y'all (read: Welcome to Fort Worth)!

By Andrew Weber (TX)

Fort Worth: it's not just for cowboys anymore! What a great site for a Conference and an opportunity for camaraderie with our colleagues and friends. Whether you want to ride a bull or shoot the bull, you're covered. And you can do the cow town thing or the museum or shopping thing – or all. The Program Committee hopes that we have assembled a lineup of excellent speakers on topics that will both help you assist in running your courts and stimulate you with practical information and tools that you can take back home.

Many thanks to the Committee members, Tom Hall (vice chair), Steve Lancaster (exec. comm. liaison), Christie Cameron, Joe Lane, Eileen Fox, Claudia Jenks, and Jon Wheeler. And extra kudos to our host, Stephanie Lavake for all the host work!

As we did last year, we will have a plenary session with CATO. But unlike last year, we'll be sharing virtual instead of physical space. CATO has arranged for CISCO to transmit by satellite a presentation on what your IT person should be telling you. Following that, we will transmit to CATO a presentation by Justice Paul Green of the Texas Supreme Court.

An outline of the NCACC Education Program follows this article. We will again begin the NCACC education program on Sunday afternoon this year, following the Roll Call of the States, Welcome of New Members, and Part I of the Business Meeting. This first educational session will on ethics. Host Stephanie Lavake has arranged a Houston Bar Association-sponsored break between the Business Meeting and the ethics presentation. And following ethics, we'll have a reception sponsored by BNA. We'll conclude the evening with the Morgan Thomas Memorial Slide Show and the close of a silent auction that will run all day Sunday. Bid early and often; all proceeds go to our Education Fund.

The Federal Judiciary Center is helping out again by sending Bob Fagan, Judy Roberts and Angela Long. Monday morning will kick off with a Bob and Judy presenting a leadership session with lessons drawn from the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Other topics include e-filing, website development, COOP development, and the ubiquitous What's Bugging You. By popular demand, we'll have a session on cross generational management. Finally, we have a very special treat for the banquet. I know you'll enjoy Tyler, Texas Sheriff J.B. Smith, our speaker for the evening.

In conclusion, I want to thank Stephanie Lavake, our host clerk, who has carried the heavy load on planning this year's conference. Terry Lord never lost patience with me (at least not that he told me!), even after I tried to spend \$10,000 on a speaker. Chris Crow, the 2005 Program Chair, forwarded a wealth of forms, schedules, feedback from 2005, and held my hand (via email) whenever I tilted toward a meltdown. Finally, thanks to all of you who contributed thoughts, ideas, preferences, and evaluations – the 2006 program is a result of that input. (See program on page 13.)



Ed Smith, Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court, announces that he has deployed a state-of-the-art case management system for his office and the state's high court.

The system, called *C-Track*, is a product designed by *LT CourtTech*, a division of **LEGAL TECH HOLDING, LLC**, which is a technology company based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, that specializes in case management solutions for appellate courts. *C-Track* is currently installed in the New Hampshire Supreme Court; the Minnesota appellate courts and is in the process of being installed in the Oregon appellate courts.

"We're very excited about *C-Track*," Smith stated. "Not only will this system allow my office to accomplish advanced case tracking and detailed statistical reporting, but will also establish a ready platform to accept future changes in the Judicial Branch, such as e-filing and eventual on-line access to court documents," said Smith. *C-Track* employs cutting-edge technology in that it is a web browser based application that is written using an open systems architecture similar to Amazon.com and eBay. The purchase of *C-Track* was enabled by a direct congressional earmark obtained through the sponsorship of U.S. Senator, Conrad Burns, at the request of Smith.

# TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

By Colette Bruggman (ND)

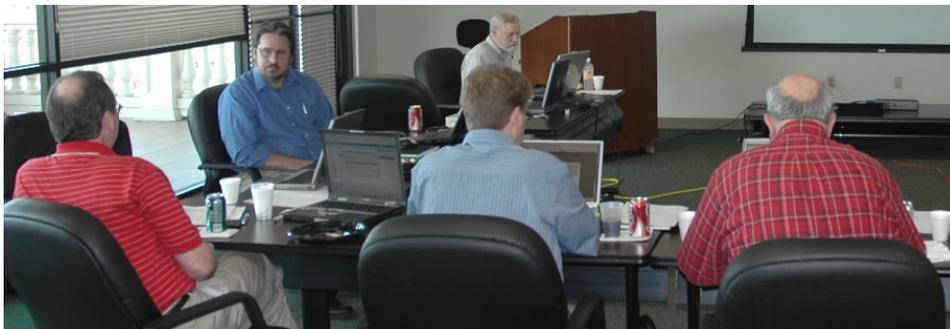
It is with great pleasure that I make this report on behalf of the Technology Subcommittee, consisting of John Olivier, Tom Hall, Rory Perry, and me, to the Joint Application Development Team for Consolidated Functional Standards relating to Case Management Systems. The Joint Application Development Team held its last face-to-face meeting in Tampa, FL, from March 21-23, 2006.

Prior to the meeting in Tampa, the JAD Team held a WebEx meeting to discuss the Functional Standards for oral argument/submission to the court, which were incorporated into the Consolidated Functional Standards. This brought our work on the 13 Functional Standards up through Standard 6. In Tampa we reviewed the changes relating to oral argument and began work on Functional Standards 7-13.

The Team was able to finish work on Standards 7 through 13, which completes our work on the Consolidated Functional Standards. Throughout the process, it was noted that there are gaps and issues remaining. A list of the gaps and issues was compiled for contemplation as the Consolidated Functional Standards make their way through the

remainder of the process. Some of the gaps and issues are: whether to include a glossary of terms; whether an indexing function is really necessary or is an archaic holdover from paper processes; what constitutes docketing and calendaring as the function is different in each court; electronic distribution formats; technology recommendations of the day so the standards don't become stuck in time; and configuration issues. I'm sure the COSCA/NACM Joint Technology Committee will discuss whether future work will be necessary. Subsequent projects on the gaps and issues will take the standards to the next level and enhance the work on the Consolidated Functional Standards.

The next steps in the process are to update the document with the changes from the Tampa meeting and to submit the Consolidated Functional Standards to the Joint Technology Committee for approval. The Joint Technology Committee (or a subcommittee thereof) will most likely put the Consolidated Functional Standards out for public comment, which may result in some tweaking of the Standards. After that, the Consolidated Functional Standards will be forwarded to the Conference of Chief Justices for final approval.



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Before dinner, there will be time to visit some of the shops in the Stockyards. There are galleries, authentic western clothiers, wine stores, and much more. We'll have dinner and drinks in the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame with activities such as photos with the longhorn, mechanical bull, and learn some new dance moves with the line dance instructor! We'll also have face painting, cartoon artist, and panning for gold for the kids!

Lexis is hosting a night of family fun at the Texas Motor Speedway! The TMS is America's second-largest sports and entertainment facility, and is now the only speedway in the country to host every major form of American automobile racing, including NASCAR, Winston Cup, and Indy style racing. The stadium accommodates 200,000 fans and a 1.5-mile oval track. Our event will include a buffet with drinks and music while guests enjoy pace car rides around the track. If you're one of the lucky ones to win the raffle, you'll experience the thrill of a hot lap with a race car driver!

### **Fund Raiser- Clerks Art Auction**

We will be having a silent/live auction of crafts created by clerks and lawyers from across the country to benefit the education fund. We are asking for your creative side to come out by donating a creation to the auction. Even if you don't personally knit, crochet, paint, draw, etc., and you know another clerk or lawyer who does, ask him/her to help! A committee of clerk/artisans will assess the creations you bring, and the three or four pieces which generate the most interest will be auctioned live during the conference. The remaining items will be sold through a silent auction with the winners being announced during the business meeting on the last day we are together.

### **NCACC Conference Website**

Please check out the website for the Fort Worth conference at <http://www.appellatecourtclerks.org>. Click on 2006 annual conference. It has interesting and detailed information about the conference, about Fort Worth, and links to related sites. You can also find these registration materials on the website. Although you can't actually register on-line, you can print them for mailing.

### **Things to do and see in Fort Worth/Dallas**

The Fort Worth/Dallas area draws tens of thousands visitors each year. Experience our wonderful array of attractions, world-class museums, historic and cultural sights, entertainment and sporting events, and excellent dining and shopping choices.

You will be provided brochures on selected attractions when you arrive, but meanwhile, the following are some websites that you may find useful in planning your trip:

Fort Worth Visitors and Convention Bureau		<a href="http://www.fortworth.com">www.fortworth.com</a>
Sundance Square	Fort Worth	<a href="http://www.sundancesquare.com">www.sundancesquare.com</a>
Downtown Fort Worth	Fort Worth	<a href="http://www.dfwi.org">www.dfwi.org</a>
Dallas/Fort Worth	DFW	<a href="http://www.visitdallas-fortworth.com">www.visitdallas-fortworth.com</a>
Fort Worth Zoo	Fort Worth	<a href="http://www.fortworthzoo.org">www.fortworthzoo.org</a>
Bass Performance Hall	Fort Worth	<a href="http://www.basshall.com">www.basshall.com</a>
Stockyards Station	Fort Worth	<a href="http://www.stockyardsstation.com">www.stockyardsstation.com</a>
Fort Worth Stockyards	Fort Worth	<a href="http://www.billybobstexas.com">www.billybobstexas.com</a>
Modern Art Museum	Fort Worth	<a href="http://www.themodern.org">www.themodern.org</a>
Kimbell Art Museum	Fort Worth	<a href="http://www.kimbellart.org">www.kimbellart.org</a>
Amon Carter Museum	Fort Worth	<a href="http://www.cartermuseum.org">www.cartermuseum.org</a>
FW Museum of Science & History		<a href="http://www.fortworthmuseum.org">www.fortworthmuseum.org</a>
FW Botanic Gardens	Fort Worth	<a href="http://www.fwbg.org">www.fwbg.org</a>
FW Cats Baseball	Fort Worth	<a href="http://www.fwcats.com">www.fwcats.com</a>
Six Flags Over Texas	Arlington	<a href="http://www.sixflags.com">www.sixflags.com</a>
Six Flags Hurricane Harbor	Arlington	<a href="http://www.sixflags.com">www.sixflags.com</a>
Texas Rangers Baseball	Arlington	<a href="http://www.texasrangers.com">www.texasrangers.com</a>
The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza.	Dallas	<a href="http://www.jfk.org">www.jfk.org</a>
Southfork Ranch	Dallas	<a href="http://www.southforkranch.com">www.southforkranch.com</a>

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# Facts, Fiction, & Foolishness

By Leslie Steen (AR)



Over the years, we have been known to make folly of students' answers to test questions, and, in the last edition of *The Docket* we took readers of "Dear Abby" to task for their incredibly stupid questions. Now we are taking aim at the parents of students, which might help explain some of the students' answers. We had previously received an email in 2004 that claimed these were REAL notes written by PARENTS in a Mississippi school district. Recently I received the same REAL notes written by PARENTS in a Tennessee school district from Penny Miller. They were the same notes. However, we know for a fact that these REAL notes were stolen from PARENTS in an Arkinsaw school district. Here we go - hang on tight.

My son is under a doctor's care and should not take PE today. Please execute him.

Please excuse Lisa for being absent she was sick and I had her shot.

Dear School: Please excuse John being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and also 33.

Please excuse Gloria from Jim today. She is administrating.

Please excuse Roland from P.E. for the next few days. He fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.

John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.

Carlos has been absent because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.

Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.

Chris will not be in school cuz he has an acre in his side.

Please excuse Ray Friday from school. He has very loose vowels.

Please excuse Tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea and his boot leak.

Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.

Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.

I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wear.

Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday. We thought it was Sunday.

Sally won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.

My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the Marines.

Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and could not breed.

Please excuse Mary for being absent yesterday. She was in the bed with gramps.

Please excuse Brenda. She has been sick and under a doctor.

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Maryann was absent December 11-16 because he had a fever, sore throat, headache, and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever and a sore throat, her brother had a low grade fever and ached all over. I wasn't the best either, sore throat and fever. There must be something going around, her father even got hot last night.

Actually we really question the authenticity of these notes, because people in Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas do not name their children with whimpy names like Jason, Jennifer, Tommy, Maryann, or Irving. We name our kids with names like Bubba, Junior, Baby, Killer, or Rover. Now that we ponder this, these REAL notes may have been written by PARENTS in some prissy state like California.

## Scholarships for Fort Worth

If you are having trouble obtaining funding for the annual meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, you may be eligible for a scholarship. Please do not hesitate to apply. Last year we had money left over. The Scholarship Assistance Guidelines and the Selection Criteria are published in the NCACC directory. If you plan to apply for a scholarship, please read the Guidelines and the Selection Criteria and the following instructions:

**DEADLINE:** Mail or Fax the completed, signed application form by **June 1, 2006** to:

Ms. Brenda Williams  
National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks  
c/o National Center for State Courts  
300 Newport Avenue  
Williamsburg, VA 23185

FAX: 757-259-1520

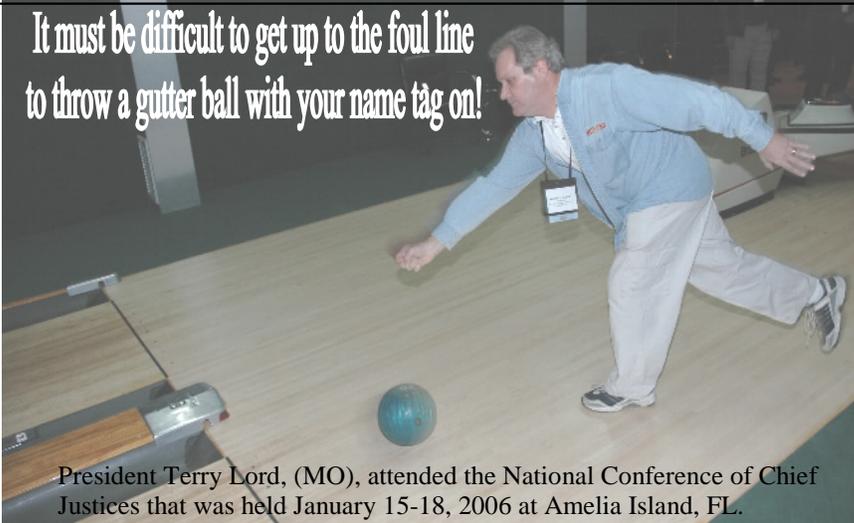
If you are uncertain as to whether you will receive funding from your court you may still apply for a scholarship, just note this on your application and update the scholarship committee of any changes to your funding status.

The Scholarship committee is authorized to award up to \$ 10,606.29 . These funds are not available to defray the cost of membership in the NCACC.

If you have questions or concerns please email the Chair of the Committee, Cynthia Rapp at [cjrapp@scus.gov](mailto:cjrapp@scus.gov)

This year's committee members are, Charles "Kelly" McNeely, Dan Schuckers, and Cynthia Rapp. Garland Pinkston serves as the Executive Committee Liaison.

It must be difficult to get up to the foul line  
to throw a gutter ball with your name tag on!



President Terry Lord, (MO), attended the National Conference of Chief Justices that was held January 15-18, 2006 at Amelia Island, FL.

## Happy Anniversary!

The Georgia Court of Appeals celebrated their 100th anniversary with a ceremony held in the State Capitol in Atlanta, on January 24, 2006, in which the Governor acknowledged the Court's upcoming October anniversary by proclaiming 2006 the Court of Appeals Centennial Year.

The Court was established by ratification of a state constitutional amendment by the citizens of the State on October 3, 1906 and held its first session on January 2, 1907.

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In addition, the Fort Worth Convention & Visitors Bureau is within walking distance of the hotel and has lots of tourist information. They are located at the following address:

FWCVB  
415 Throckmorton  
Fort Worth, TX 76102  
817.336.8791

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 817/884-1900 ext. 226 or email at Slavake@2ndcoa.courts.state.tx.us

We look forward to seeing everyone here!  
Stephanie Lavake  
Host, 2006 NCACC Conference

## APPELLATE COURT POLICIES ON BROADCASTING OF ORAL ARGUMENTS

**Listserve Survey**  
Compiled by Bill deCicco (DC)

### FEDERAL COURTS

**Supreme Court of the U.S.:** No cameras permitted in the courtroom. Audio recordings released in some cases.

**Federal Circuit Courts of Appeal:** The Judicial Conference of the U.S. adopted a resolution leaving the policy up to the individual circuits. The Second Circuit and the Ninth Circuit permit coverage for civil proceedings, but not in criminal cases. The Fifth Circuit decided not to allow any camera coverage. The rest have not yet taken any action. The Federal Circuit just started broadcasting solely for those within the court.

### STATE COURTS

**Supreme Court of Alaska:** Videotapes oral arguments and sends them to a public television station. On request, will permit television stations to hook into the videotaping. Domestic relations cases are taped only with the consent of the parties.

**Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia:** No cameras in the courtroom. A streaming audio of oral arguments is being prepared to be made available through the internet.

**Supreme Court of Florida:** Televises all oral arguments on The Florida Channel, which is state-owned. Arguments are also broadcast on the web.

**Supreme Court of Georgia:** Regularly allows televised oral arguments. Significant cases are broadcast on a video-stream.

**Court of Appeals of Georgia:** Permits cameras in the courtroom, but not the regular televising of oral arguments.

**Supreme Court of Illinois:** On written request, permits televising of oral arguments. Pooling required if there are multiple requests in a case.

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**Supreme Court of Indiana:** Broadcasts oral arguments using a webcast.

**Court of Appeals of Indiana:** Permits video taping of oral arguments when requested and approved by the panel hearing the case.

**Supreme Court of Kansas:** Permits televised transmissions on request. The audio is broadcast over the internet of all arguments.

**Supreme Court of Louisiana:** Broadcasting of oral arguments is permitted if requested and approved by the court. Number of cameras is limited by rule.

**First Circuit Court of Appeals of Louisiana:** Has not televised oral arguments. If a request is made, the panel would decide whether to do so.

**Court of Appeals of Maryland:** Permits one television camera in the courtroom. Others must pool off that station.

**Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts:** Has provided webcasts of all oral arguments since 2005. Prior to that, the court allowed broadcasting through one camera. Since webcasting began, no television cameras are allowed in the courtroom, and requestors can capture the webcast or link into the court's camera.

**Supreme Court of Missouri and Court of Appeals of Missouri:** Televises oral arguments in limited cases with great public interest.

**Supreme Court of New Jersey:** Broadcasts oral arguments with a streaming video over the internet.

**Court of Appeals of New York:** All oral arguments are videotaped by the local public television station. Significant cases are made available over a webcast, and feeds are provided to the media.

**Supreme Court of North Carolina:** Television cameras are permitted in the courtroom on request. Webcasting to be done in the future as well.

**Supreme Court of North Dakota:** Webcasts the audio of oral arguments.

**Supreme Court of Ohio:** Broadcasts oral arguments via Ohio Government Telecommunications, which provides a feed to news organizations. Requests must be submitted to and approved by the Chief Justice.

**Supreme Court of South Carolina:** Permits televising of oral arguments.

**Supreme Court of Tennessee:** Oral arguments are not normally televised. News media are allowed to tape oral arguments.

**Supreme Court of Texas:** Has not begun broadcasting, but is preparing to do so.

**Supreme Court of Virginia:** Permits requests from television stations to broadcast specific arguments. If more than one station desires coverage, the requestors must pool the coverage using one camera. Cases involving sexual assault, child victims, and defendants who are minors are not televised.

**Supreme Court of West Virginia:** Has allowed webcasting of oral arguments since 2001.



# Information Technology Staffing

## LISTSERVE SURVEY RESULTS

Compiled by Colette Bruggman (ND)

COURT	JUDGES/JUSTICES	PERSONNEL	DEDICATED IT STAFF
California – 2d District COA	32	257	5
California – 3d District COA	11	86.5	2
DC COA	9 + 10 senior	100	2
Indiana COA	15 + 5 senior	100	2
Louisiana – 1 <sup>st</sup> Circuit COA	12	97	3
Louisiana – 2d Circuit COA	9	52	2
Louisiana – 5 <sup>th</sup> Circuit COA	8	53	2
Massachusetts Appellate Court	27	120	4 shared with SJC
Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court	7	80	4, shared with the Appellate Court
New Jersey Supreme Ct.	7	85	3 (1 is a ½ time intern)
New Mexico			55, serving the entire judiciary
New York COA	7	100	3
North Carolina	7	140 (Supreme Court and COA)	4 (support both)
North Dakota	5	58	0
Virginia Supreme Court	7 + 4 senior	62	1 employee; 2 contractors

**Listserve Question:**

**Does Your State Allow an Admission Oath to be Administered in Another Jurisdiction or by Someone Other than a Justice of the Highest Court?**

Compiled by Keith Richardson (IA)

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Response</b>
Arizona	Anyone authorized to administer oaths.
Arkansas	Anyone authorized to administer oaths.
California	Anyone authorized to administer oaths.
Colorado	Out-of-state judge must sign and date form.
Connecticut	Connecticut judge only.
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Supreme Court only.
D.C.	Allowed in limited circumstances.
Georgia	Two Georgia attorney sponsors plus judge of court of record.
Idaho	Idaho Supreme Court Justice only.
Illinois	State Supreme or Appellate Court Justice; federal appellate, district, bankruptcy judge or federal magistrate.
Kansas	Any judge of record – must complete section on top of oath and add seal.
Kentucky	Kentucky only.
Louisiana	Justice or Clerk of Louisiana Supreme Court only.
Maryland	Only allowed in exceptional circumstances. Does not have to be judge of highest court. Judge Advocates are an example.
Michigan	Michigan only.
Missouri	Anyone authorized to administer oaths.
Montana	Can petition court to allow any judge in another jurisdiction to administer oath.
Nevada	Any judge or notary.
New Mexico	Policy allowing out-of-state swearing in has essentially been abandoned because attorney must come there to sign roll of attorneys.
New York	New York judges only, but not highest court.
North Dakota	Clerk can approve swearing in by identified judge of court of record.
Ohio	Full Ohio Supreme Court only.
Oregon	Anyone authorized to administer oaths.
Pennsylvania	Any licensed Pennsylvania attorney. If they can't find one, send notarized application to the supreme court clerk who moves for the admission.
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Supreme Court Justice only.
South Carolina	South Carolina Supreme Court only.
South Dakota	Justice or judge of any state appellate or general jurisdiction court or federal court judge.
Tennessee	Two Tennessee attorney sponsors plus swearing in by judge of any court of record.
Utah	Allows out-of-state judges or judge advocates to administer oath.
Vermont	Majority of Vermont Supreme Court only
Virgin Islands	Virgin Islands only.
Virginia	Virginia Circuit Court Judge (practice limited to that circuit) or Virginia Supreme Court Justice.
Washington	Supreme Court enters order allowing out-of-state judge to perform oath.
West Virginia	Full Supreme Court only.
Wisconsin	Out of state swearing is permitted. If not highest court, must provide authority allowing that judge to administer such an oath. Must give at least 10 days notice and sends papers directly to that judge.
Wyoming	Allows judge or district court clerk of another jurisdiction to administer oath.



**National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks  
Annual Meeting and Conference Schedule  
Renaissance Worthington Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas  
July 30 - August 4, 2006**

All sessions/events are in the Rio Grande Room except as otherwise noted

**Saturday, July 29, 2006**

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| <b>8:00 a.m. - noon</b>      | <b>Executive Committee Breakfast/Meeting</b><br><i>Officers and Executive Committee Members</i> |
| <b>2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Registration</b><br><i>Convention Assistance Committee</i>                                   |

**Sunday, July 30, 2006**

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| <b>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Registration</b><br><i>Convention Assistance Committee</i><br><i>Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau</i>   |
| <b>9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Silent Art Auction to Benefit Education Fund</b>   |
| <b>1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Roll Call of the States</b><br><b>Welcome New Members &amp; First Time Attendees</b><br><b>Annual Business Meeting (Part 1)</b><br><i>Terry Lord, President, NCACC</i><br><i>Stephanie Lavake, Host Clerk</i><br><i>Andrew Weber, Program Chair</i><br><i>Others TBD</i> |
| <b>3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Break (sponsored by the Houston Bar Association on behalf of the Texas 1<sup>st</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Courts of Appeals)</b>   |
| <b>3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Ethics</b><br><i>By Chris Griesel</i>  |
| <b>5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Spouse and Guest Orientation</b>   |
| <b>5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Reception Honoring NCACC New Members and First Time Attendees</b><br><i>Hosted by BNA and NCACC</i>  |
| <b>7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Morgan Thomas Memorial Slide Show and close of silent auction. Live auction.</b>   |

**Monday, July 31, 2006**

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| <b>7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.</b> | <b>Continental Breakfast</b>  |
| <b>7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Welcome and Announcements</b><br><i>Terry Lord, President, NCACC</i><br><i>Stephanie Lavake, Host Clerk</i><br><i>Andrew Weber, Program Chair</i><br><i>Others TBD</i> |

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- 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**      **Leadership program based on Lewis and Clark Expedition**  
*by Bob Fagan and Judy Roberts, Federal Judiciary Center*
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**      **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**      **Individual Development Program**  
*by Angela Long, Federal Judiciary Center*
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**      **Lunch (on your own)**
- 12:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**      **COOPs/Disaster Planning**  
*by Tom Hall and Chris Crow*
- 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.**      **Buses load and depart for Thompson/West event**
- 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**      **Thomson/West “Fort Worth Stockyards”**  
*Fort Worth’s Historic Stockyards District Cattle Drive is at 4:00 p.m. sharp!*

**Tuesday, August 1, 2006**

- 7:00 a.m.**      **Past Presidents’ Breakfast**
- 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.**      **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.**      **Announcements**
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**      **Cross-Generational Management**  
*by Bob Fagan and Judy Roberts, Federal Judiciary Center*
- 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**      **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**      **Appellate Data Reporting**  
*by Richard Schaffler, National Center for State Courts*
- 1:00 p.m.**      **Annual Golf Tournament**  
*Texas Star Golf Course*

**Wednesday, August 2, 2006**

- 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.**      **Continental Breakfast**
- 7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.**      **Announcements**
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:25 a.m.**      **Website Panel**  
*by Rory Perry and Pamela Kopfer, TX Office of Court Administration*
- 9:25 a.m. - 9:35 a.m.**      **Break**
- 9:35 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.**      **“What’s Bugging You” Panel**  
*with Tom Hall and Andrew Weber*
- 11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**      **Vendor/Exhibitor Introductions**  
**11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**      **Vendor Lunch, Hosted by Vendors**

**Breakout Sessions** (3 rounds of breakouts):

**12:15 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.**

*Breakout 1 (Efiling)*  
*Breakout 2 (COOP)*  
*Breakout 3 (what's bugging you)*  
*Breakout 4 (vendor expo)*

**1:20 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

*Breakout 1 (Efiling)*  
*Breakout 2 (COOP)*  
*Breakout 3 (what's bugging you)*  
*Breakout 4 (vendor expo)*

**2:25 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.**

*Breakout 1 (Efiling)*  
*Breakout 2 (COOP)*  
*Breakout 3 (vendor expo)*

**3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Load buses for Lexis event**

**5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**Lexis/Nexis - Texas Motor Speedway**

**Thursday, August 3, 2006**

**6:30 a.m.**

**Fun Run/Walk**

**7:45 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.**

**Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.**

**Announcements**

**9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.**

**“What Your IT Staff Should be Telling You”**

*Joint session with CATO via satellite feed by CISCO, piped in from CATO's Dallas hotel*

**10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.**

**Break**

**10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**Justice Paul W. Green of the Texas Supreme Court to address global tech challenges. This session piped from NCACC to CATO by CISCO.**

**11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

**Break**

**11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.**

**Annual Business Meeting (Part 2)**

**6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**Reception and Annual Banquet**

*Speaker: Sheriff J.B. Smith of Tyler, Texas*

**Kid's Night Out**

**Friday, August 4, 2006**

**8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast and Critique Session**

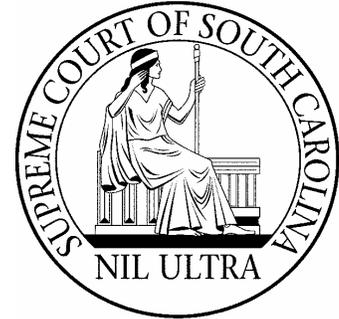
*Have a safe trip home!*

# The Art Gallery—Appellate Court Seals

Collections From a Listserve Inquiry

By Holly Sparrow (GA)

Across the nation, our seals are traditional, modern, unique, and similar. Do you think they express what the appellate courts are and do?



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