



THE DOCKET

News of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks

SMOOTH SAILING TO ANNAPOLIS

By Bessie Decker, (MD), Co-Host



By now you have received your registration packet for the 38th Annual Meeting of the NCACC in Annapolis, Maryland starting Saturday, July 30th through Friday, August 5th. Just a reminder to submit your registration forms to me by July 1st and avoid the late fee and make your hotel reservations by July 8th to receive the great hotel rate at Loews of \$114.00 plus tax.

In your registration packet and on the NCACC website you can find information regarding transportation to Annapolis. The airport I prefer to fly in and out of is Baltimore-Washington Airport (BWI) but I am sure the other two airports in the Washington area will get you to your destination of Annapolis with no problem.

Also a reminder the dress for the U.S. Supreme Court event sponsored by West on Tuesday evening, August 2nd is business attire.

Lexis Nexis will be having the “book fair” again this year for its community project and members are being asked to bring a book as a donation. Registrants will receive an e-mail with more details in the near future. Something new this year at the Conference will be a Vendor Show Reception after the showcases are completed. Colette Bruggman, the Vendor Show Chair, will be giving us more details on this special event. Sherry Williamson has graciously agreed to be the Chair of the Art Auction again this year. She will be giving more details as well regarding that fun and worthwhile activity.

On behalf of Cynthia and Leslie we are looking forward to many of you attending this year’s Conference in Annapolis. Last minute details are being completed and we will be ready with open arms to welcome all of you when the time rolls around. See you in Annapolis!

CALL FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

President Bill DeCicco, through Secretary Sherry Williamson, and pursuant to the provisions of Article V, Section 5, of the Bylaws, hereby issues the call for the annual meeting of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks to be held at the Loews Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland, beginning July 31, 2011, and continuing through Friday, August 5, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Williamson

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Bill DeCicco (DC)



By now I hope that you have made your plans or are in the process of making plans to attend the annual conference in Annapolis, Maryland. Hosts Bessie Decker, Leslie Gradet and Cynthia Rapp have arranged a wonderful week of events in an area unique in its history, charm, and beauty, and Mike Richie has assembled a memorable slate of speakers and break out sessions that promise to enhance your skills as appellate court clerks. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

The Executive Committee met on April 30, 2011, at the Inverness Hotel in Englewood, Colorado, just outside of Denver. What a hotel! If we ever hold an annual conference in the Denver area, we should meet there. The accommodations, price, scenery, and helpfulness of the staff were about the best of any hotel I have ever stayed in. This meeting featured our first effort with using Skype to allow Amy Reitz to participate from Ohio, and overall it worked very well. While we did enjoy the surroundings and the excellent service from the hotel, we also conducted important NCACC business! We approved the recommendation of the Awards Committee for this year's J. O. Sentell Award and the Morgan Thomas Award, the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for three new Executive Committee members, a Vice-President and Treasurer, and the recommendation of the Site Selection Committee for the location of our 2014 annual conference. (We will be in Charleston, SC next year and Seattle, WA in 2013.) Our Treasurer, Irene Bizzoso, reported that our financial picture continues to move in the right direction, with a total gain of more than \$38,000 as of the end of 2010. We also had extensive discussions on the role of retirees in the NCACC (nearly 20 percent of our members are retirees) and on the question of streamlining and/or consolidating our committees. More on those topics at this summer's meeting.

As I wind down my year as President, I want to thank this year's officers, Marilyn May, Rory Perry, Susan Clary, Irene Bizzoso, and Sherry Williamson, and Executive Committee members Susan Festag, Steve Kenyon, Amy Reitz, Lisa Matz, Kevin Smith, and Laura Roy. All of these individuals fulfilled their responsibilities with dedication and excellence, often at personal expense. Thanks also to all of you who served as committee chairs and committee members. I greatly appreciate your time and efforts the past year. I also would like to express special thanks and appreciation to Kelly McNeely, Brenda Stephens and Les Steen, who continue year after year to provide us with the NCACC Directory and The Docket, to Rory for maintaining our website and to Carol Green for administering our listserv.

I have two thoughts in closing: where did the year go, and what an honor and privilege it has been to serve as your President. See you soon in Annapolis.





Facts, Fiction, and Foolishness

Les Steen (AR)

The word “law” is defined as, “The body of rules and principles governing the affairs of a community and enforced by a political authority; a legal system.” Of course there are also other laws like Murphy’s Law, “What can go wrong will go wrong.” There is also the “Catch 22.” The following is a list of laws we like to call the “Laws of Life.”

Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Law of the Alibi - If you tell your boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

Law of Variation - If you change lines (or traffic lanes) because it is moving slowly, the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don’t want to be seen with.

Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone a machine won’t work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theater and Sports Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are the furthest from the aisle always arrive last. They will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the restroom and then leave early before the end of the event or the game. The folks on the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies, and stay to the bitter end. The aisle people are also surly folk.

Law of the Locker Room - If there are only two people in the locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible if you don’t know what you are talking about.

Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they are ugly.

Law of Public Speaking - A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Law of Commercial Marketing - As soon as you find a product you really like, they will stop making it.

Between now and the conference, we hope you avoid as many of these laws as you can. Look forward to seeing you in Annapolis.

“CAPTAIN OF OUR SHIP”

Submitted on behalf of the NCACC Public Relations Committee by:

Rex Renk, Deputy Clerk, Montana Supreme Court, Chair; and Committee Members: Bill Suter, Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court; Fritz Ohlrich, Clerk of the California Supreme Court; and Karen Reid Bramblett, Prothonotary, Superior Court of Pennsylvania



The Clerk of U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Captain (ret.) William A. “Bill” DeCicco, has a lot on his plate these days. In addition to his duties managing his court and its caseload, the recent winner of the American Bar Association’s distinguished William R. McMahon award for contributions in technological advancement at his Court has added another title to his responsibilities: President of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks (NCACC).

For over 38 years the NCACC has provided its members with professional education and leadership training as well as advising on court-related issues and trends affecting appellate courts nationwide. The NCACC is a member-driven organization whose success relies upon the committed involvement of member clerks of state and federal appellate courts all across the nation and in Guam and the Virgin Islands. Despite the uncertainty brought about by the recent economic downturn and its impact on court budgets, the NCACC is maintaining its strong membership and pushing forward with its important work under the guidance of President Bill DeCicco.

A graduate of St. Mary’s College of California and the University of San Francisco School of Law, DeCicco also holds a Master of Laws degree in International and Comparative Law from George Washington University, Washington, DC. Before retiring as a Navy Captain, DeCicco served for over 25 years in the Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps in a variety of roles including Force Judge Advocate for Naval Air Force and Chief Judge for the Navy-Marine Corps Court of Criminal Appeals. His Navy service also sent him to such varied places as Italy, where he served in the U.S. Embassy, and to places in Florida, Virginia, San Diego, and Washington D.C. in the states.

Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, Bill Suter, an active member of NCACC for over 20 years, gives DeCicco high praise. “Bill had a distinguished career as a Navy Judge Advocate. He was recognized throughout the military community as a superb officer-lawyer and outstanding appellate judge. He brought to the NCACC a strong background in leadership and management.”

Echoing Bill Suter’s sentiment, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Andrew S. Efron, had this to say of DeCicco. “We are truly fortunate at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces to have Bill DeCicco as our Clerk. Bill brings a wealth of knowledge to the Court from his extensive experience as counsel and judge in the military justice system. He is a consummate gentleman who is respected and relied upon by all who practice before our Court.

Bill has received nationwide recognition for his thoughtful innovations at the Court. Recently, the American Bar Association’s National Conference of Specialized Court Judges honored Bill as the co-recipient of the 2010 William R. McMahon award for his superb work in making electronic filing a reality. Bill carefully developed rules of practice and internal guidelines for electronic filing that are clear, efficient, and effective. His election as President of National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks reflects his achievements, as well as the admiration and confidence of his peers.”

Despite these accomplishments, those who know DeCicco also know he is just as likely to downplay such accolades and praise, preferring to keep the spotlight shining elsewhere while he does his job. This same humility holds true of his position with the NCACC for as fortunate as the NCACC is to have Bill DeCicco at its helm, he is just as thankful to be part of the organization. “I think the NCACC is the finest group of professionals I’ve ever been associated with,” DeCicco stated in a recent interview. “Every single member I’ve met has been cordial, helpful and knowledgeable. As an organization, we do an awful lot toward education and professional development. Personally, the conference has helped me to feel ‘I’m not alone’ and knowing I have a wealth of contacts with experienced associates readily

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available has given me confidence in my own job. Given the professional education and friendships I've made, joining the NCACC is one of the best things I've done."

Given such sentiment, it's easy to see why the continued success of the NCACC is an important goal that DeCicco takes very seriously. Like professional organizations across the country, the NCACC is not immune from the effects of a struggling economy and the associated impact on state and federal budgets. Against this backdrop, it is not surprising that NCACC membership and its financial stability have been the focus of DeCicco's presidency. Redirecting funds from the president's travel budget to enlarge the scholarship fund to help members attend the annual meeting is just one example of DeCicco's commitment to the NCACC. Bill has made a strong effort to reach out to new members while also keeping a tuned eye on the organization's spending and despite the precarious environment, he remains optimistic and confident the conference will be able to continue its excellent service to its members and to the nation's legal community.

The NCACC will convene for its annual meeting this coming August in Annapolis, Maryland. There DeCicco will preside over the proceedings and oversee the education program and executive meetings with same focus, positive energy, thoroughness and humor with which he has pursued all his professional endeavors. At the conclusion of the meeting, DeCicco will hand over the gavel to next year's incoming president for 2011, knowing he has the well-earned respect and appreciation of his peers and colleagues for a job well done.



Congratulations!

Thomas F. Simon, clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri, will retire after more than 40 years of service to the Court, nearly all of that period as its clerk and ex-officio treasurer of The Missouri Bar. Mr. Simon's service to the Court began March 1, 1971, and he assumed his duties as clerk January 1, 1972.



Fred Grittner, Clerk of Appellate Courts of Minnesota, will be retiring from his position effective June 30, 2011. Fred has been with the Judicial Branch for 23 years – almost all of that time as Clerk of Appellate Courts. He was the host for the NCACC Annual Conference in Minneapolis in 2002.

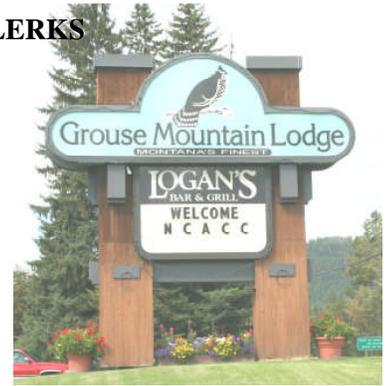


Susan Festag, Clerk of the Colorado Supreme Court, has retired after almost 25 years as Chief Deputy Clerk and Clerk. Susan began her career in the Colorado Judicial Branch as a deputy clerk in the Colorado Court of Appeals.



**NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF APPELLATE COURT CLERKS
THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING**

**Whitefish, Montana
Sunday, August 8, 2010
to
Thursday, August 12, 2010**



Call to order:

President Susan Clary (KY) called the Thirty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks to order at 1:45 p.m. on Sunday, August 8, 2010. President Clary introduced David Beach (VA) as the parliamentarian for the meeting.

Roll Call of States:

Secretary Trish Harrington (VA) called the roll of states, recognizing each person registered and present. David Beach confirmed the presence of a quorum. President Clary then welcomed the new members in attendance and asked for a moment of silence for those members who have passed away since the last conference.

Approval of minutes:

Mike Richie (OK) moved that the minutes of the 2009 Annual Business Meeting be approved. Penny Miller (ND) seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Awards Committee: Lisa Matz (TX) reported that the J.O. Sentell Award recipient would be announced at the Monday night Thomson Reuters/West event. There will be no Morgan Thomas award recipient this year.

Bylaws Committee: Norm Herring (DC) reported that the Bylaws Committee had published recommended bylaw changes in The Docket, as required. These proposals addressed an increase in annual dues to \$150, a change in the scheduling of the dues payments, and deleting the language limiting the number of members on the Convention Assistance Committee. He, therefore, made a motion that the bylaw modifications be approved. Fritz Ohlrich (CA) seconded the motion. Action on the motion was deferred to the Thursday business meeting.

Contract Committee: Bill DeCicco (DC) reported that the committee had reviewed the letter of agreement with Gadd-Guillot, the Lexington, Kentucky hotel contract for the spring 2010 Executive Committee meeting, the Glacier National Park bus contract, and the contracts for the Charleston, S.C. Executive Committee meeting in fall of 2010 and the annual conference in 2012. In addition, the committee had handled negotiation to receive reimbursement for overpayments made related to the 2008 Pittsburgh conference.

Convention Assistance Committee: Deena Fawcett (CA) provided information about the hospitality suite and reported that members of the committee are staffing the registration table and helping to set up the Education Fund auction.

Education Fund Committee: Mike Richie (OK) asked Marilyn May (AK) and Colette Bruggman (CA) to report on the status of the fund. Marilyn and Colette reminded the members that the Capital Campaign Fund was established several years ago and a consultant was hired to help raise \$1 million for an endowment to benefit the educational program of the conference. Pledges were first solicited from the membership and 29 pledges have been received for a total of \$73,600. Members were reminded that they can pay their pledge amount by setting up an automatic electronic payment from a credit card.

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Finance and Investment Committee/Treasurer's Report: Irene Bizzoso (PA) reported that the conference has approximately \$145,000 in bank accounts and CDs, \$18,000 of which belongs to CATO and \$59,000 of which constitutes the Education Fund. CDs have rolled over and not been moved into new banks. Irene also reported that a budget has been established and the conference is on track to have a balanced budget at the end of the year. She stated that less was spent on travel expenses than budgeted; therefore, more money was available for scholarships to the annual conference.

Membership Committee: Renee Townsley (WA) reported that the NCACC has 211 members, which is a decrease of 11 from last year. Of the 211, 167 are active members, 36 are retired members, and 8 are associate or sustaining members. That total number also includes 5 new members.

Nominating Committee: Christie Cameron (NC) reported that the following candidates have been approved: Rory Perry (WV) as Vice President, Sherry Williamson (TX) as Secretary, and Laura Roy (MO), Kevin Smith (IN), and Lisa Matz (TX) as Executive Committee members.

Past Presidents Committee: Tom Hall (FL) reported that work continues on digitizing the slides from the 25th Annual NCACC slide show. The second project this committee has worked on is the Michigan State University program in Judicial Administration as it relates to appellate courts. He explained that the certificate in Judicial Administration would require a total of 60 hours of education over 5 years and has a fee of \$600. Tom distributed handouts about the program and asked that the members review the paperwork before Thursday's meeting. At that meeting, a straw vote will be taken to determine if there is sufficient interest in the program to pursue it any further.

Pictorial Directory Committee: Kelly McNeely (LA) reported that the directory has been streamlined and distributed to the members. Some information that was previously found in the directory will be posted on the website in the future.

Program Committee: Cynthia Rapp (DC) reported that the educational program would begin this afternoon and speakers are confirmed for the week.

Public Relations Committee: Rex Renk (MT) reported that the committee had produced a white paper on e-filing in some of the appellate courts. He credited David Schanker for drafting and distributing the paper for input. It has now been published by the National Center for State Courts in its Future Trends in State Courts 2010 document.

Publications Committee: Rory Perry (WV) announced that all editions of The Docket had issued on time and had met all requirements.

Website Committee: Rory Perry (WV) reported on the number of hits that the website has received over the years.

Retirees Committee: George Geoghegan (KY) reported that 3 retired members made up the committee and discussions involved a recommendation that all retiring members be honored at each annual conference, that retired members should be permitted to chair committees, and that at least one elected position on the Executive Committee be available for a retired member. No consensus was reached by the committee members on the length of term for a retired member who was elected a member of the Executive Committee.

Scholarship Committee: Terry Lord (MO) reported that an original amount of \$6,500 was increased to \$7,000 for scholarship for this year's conference. 14 applications were received, 1 person was deemed ineligible for scholarship assistance, and several were withdrawn. Nine applicants were ultimately awarded a set amount of scholarship money.

Site Selection Committee: Dan Shearouse (SC) announced that the Executive Committee had approved a proposal by Marilyn May and Tom Hall to host the 2013 conference in Seattle, Washington.

Strategic Planning Committee: Penny Miller (ND) reported that the committee was asked to consider whether changes are necessary to the operating guidelines for the committee and a modification was proposed to the Executive Committee in order to streamline the Strategic Planning Committee's proceedings. Strategic Planning members were also asked to determine and recommend the proper retention of records of the NCACC and a recommendation has been forwarded to the Executive Committee. Finally, the committee recommended that the Capital Campaign Fund and Education Fund be merged and that no further payments be made to outside parties for fund-raising.

Technology Committee: John Olivier (LA) announced that the committee had assisted the Public Relations Committee with the e-filing white paper, worked on record retention issues, worked on issues related to communication and technology, and worked on appellate functional standards.

Rory Perry made a motion that the meeting be adjourned until Thursday, August 12. Steve Lancaster (IN) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Clary announced at 3:00 p.m. the adjournment of the meeting until Thursday at 11:15 a.m.

The Thirty-Seventh Annual Business Meeting resumed at 11:20 a.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2010, with a call to order by President Clary (KY). David Beach (VA), the Parliamentarian, noted the presence of a quorum.

Bylaws Committee: Norm Herring (DC) pointed out a typographical error in the published bylaw proposals, stating the proposed increase in dues was to \$150 and not \$250. Also in Article III (4) there is a proposal to delete the language that makes dues payable on the anniversary date a member joined the NCACC in order that the National Center for State Courts can send notices as of January 1 of each year and making all dues payable on July 1 of each year. The third proposal to modify the bylaws relates to Article VII, Section 3(c) and allows for an unlimited number of members of the Convention Assistance Committee.

Norm Herring made a motion that the proposal increasing the annual dues to \$150 be approved. Christie Cameron (NC) seconded the motion. Fritz Ohlrich (CA) suggested that sustaining members' dues should also be increased. Stuart Cohen (NY) objected to the increase in dues because of inadequate justification given for the increase. Tom Hall (FL) raised a point of order that the bylaw motion could not be modified from the floor. David Beach, Parliamentarian, ruled that it could be amended. Fritz made a motion that the portion of the proposed amendment to Article III (4) related to the dues increase also include a like increase to dues for sustaining members. Marilyn May (AK) seconded the motion. President Clary stated the question: should sustaining member dues be the same amount as regular member dues? The motion that sustaining member dues be the same amount as regular member dues passed. Marilyn May then responded to Stuart Cohen's objection, stating that the NCACC had \$200,000 in assets several years ago, but that the assets had decreased to approximately \$140,000. She also stated that President Clary did not attend other organizations' conferences in order to save money. In addition, of the 15 similar professional organizations that the NCSC monitors, the NCACC has by far the lowest dues. President Clary noted that if 200 members pay \$100 per year in dues, then the \$8,000 payment to the NCSC (for handling the NCACC finances) is deducted, and \$7,000 in scholarships is further deducted, the conference is operating on \$5,000 per year. Ron Carpenter (WA) asked the date of the last dues increase and Bill DeCicco (DC) responded that dues were increased from \$75 to \$100 in 2002. It was also noted that several members of the Executive Committee were paying their own way to meetings in order not to use travel money available in the budget. Mike Richie (OK) noted that Rory Perry (WV) did all of the necessary work on the NCACC website without receiving any remuneration.

Chris Crow (LA) asked that the question be called and President Clary then called the question. The motion, as amended, to increase the dues to \$150 per year for both regular and sustaining members passed.

Norm Herring then moved that the portion of Article III (4) deleting the language making dues payable on the member's anniversary date be approved. Christie Cameron seconded the motion. Sandra Skinner (MO) asked if dues would be pro rated. President Clary and Marilyn May stated that the NCSC was determining a way to handle this issue. Motion passed.

Norm Herring moved for approval of the amendment to Article VII, Section 3 (c)(3) that would allow for an unlimited amount of members on the Convention Assistance Committee. Christie Cameron seconded the motion. Joseph Lane (CA) suggested that the word "amount" should be amended to "number." Norm Herring accepted the friendly amendment and Christie Cameron seconded. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee: Christie Cameron (NC) again presented the slate of Executive Committee officers and members. Marilyn May (AK) moved that the membership vote on the slate instead of individual nominees. Bill DeCicco (DC) seconded the motion. Mike Richie (OK) made a motion that the slate recommended by the committee be elected by acclamation. Steve Lancaster (IN) seconded the motion. Motions carried.

2011 Host Presentation: Bessie Decker (MD) announced that the 2011 conference, which will be held in Annapolis, Maryland, is scheduled for Sunday, July 31 through Friday, August 5, 2011. The Loew's Hotel will accept the prevailing government per diem rate which is estimated to be \$140 next year. A video was then shown.

Resolutions and Memorials Committee: Cathy Lusk (TX) read the language for the resolutions awarded to host Ed Smith (MT), the staff of the Grouse Mountain Lodge, the Program Committee Chair, the Vendor Show Coordinator, Ed Smith's staff, Pam Taylor of Glacier Park Incorporated, Governor Brian Schweitzer, Auctioneer Mike Lusk, the Kentucky Administrator's Office Print Shop, the Convention Assistance Committee's chair and members, the Education Program speakers, the Docket publication committee, and the vendors, exhibitors, and sponsors of the 2010 conference. Louise Pearson (TX) read a memorial for Herb Schaefer, retired clerk of the Court of Appeals, Fourth District, Texas. Lillian Richie (LA) read the memorial for Diana Pratt-Wyatt, the retired clerk of the Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, Louisiana. Kevin Smith (IN) read the memorial for David Schanker, clerk of the Wisconsin Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Fritz Ohlrich (CA) made a motion to accept all of the memorials and resolutions. Christie Cameron (NC) seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Adoption of Committee Reports: Christie Cameron (NC) moved to accept all of the Committee Reports. Jim Pelzer (NY) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Other Business: Tom Hall (FL) asked for a show of hands to indicate interest in pursuing the Michigan State University Judicial Administration program. The vote was split.

There being no further business, Deena Fawcett (CA) made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Marilyn May (AK) seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. on August 12, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Trish Harrington, NCACC Secretary



It's More Than a Free Lunch

By: Colette M. Bruggman (CA)

Each year at the annual conference, we are fortunate to have several vendors exhibit their wares for our perusal and application to our courts. To be an exhibitor, a vendor has to have committed significant resources to attend. First, there is the registration fee: an exhibitor pays from \$500 to \$2,499; a contributor pays from \$2,500 to \$4,999; a sponsor pays from \$5,000 to \$19,999; and a partner pays \$20,000 or more. Last year, exhibitors aside from LexisNexis, West, a Thomson Reuters business, and BNA paid an additional \$5,000 to the annual conference. This year, exhibitors other than LexisNexis, West, and BNA have paid an additional \$14,000 to the annual conference. Then, there is travel to and from the conference and resources necessary to staff the booth and provide mementos. In addition to a booth at the Vendor Expo, sponsors and partners have the opportunity to present a Vendor Showcase. For a \$500 fee, exhibitors and contributors may also present a Vendor Showcase. This lets exhibitors present their products and demonstrate their relevance to the appellate courts, plus it pays for the vendor lunch as part of the Vendor Expo.

In return for their investment of time and money, exhibitors anticipate participation from the membership, and rightly so. The problem, however, in recent meetings is that members have not been attending the Vendor Expo, and numbers at the showcases are on the decline. There may be various reasons for not attending the showcases, but if members do not attend, the vendors may decide it is no longer worth their time and expense. Of course, one solution is to discontinue the Vendor Expo; however, the question then becomes how do we make up for the lost revenue? Would the NCACC have to increase the registration fee for the conference and by how much, \$100 or \$150? With tightening budgets and increased costs, is this something we want to do? The Executive Committee decided we should try to continue with the Vendor Expo.

So, please plan to attend the vendor showcase this year. In an effort to encourage participation in the Vendor Expo, we will be doing a Passport event. Each member will be given a Passport for the Vendor Expo. Upon visiting each booth, vendors will initial or stamp your Passport. Members who have their Passports completed will be able to turn them in for a drawing. (Prizes will be determined later.) At the close of the Expo, there will be a members and vendors happy hour. Of course, if anyone has suggestions for next year's Vendor Expo, please forward them to me at colette.bruggman@jud.ca.gov

The iPad in Appellate Courts: Shiny New Toy or Serious Business Machine?

By Blake A. Hawthorne (TX)



Not long after Apple introduced the iPad, my wife gave one to me as an anniversary present. Right out of the box it became the most popular entertainment device in our household. My wife uses it to surf the web, to check in with her friends on Facebook, and to read the *New York Times*; my seven old daughter plays games like Ninja Fruit, Angry Birds, and Cut the Rope; and I read books, watch movies on Netflix, and listen to my iTunes music collection. Even our two-year-old uses the iPad. She watches Elmo's World and looks at family photos and videos. The iPad is so intuitive that she has learned how to do these things herself.

But, even though the iPad immediately entertained the whole family, it wasn't long before it became an indispensable business machine for me. As the main advocate at our Court for ditching paper in favor of electronic briefs, I resolved that I would no longer print out administrative agendas, weekly status reports, and a myriad of other business documents. Instead, my iPad became my notepad and file folder. Now it's the only thing I bring with me to most meetings. When I go on the road, my laptop stays at home because the iPad is much easier to carry and it has all of the essentials (e-mail, calendar, internet access, and VPN access to our computer network). And for most business trips I don't have to plug it in because the battery life is excellent.

I love my iPad (and, despite what the rest of the family says, it is *my* iPad). But it isn't perfect for several reasons. First, the Apple iOS operating system used on the iPad supports an external keyboard, but input is based primarily on touch. In other words, there is no mouse, so there is no right click function. And rarely will you find a ribbon of commands at the top of the screen or drop down menus in an iPad app. This can be a frustrating experience when trying to type anything more complex than your typical e-mail or basic memo. And using the iPad to access our computer network through VPN can be awkward because navigating in a Windows environment without a mouse is like playing soccer with a football.

Second, the iPad does not run full-blown versions of the business software that many of us use routinely like Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Adobe Acrobat, etc. There are some decent apps available that substitute for these programs, so you can create and edit Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, and annotate PDFs on the iPad. But the apps do not have all the same features as the software programs available on a laptop. And some users report formatting issues when moving documents back and forth from their iPad to their work computers.

Finally, the thing I least like about the iPad is that it does not support Adobe Flash, which means that a great deal of web video and other content is not available on the iPad.

Despite these shortcomings, the iPad is still an excellent device for consuming information. It is great for reading e-mail, checking the office calendar, and using the internet. And because we have all of our electronic briefs posted on our website, it's also a convenient way to read electronic briefs.

The iPad will only get better. Already, Apple has introduced the iPad 2, which is a little bit faster and lighter than the original iPad. And it includes both forward and rear facing cameras for taking pictures and video conferencing.

Other manufacturers are trying to cash in on the popularity of the iPad by introducing competing tablets. Samsung, BlackBerry, HP, Dell, Acer, LG, Viewsonic, and Azpen have all recently introduced their own versions of the iPad. Most of these use the Android 3.0 operating system. But some, Dell, Azpen, Viewsonic, offer a table that runs Windows 7. This competition will no doubt lead to tablets that will someday provide the same performance we have come to expect from our laptop computers.

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For me, better and more powerful tablets could not come soon enough. Texas appellate courts have been transitioning to electronic filing for the past couple of years. The chief complaint, of course, about electronic filing is that many people do not like reading on a computer screen. To address this problem, the Supreme Court of Texas purchased Dell XT2 convertible tablet computers for its justices. These convertible tablet computers function both as a tablet and a regular laptop as the touch screen swivels over and folds on top of the keyboard. But only one justice uses the Dell XT2 computer as both a tablet to read electronic briefs and as a laptop to write opinions and memorandums. While initially this computer seemed like a great solution, in the end it was too complex and heavy for most of our justices to use as a reading device (but it is still a great, although expensive, laptop).

The iPad or other similar device may address the need for a lightweight multipurpose device that works well for reading electronic briefs. After all, the iPad is much more portable than a box of briefs, you can hold it in your hands like a book, and turn pages with a flip of your finger. And in addition it has a built-in internet browser and easily syncs to your work e-mail and calendar.

I was cheered by the news reports late last year that Justice Antonin Scalia reads briefs on his iPad. And news soon followed that Justice Elena Kagan reads briefs on her Kindle. What better advertisement could there be for convincing appellate court justices to try out an iPad or Kindle?

These reports also made me wonder whether any other appellate courts were using iPads, Kindles, or other tablets. So I sent out a survey to our members asking whether their justices used iPads, tablets, or Kindles. And if they do use iPads, what they used them for (i.e. e-mail, calendar, reading briefs, taking notes, etc.).

What I found was that the iPad seems to be making serious inroads into our highest courts, but very few justices use a Kindle or other tablet for work. The supreme courts of California, Colorado, Florida, Nebraska, and North Carolina have purchased iPads for all of their justices. And two Texas courts of appeals, the Amarillo and Eastland courts, have also purchased iPads for all of their justices. Several other state appellate courts reported that one or more of their justices use an iPad, including the Kentucky Supreme Court, the Texas Supreme Court, the West Virginia Supreme Court, the Virginia Supreme Court, the Louisiana 4th Circuit, the Louisiana 5th Circuit, and the Missouri Court of Appeals, Southern District.

The most common use for the iPad was reading and responding to office e-mails. And most courts reported that their justices also used the calendar and read electronic briefs on the iPad. But few justices use the iPad to draft opinions—echoing comments from Justice Nathan Hecht of the Supreme Court of Texas who told me that he has borrowed an iPad to read briefs on and found it suitable for that purpose, but that when he wanted to do serious work, like draft an opinion, he would turn to his laptop.

While the iPad may not be as powerful as a laptop, it is definitely more than just a shiny new toy. If you are looking for a lightweight solution for reading e-mail, using your calendar, exploring the internet, and reading electronic briefs the iPad may be the solution you are looking for. And it's not bad for entertaining children (or justices) on long plane flights.

If you want to know more information about the iPad from the IT professional's point of view, please read the article that follows by Casey Kennedy, my colleague at the Office of Court Administration for the State of Texas.



Technology Guide to Using iPads in the Courts

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With the advent of tablet computing, iPads continue to proliferate through the judicial system..

In this article, I'll share our experiences with supporting iPads in Texas at the state supported court level. This will provide several tips on how you can support the usage of iPads (both personally and professionally bought).

Court Context

The court system in Texas is highly decentralized. Direct state support is limited to the Supreme Court (Court of last resort for civil matters), the Criminal Court of Appeals (the court of last resort for criminal matters), the 14 regional appellate courts and a handful of Child Protection and Child Support courts. Information Technology support for the state supported courts is done through the Office of Court Administration (OCA). OCA Information Services also provides services to seven other judicial branch agencies.

In total, Texas has 2,717 courts with approximately 3,300 judges. To date, iPad support provided by OCA has been to devices that are not owned by OCA. We generally provide information to the user on how to connect it to our network and how to use it in a safe and secure manner.

Recommendations may not be suitable for other jurisdictions with a different environment and this section should help the reader determine the applicability of the recommendations to their particular circumstances.

Tips for Implementation

1. **Get over it**
2. **Configure Enterprise Security**
3. **Configure VPN Access**
4. **Decide on Recommended Apps**
5. **Find an approach for procurement**
6. **Review Computing Policies**
7. **Don't ignore basic security**
8. **Watch out for the cloud**

Tip 1: Get over it. The initial reaction from the service desk when I told them we were going to assist our end users with iPads was one of resistance. Being used to a Windows environment, they were not used to Apple technology and supporting it. Several concerns arose (some valid, some not) about spreading too thin.

The iPad is sleek and sexy and will woo your end users faster than you can possibly imagine. I suspect other technological wonders will follow this path as well.

We ended up buying an iPad for our IT Director, our Administrative Director, our Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and one for our service desk.

The service desk was asked to play around with it to get familiar and to do independent research on supporting it.

They got over it. They are now well versed in supporting iPads and provide support to have them link into our network services (Email, Calendaring, Contacts, VPN and remote desktop).

Tip 2: Configure Enterprise Security

iPads are in no way a substitute for a secure laptop or desktop as a primary computing device. They should be treated in your enterprise in the same way other mobile devices (iPhones, Blackberries, etc) are treated.

Apple provides an iOS configuration utility² that can be used to set various security parameters on the iPad (much like many of the smartphones). This utility should be leveraged to ensure that iPads will live comfortably as a mobile device (again, much like a smartphone).

Tip 3: Configure VPN Access. One of the most valuable things you can do for your end users is to construct a VPN profile for use with the native VPN client that comes with an iPad.

Out of the box, iPads support VPN through several methods¹. The network team used the iPhone configuration utility² to create an encrypted VPN profile that would allow users to securely connect to our network.

This configuration results in an easy call to the support desk. The person obtains approval for VPN access through normal channels (paperwork acknowledging VPN responsibilities) and the support group emails the person the encrypted profile.

When the person clicks on the attachment to the email on their iPad, it installs the encrypted profile (which includes the connection information) to their iPad.

Turning on the VPN is then a quick trip to General Settings and flipping the VPN switch to the "ON" position.

Tip 4: Decide on Recommended Apps. Through the Apple App Store, there are thousands of Apps that perform a cadre of tasks.

While we're not in a position to force usage of a particular app, we certainly can *highly recommend* apps. We spent time polling our early adopters to see what apps that use and with what capacity.

We came up with the following list, but still welcome those who choose to deviate from it:

Email, Calendar, Contacts – We recommend the native email, calendar and contacts client on iPad (free). Since our organization uses MS Exchange (and has Outlook Web Access), the iPad has a built in connector to work with OWA for email, calendaring and contacts.

Remote Desktop Client – We recommend PocketCloud (free). Depending on your situation, you'll need to select the appropriate protocol (RDP or VNC). Our shop uses RDP (native to Windows XP, Windows 7).

PocketCloud offered the best bang for the buck (there is a decent free version) that would allow our end users (via the VPN) remote into their workstations to do work. It has tools in the menu bar that allows for scrolling, right-clicking and other Windows specific actions that you wouldn't normally do on an Apple.

There are other clients available (in a wide range of prices) that allow for the normal iPad gesturing (we haven't found one that is free). Other apps sometimes require that you install a windows client piece on the other end in order to enable a remote connection. We chose to keep with the native Windows RDP.

There is something goofy about looking at a Windows machine using an Apple iPad.

Office Productivity Suite – Until Microsoft decides to develop a version of Office for use on the iPad, we're relegated to using other apps. We recommend *QuickOffice* (\$14.99).

QuickOffice allows you to edit Word, Excel, and PowerPoint 2003 files (it can only view PowerPoint 2007 files). If you have the handy VGA converter, you can use your iPad to power presentations and even use your finger as a safe laser pointer (touching the iPad screen shows a red dot on the presentation screen)

Printing – Since the iPad doesn't have the ability to hook directly to a printer, we needed something that would be able to print to a network printer on the same network that the iPad is connected.

As of this writing, we haven't settled on a solution but are testing ones with the approach of installing a piece of software on a windows network print server that will enable the printers to be seen by the iPad's AirPrint feature.

PDF Software – For reading only, we'd recommend iBooks (free). iBooks allows you load PDF documents through iTunes on a host PC, view and store PDFs from an email attachment. iBooks allows you to organize PDF files into "Collections". You can have as many collections as you like.

If your intent is to be able to mark-up PDFs, we recommend purchasing a stylus for use with the iPad and a copy of iAnnotate PDF (\$9.99). iAnnotate lets you mark-up documents and share them in a variety of ways. The latest version also lets you "flatten" the document, pushing your annotations to the base layer of the PDF.

Legal Reference – We found many sources out there for legal reference. Depending on the state you're in, there may be apps that are online references to existing laws, code.

LexisNexis and Westlaw also offer iPad apps for those wanting to do legal searches on the go (and have valid accounts).

Since legal reference seems to be a court-by-court preference, we have no recommendation (other than you should have it).

Tip 5: Find an approach for procurement. The Apple App Store makes it incredibly difficult to buy apps in bulk. While a program exists for educational institutions, no such programs exist for government.

iTunes requires that each individual set up an account and link it to an iPad. When apps are bought, it's done entirely through a username and password, charging the credit

card linked to the account. If no credit card is linked, no paid apps can be bought.

For Texas, this process hasn't been ironed out yet. We've managed to skirt the issue by only using free apps. In a large scale deployment effort, this issue will need a resolution.

Tip 6: Review your Computing Policies. Make sure that the computing policies in place aren't boxed in, disallowing iPads.

In the case of our policies, we proposed eliminating the phrase "BlackBerry" and "SmartPhone" and replace it with "Internet Connected Device". We found that our policies on mixed usage (state reimbursed data plan on a personal device) were broad enough to handle the issue with iPad data usage.

See the next two tips for possible policy modifications with regards to security.

Tip 7: Don't ignore basic security. Remind your end users about basic computing security. We recommended reviewing the iPhone Configuration Utility Guide² for applicability to your environment's computing practices.

After receiving the first state funded iPad, we promptly hooked it up to our internal WiFi network and had our security team scan it to see what they could find. Our initial results showed a single open port (used when the iPad connects to a PC to sync with iTunes), but was otherwise clean.

Another concern is Anti-Virus/Malware protection. To date no activity has been seen on an iPad. This is due mostly in part to the proprietary nature of Apple's iOS. This concern is valid on "jailbroken" iPads (iPads where the internal operating system has been overwritten with an open source operating system).

In any case, all users should be extensively reminded that data exists on the iPad much like it exists on laptops, USB drives and smart phones and that while iPads encrypt data at a file level, it's not as strong (AES-196 vs AES-256).

Tip 8: Watch out for the Cloud. Education efforts will need to be undertaken to educate end users about the cloud. It seems magical that a person can go to a website, load a document and then have it automagically available on their iPad. Services like dropbox.com and box.net provide cloud based storage services with custom iPad apps.

Users need to be aware that once these services are employed, that they are relinquishing control over their data to these third party services. Our recommendation is to have end users avoid cloud based services for storing confidential or sensitive information (especially court related).

Other considerations

Work with your users to determine their uses of the iPad. In our case, we see iPad uses at the appellate level. Justices report using iPads for reading draft opinions, briefs and other case materials (through iBooks).

All tips apply to personally procured iPads too. In the event that your organization decides not to procure iPads for use, they will creep into your environment. Currently, there are a total of five state funded iPads in the organizations we support. However, I know that in addition to those five, we have at least 50 in the field where judges have bought them for themselves. We are supporting them in the sense we provide VPN profiles (in accordance with our VPN policy) as well as support in linking their email client with Outlook Web Access (or whatever mail program their court may have).

Summary

The key points for this TEB:

- As with any technology, have your security experts review it for compliance with your policies (or adjust your policies as needed)
- If your organization hasn't procured any iPads that doesn't mean they

don't exist on your networks.

- Listen to your end users, but at the same time remind them about security precautions that need to be taken.

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2011		
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting	Thomas Point West (Powerhouse Building)
 1:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Four Centuries Walking Tour of Annapolis	Meet in Hotel Lobby
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration	Atrium A
SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011		
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Registration	Atrium A
 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Silent Art Auction	Ballroom
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Welcome Meeting/Orientation for Families For New Members & First Time Attendees	Catamaran (Room #260)
1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.	Welcome <i>Hon. Robert M. Bell, Chief Judge Court of Appeals of Maryland</i>	Ballroom
1:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Roll Call of the States & Business Meeting	Ballroom
 Break: 15 Minutes		
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	The Ethics of Social Networking <i>Hon. Daniel J. Crothers, Justice North Dakota Supreme Court</i>	Ballroom
 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	BNA & NCACC Reception Hosted by BNA & NCACC	Atrium
 8:15 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.	Silent Art Auction & Morgan Thomas Slide Show	Ballroom
 9:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Hospitality Suite Opens	Presidential Suite
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011		
 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (Members Only)	Atrium
7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Roundtable Discussions	Ballroom
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Announcements	Ballroom
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Thriving in Times of Change: Mastering Resilience in the Law <i>Ms. Kathy Story Story Consulting</i>	Ballroom
 Break: 15 Minutes		
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Demystifying the ADA Interactive Process <i>Mr. Jason Mayo, Labor & Employee Relations Officer Human Resources Division, Labor & Employee Relations Unit California Administrative Office of the Courts</i>	Ballroom
 Lunch on Your Own: 1 Hour 15 Minutes		
1:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	The Clerk's Role in Maintaining the Rule of Law <i>Mr. Carl Alexandre, Director Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance & Training - United States Department of Justice Ms. Sheryl Loesch, Clerk United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida</i>	Ballroom
 Break: 10 Minutes		
2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Breakout Session I:	
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2	ABC's of Communication <i>Ms. Christie Roeder Supreme Court of North Carolina Mr. Bill DeCicco U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces Ms. Marilyn May Alaska Appellate Courts Skipjack #362</i>	
3	Being the Boss <i>Mr. Jason Mayo California Administrative Office of the Courts Topsider #462</i>	
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1	Generational Differences in the Workplace Ms. Kathy Story <i>Story Consulting</i> Catamaran #260	2	Planning, Surviving, and Thriving with an Electronic Filing System Ms. Christie Roeder <i>Supreme Court of North Carolina</i> Skipjack #362
		3	Being the Boss Mr. Jason Mayo <i>California Administrative Office of the Courts</i> Topsider #462
5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Dinner Cruise on Chesapeake Bay Hosted by LexisNexis		Meet in Hotel Lobby
10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Hospitality Suite		Presidential Suite

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011			
7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (Members Only)		Atrium
7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Past Presidents' Breakfast		Topsider (Room #462)
7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Roundtable Discussions		Ballroom
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Morning Announcements		Ballroom
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Break: 15 Minutes			
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4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Bus Trip to the U.S. Supreme Court		Meet in Hotel Lobby
5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	U.S. Supreme Court Reception Presentation by Justice Samuel Alito Reception following hosted by West Pizza party for children 14 years and younger		U.S. Supreme Court
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AUCTION TIME!!

Sherry Williamson (TX)

We will be holding the silent auction again on Sunday afternoon, July 31, 2011, at the annual conference. Back by popular demand, Auctioneer Mike Lusk (TX) has agreed to hold another live auction after the BNA/NCACC Reception! We all remember what an exciting time he provided last year! I would like to encourage **everyone** to bring an item for the auction. It doesn't have to be anything fancy or expensive. Past items have included artwork, jewelry, books, baskets of goodies, T-shirts, etc., just anything you have created or something that caught your eye on a shopping spree. It is always fun to see what items show up from different parts of the country. Most importantly, all proceeds go to the Education Fund. Let's support this worthwhile cause by bringing an item to donate! Thank you for your help!



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011			
☉	7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (Members Only)	Atrium
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	8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Morning Announcements	Ballroom
	8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	What's Bugging You (Members Only)	Ballroom
⌚	Break: 15 Minutes		
	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Integrated Justice – The Courts and the Rest of Government <i>IJIS Institute</i>	Ballroom
	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Vendor Introductions & Opening of Vendor Expo Ms. Colette M. Bruggman, Assistant Clerk/Administrator <i>California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District</i>	Ballroom
☉	12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Vendor Lunch	Atrium
	1:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Vendor Showcase/Community Outreach: LexisNexis Atrium Boardroom	
Vendor Exposition (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)	1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Vendor Showcase Session I:	
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		1 West Catamaran #260	2 LT Court Tech, LLC Skipjack #362
	3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Vendor Showcase Session III:	
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011			
🚩	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Fun Run/Walk	Meet in Hotel Lobby
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🍹	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reception	Atrium
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🍹	10:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.	Hospitality Suite Awards Night	Presidential Suite
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2011			
☉	7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Critique Breakfast	Point Lookout

Welcome New Members!



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	9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Media and the Courts Panel Discussion Ms. Christie Roeder, Moderator <i>Supreme Court of North Carolina</i> Ms. Kathleen L. Arberg <i>United State Supreme Court</i> Ms. Angelita Plemmer <i>Maryland Courts</i> Ms. Leah H. Gurowitz <i>District of Columbia Courts</i>	Ballroom
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	7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Critique Breakfast	Point Lookout