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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Judge John O. Steele

Our Mid-year Conference was a great success. The conference co-chairs, Judges Veronica Mathein and Edward Jordan, did an excellent job in coordinating all the activities and arranging for our luncheon speaker, Mayor Richard M. Daley. I sincerely hope we can encourage both of them to coordinate next year's event.

I also wish to recognize Judge Carolyn Quinn and Thomas Donnelly as well as all the panelists and actors who participated in the morning seminar, "Raising the Bar and Bench." It was our most successful seminar ever. The seminar drew a standing room only crowd. The content and format were unique and well received. We owe a special thank you to Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Ann McMorrow and Cook County Chief

Judge Timothy C. Evans for encouraging, promoting and participating in the seminar.

We welcome and encourage judges to contact or executive director, Maureen McClelland, with any issue of concern they think our organization should address or discuss. Our next Executive Committee meeting is February 25th and our next board meeting is in June.

We have many committees, including but not limited to: Benefits & Pension, Court Facilities and Security, Criticism Response, Electronic Media, Government Affairs, Judicial Discipline and Retired Judges.

They are all eager to address concerns of the membership.

Once again, I thank all of you for making this a very successful year.



BOARD MEETS

The Board of directors met on December 10, 2004 immediately after the fabulously successful IJA luncheon. (Kudos to Veronica Mathein and Ed Jordan for yet another great event!) The Board discussed many issues of interest to the membership. Judge Jorgensen reported on the COLA lawsuit update. Since the Board Meeting, however, there has been a resolution on the payment of attorney's fees. On January 20, 2005, the Supreme Court approved a plan that would pay the three firms that represented the judges a total of \$1.144 million. Judges who are currently serving and were members of the class will have 5% of the back pay they received deducted from their March paychecks. Judges that have retired or resigned since the award was granted will be contacted directly by the attorneys to make arrangements for the payment of their portion of the fees.

Of great interest to the Board was the proposal of James Wexsten for the IJA to participate in the funding of an ABA sponsored Minority Judicial Intern Program. This program has been in effect for many years, with Cook County and the 19th Circuit previously participating.

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IJA CONVENTION ROUSING SUCCESS

Under the chairmanship of Judges Veronica Mathein and Edward Jordan, the 2004 Annual Convention was a major success. The IJA's 33rd annual convention began at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers with a modest reception on the evening of Thursday, December 9th, and then took off in earnest with Justice Seymour Simon's Run for Justice at 6:45 A.M. on Friday, December 10th.

At 11:00 A.M. on Friday, the IJA presented a joint program with the ISBA, which was holding its mid-year meeting at the same time as our convention. The topic was, "Raising the Bar (and Bench)", and the program addressed ethical issues facing judges and attorneys. The panel of Chief Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow, Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans, Judges James Flannery, Moira Johnson, Edmund Ponce de Leon and Michael Caldwell, along with Mary Robinson, ARDC Administrator, William Elward and Patricia Mendoza, and Moderator Judge Carolyn Quinn, presented a stimulating discussion of the topic to a very large audience. They presented different scenarios in an amusing yet informative manner, and generally explained ways to avoid both the JIB and the ARDC.

Following that panel discussion, more than 300 people attended the annual luncheon on Friday at noon. The unprecedentedly large gathering heard fascinating remarks from Richard M. Daley, Mayor of the City of Chicago.

Mayor Daley spoke at length about his views regarding the accomplishments of the City's public schools, and the problems of intervention by Federal courts into the administration of public school education in Chicago. As usual, Mayor Daley was forceful and informative, and he kept the audience enthralled.

Earlier on Friday morning, IJA President John Steele presented special awards to Chief Justice McMorrow and Chief Judge Evans recognizing their commitment to the highest standards of ethical conduct, and their dedication to excellence in the performance of their judicial duties. Following the luncheon, President Steele presented Lifetime Achievement awards to Judges Mary Jane Theis and Stuart Nudelman, and posthumously to David A. Youck whose loss was mourned by all associated with the IJA. President Steele also presented Presidential Service awards to Judges Grace Dickler, Helaine Berger, Daniel Gillespie, Jesse Reyes and Michael Stuttley, and to retired Judge R. Eugene Pincham. The Harold W. Sullivan Scholarship for 2004 was presented to the John Marshall Law School.

After the luncheon, the IJA Board convened for its mid-year meeting. The Convention concluded on Friday evening where a fashionably attired crowd gathered for the annual Supreme Court Dinner. All in all, the 2004 annual convention was quite successful, and as co-chairs, Judges Jordan and Mathein would like to thank the entire convention committee and, most particularly, our Executive Assistant, Maureen McClelland, whose tireless efforts made our humble contributions look important.

The IJA convention for 2005 will be held on Thursday, December 8, and Friday, December 9, 2005. Please reserve the dates.

Recent civil jury instructions, not yet contained in the Illinois Pattern Jury Instructions bound volumes, drafted by the Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions in Civil Cases can be found on the Supreme Court's website at <http://www.state.il.us/court/CircuitCourts/JuryInstructions/default.htm>

CONVENTION PHOTOS



LEGAL FEES TO BE DEDUCTED FROM MARCH PAY

As a result of the successful cola lawsuit for judges, back-pay salary adjustments for fiscal years 2003 and 2004 totaled \$11,445,209. The attorneys' fees for the cola lawsuit were set by agreement at 10% of the back pay or \$1,144,000. The agreement also provided that the State would pay half of the attorneys' fees, or \$572,000, which leaves a balance of \$572,000 to be paid by the judges. Dividing the judges' share of the legal bill, \$572,000, by approximately 900 judges makes the average judge's payment approximately \$635, which will be deducted from the March paycheck. The retired judges will not have it deducted from their pension check. They can expect to receive a bill directly from the attorneys.

Did you know?

Of Selection Methods, New & Old Judges

Given that my job is to find out who got the latest judgeship and how, I try and read everything printed on new judges in the State. It surprised me to learn that not every county has the same method of filling multiple associate judge openings. In Cook County, when there is more than one opening, a short list is prepared of twice the amount of candidates as positions. Of course, I think Chicago is the center of the universe, so I was shocked to see that in Lake County, they pick two candidates for each specific vacancy and vote separately as to each vacancy. Personally (and I mean in my own and no one else at IJA's opinion) I prefer Cook's way as it leads to collegiality among the candidates and does not pit two people against the other. I would also guess that it leads to more surprise selections as a perceived loser might just persuade enough judges to vote for her giving everyone a fairer chance.

That said, I called an old friend in Lake County to find out the method to their madness. My pal said that it's always been done that way and maybe the Chief would know. Now, I considered calling the new Chief, **Christopher Starck**, but I figured he probably had his hands full with new assignment as CJ.

Unfortunately, I'm still under the judicial gag, so can't comment on the Supreme Court race in the 5th District which made tons of news and even, arguably, brought the President of the United States to the area. What I can say is my sources tell me that the newest member of the Supreme Court, **Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier**, is a real gentleman and that it was a shame to lose **Justice Gordon Maag** on the appellate court. I can report the fact that their colleagues respect both of them.

The Law Bulletin reported that McLean County Associate Judge **Robert Freitag** left the bench to go on active duty with the U.S. Army, helping soldiers with their legal affairs. He's

leaving his wife and children to serve at Fort McCoy in Wisconsin for a year. If you read this Judge, let us know about your service. Retired Judge **William McCurdy** agreed to come back and help out for about 6 months.

Supreme Stats

We say good-bye to Justice **Philip Rarick** who will be fondly remembered for his thoughtful opinion on the COLA issue. Maybe he'll drop me a line and let me know how he's spending his free time. And, as mentioned earlier, welcome to **Justice Lloyd Karmeier** of Nashville. It was reported that he wore the robe of his mentor, Justice **Byron O. House** for his installation.

Cook County's Corner

Congrats to Cook's Chief, **Timothy Evans**, who was unanimously given another three year term. Even with all there is to do in running the largest unified court system in the world, Judge **Evans** always finds time for each of his judges and to attend bar events including sitting through IJA's Board meeting and being a Co-Chair of the Membership Committee. If all of that wasn't enough to do, the Chief found time to lead the retention drive for Cook's judges and he, along with all that were up for retention, were given the nod by the voters. And congrats to Justice **Alan Greiman** who was given his 8th year as Chairman of the 1st District Appellate Court's Executive Committee. (I think his first job should be to devise an acronym for his title.)

The Chicago press was focused on the ex-pols who were inducted on December 2nd, and it sure will be interesting to see how the two new judges (Judge **Aurelia Pucinski & Patrick Murphy**) who are used to running offices with hundreds of employees will enjoy their new positions, they missed the fact that a number of divorce practitioners joined the bench. Welcome to **Jeanie Cleveland Bernstein, Clare McWilliams, Timothy Murphy**—many of us were sorry to see them withdraw from pending cases. Also joining the bench was former prosecutor and high

profile attorney, **Bill Kunkle**. Winning the primary election by only 4 votes after litigation to determine the winner was **Paula Daleo**. Luckily, she had no opposition in the general election.

The presiding judge of the Traffic Division, **Robert Bastone**, was appointed to a full circuit position. Also appointed was **Joel Greenblatt**.

Many judges were recalled including **Henry Budzinski**, Presiding Judge of Probate Court. . . **Ed Burr's** staff threw a party to celebrate the jurist's 20th year on the bench. It was fun to eat cookies in the middle of the day.

Laudable in Lake

One of the more unusual items on the table for the new Chief, **Christopher "Kip" Starck**, is helping McHenry County prepare for it's split in 2006 — McHenry will be the new 22nd Judicial Circuit. Lake County Judges chose **Charles Johnson** and **Nancy Waites** as the new associates in the election referred to above. Last October, they chose **Raymond Collins** as the new associate. And former State's Attorney, **Fred Foreman**, joined the bench after winning election. Joining the full circuit judges was ex-assistant state's attorney **Michael Fusz**, who was appointed to the spot after serving as an associate.

DuPage Doings

Kenneth Popejoy was one of three associate judges who ran in a 6-way race for a full-circuit seat to which **Stanley Austin** had been appointed. **Austin** lost the election, so was re-elected to the associate judge seat that **Popejoy** vacated upon his election. **Stephen J. Culliton** was recalled.

Around the State

In the 5th District Justices **Rarick** and **Karmeier** joined forces to announce that Appellate Justice **Clyde Kuehn** will fill the **Maag** vacancy until July.

In the 16th Circuit, **Donald Hudson** became Chief Judge. **Hudson** will tackle the large task of working with the Kane, Kendall & DeKalb County Boards and

supporting his judges who have some of the highest caseloads in the state.

Appointed were **Michael Chmiel** in McHenry County, **William O. Mays, Jr.** (8th Circuit), and from associate to full circuit, **William Schuwert, Jr.** (Randolph County).

New associates include **David Wayne Butler** (11th Circuit), **Janet Heflin** (3rd Circuit), **Brian McPheters** (Urbana), and **Raymond Conklin** (14th Circuit).

LESS TENSION . . .

BRING ON THE PENSION

Those of you who follow this column know that I'm fascinated by what people do when they retire. Since the ruling on the COLA suit, many retirements have taken place. Although noted chancellor Judge **Stephen Schiller** claimed he was looking forward to having a beer with lunch, I can't see how he'll have time with all the work he's going to do including mediating for JAMS. **Schiller**, along with **Aaron Jaffe**, **Allen Freeman** and **Michael Zissman** were feted by many including a shindig organized by Judge **Gerald Bender** and the Jewish Judges Assn. **Jaffe**, a retired state representative, is looking forward to going back to politics and getting his freedom of political speech back. I spoke with **Joanne Lanigan** who served many years in the Law Division about her plans — she assured me that her bags were always packed so she can now pick-up and travel on the dime; when not traveling, she intends to volunteer her time reading for the blind.

It is ironic that **Sam Amirante** retired in January to return to private practice. He had defended serial killer John Wayne Gacy in 1978 – Gacy was his first client when he left the Public Defender's Office. The attorney representing the State in the Gacy case was **Bill Kunkle** who joined the bench in December. Maybe they had enough of each other in the Gacy case (just kidding).

Also retiring were **Emilio Santi** (who is of counsel to Baizer & Kolar), **Alan Buck**, **Jerry Flynn**, **John Freese**, **Llwellyn Greene-Thapedi**, **Leo Holt**, **Mitchell Ware**, **Robert Coplan**, **Ward**

Arnold, **Terrence Brady**, **James V. Hill**, **J. Patrick Morse**, **Elliot Muse, Jr.**, **Thomas Nowinski**, **William Wood**, **John Radosevich**, **Lola Maddox**, **John Goodwin, Jr.**, **Dennis Schwartz**, **John Goshgarian**, **Barry Anderson**, **Larry Baker**, **Brendan McCooey**, **Charles Travis**, **John Berry**, **Lambros Kutrubis** and **Cyril Watson**, **Paul Murphy**. I note that a September *Chicago Tribune* article said that Clay County Judge **Alan Buck** was critically injured when an explosion literally blasted him from his home. I hope that he recovered and can enjoy his retirement.

At the IJA luncheon, I had the opportunity to do investigative reporting and met retired Judge **Jim Wimbiscus** (from the 13th Circuit – near Starved Rock) who caught me up on many of our ex-colleagues who are living in the Sunshine State. It seems that there is a semi-monthly luncheon in Naples attended by many snowbirds including **Bernard Carey**, (ex-Cook County State's Attorney), **Lou Garippo** (who prosecuted Richard Speck), ex-criminal court judge **James Bailey**, **Lester Bonaguro**, **Vince Bentivenga**, **Jim Hejda**, and driving 100 miles from Venice, FL, **Charlie Scott** (Lake Co.). The group is bi-partisan, of course, and was first organized by Vince or Les. Interestingly, they mostly tell war stories and talk about the law and politics when they meet. I've begged them for book recommendations as I figure they have time to read for pleasure and will let you know the scoop. I'm hoping the IJA will send me on assignment, maybe in February! By the way, they eat soup and sandwiches.

Finding an interesting job since retiring, former Appellate Court Justice **Thomas J. Homer** was tapped by the Governor to be the General Assembly's Inspector General. He probably has a clue about its inner-workings having served 6 years as a legislator. **Cyril Watson** was elected to membership in the Society of Illinois Construction Attorneys. **Marjan Peter Staniec** was congratulated by the Illinois House of Representatives; they passed a resolution in honor of Staniec's 90th Birthday.

Never one to sit idle, former Cook County CJ, **Donald O'Connell**, was appointed by the Governor to mediate the medical malpractice talks between lawmakers, doctors, trial lawyers and insurers. Now, there's a relaxing way to spend retirement.

And, finally, **Charlie Porcellino** took the time to write me and tell me about his new life. He's living in "the great county of Winnebago" and is landscaping his new home. He's truly enjoying the people and landscape of the Rockford area and is going to work on the IJA Bench book.

IN MEMORIAM

We will miss . . . **Earl Arkiss**, age 84, who retired in 1995 after 25 years on the bench. I knew him and he was exceptionally sharp. . . Condolences to our own **Lee Preston** who lost his dad, **Paul Preston**, age 91. Judge **Paul Preston** last served in 1997 when he retired after being recalled to the bench. Also passing were **Louis Giliberto**, **John DeLaurenti**, age 71 (a noted conservationist in southern Illinois)

IJA Leadership was mortified to receive an e-mail from Kankakee Judge **David Youck** advising us of his terminal illness. Even knowing he was dying, he kept the IJA website up to date including setting up links to all important correspondence, writing case summaries, and putting the bench book online. He was the *IT* man for the IJA and his contributions will be greatly missed. He died at the early age of 56 on October 12th.

Change is Here in 2005

The format of this column has changed again. . . Despite my best efforts to include tidbits on everyone, the pressures of my assignment require that I report some of the changes in the judiciary in summary fashion. In an effort to save space and given I type this myself, I've decided to omit the word "Judge" most of the time — we're all judges and I hope no one is offended by the new familiarity with everyone in the state. As always, if you think a tidbit is newsworthy, you'll have a shot of making it in the column if you e-mail me at lainiejet@aol.com or write to 1502 Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, IL 60602 or call 312-603-6140.

JUDGE DAVID YOUCK'S LEGACY: A LIFE OF COURAGE, DEDICATION AND ENTHUSIASM

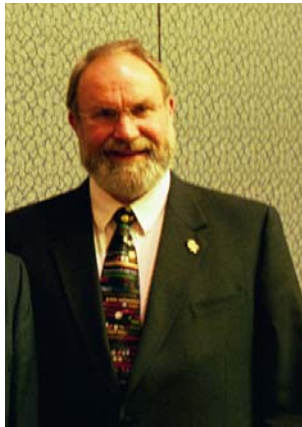
By Judge Daniel T. Gillespie

Judge David A. Youck died at home of cancer on October 12th. He worked until six days before he died, regularly corresponding by e-mail with judges he knew throughout the state, keeping them abreast of important IJA and other legal developments. On October 6th he sent a message entitled "Last e-mail" in which he related that due to his illness he would no longer be able to handle the huge volume of e-mail he handles each day. Judge Youck is survived by his wife, Paulette, his son, Matthew, his stepson Donald Perkins, stepdaughters Michelle Smith, Kimberly Perkins and Angie Manzke and his brother, Stephen.

Judge Youck was posthumously honored at the 33rd Annual Convention of the Illinois Judges Association, held in Chicago on December 10, 2004. Clark Erickson, Chief Judge of the 21st Judicial Circuit (Kankakee and Iroquois Counties), received the award on Judge Youck's behalf from Illinois Judges Association President John O. Steele. In attendance at the convention at the time of the presentation of this award were Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Ann McMorrow, Illinois Supreme Court Justices Thomas Kilbride, Thomas Fitzgerald, Robert Thomas and Rita Garman, Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans, Chairman of the Conference of Illinois Chief Judges Robert Carter and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan as well as several hundred attorneys and judges. Judge Youck was awarded the Lifetime Service Award. The inscription on the award reads:

"The Illinois Judges Association Lifetime Achievement Award is presented posthumously to The Honorable David A. Youck in appreciation for his time and valuable contributions to the Illinois Judges Association and the judicial branch of government."

Judge Youck was nominated for this award because his work for both the Electronic Media Committee of the Illinois Judges Association and for his work for the Illinois Supreme Court. Judge Youck was founding member of the Electronic Media Committee and was respected for his leadership on this committee. Vice-chairman Joseph Kazmierski, a Cook County Circuit Court Judge, said of his work, "Dave was the



one who really got the ball rolling when it came to advancing judges' use of the Internet. Dave's expertise in this technology matched his enthusiasm and we are beneficiaries of Dave's dedication. I was impressed by Dave's work ethic, which involved a willingness to spend countless hours to aid his fellow judges in the performance of their duties."

Judge Gordon Lustfeldt, Presiding Judge of Iroquois County, a long-time friend of Judge Youck, knew him for twenty-five years. "Living his life the way he chose, working right up to the end, without ever flinching, was an extraordinary act of bravery," Judge Lustfeldt observed. He added, "For people who knew him here, every day was an act of bravery. He never let it show, never asked for sympathy. Never once did he break down and say, 'I'm scared.' He always said, 'I have things to do. I'm going to turn the corner. You

can worry about it, I have work to do.' That's true bravery," Judge Lustfeldt observed.

Judge Lustfeldt recalled that Judge Youck was an Army Viet Nam veteran who served in the Military Police. "There are not many guys like that, that hard working," declared Lustfeldt. "He was fearless in taking on a new case in a new area of the law, both as an attorney and later as a judge. He was himself and he will be missed. He had a great big red pickup truck. I still look for it when I come into the parking lot."

Judge Youck was also on the Illinois Supreme Court Automation and Technology Committee. Appellate Court Justice William Holdridge, who also serves on that committee, said of Judge Youck's work on this committee, "David Youck was respected statewide for his knowledge of computers. He had a vision of an electronic college of learning that would benefit judges from Alexander County in the South, to Chicago in the North. He was a premier judge, who always was willing to help others."

Justice Robert Byrne also of the Illinois Appellate Court, the chair of the Illinois Supreme Court Automation and Technology Committee had this to say about David: "Judge Youck will be sorely missed. The first couple of meetings he just sat quietly at end of table, but then it became apparent that he was not only knowledgeable, but "number one" of the people who knew what they were talking about." He will be sorely missed. He was a fabulous guy."

David Youck had an accomplished career as a judge. He was the founding chair of the IJA Electronic Media Committee. In that capacity he led a group known as the "Cyberjudges," who introduced other judges to the electronic age and the Internet. Judge Youck and his committee developed and maintained the IJA website. In

December, 2002, David received a presidential service award from Judge Stuart Nudelman, then President of the Illinois Judges Association. In May, 2002 Judge Youck was recognized by the President of the Illinois Judges Association at the annual meeting for creating a listing of email addresses so that the membership could be informed immediately of any important issue.

The Website Judge Youck established enables judges to access a wide range of sources, other courts, other judges and links to other areas. It has enabled IJA members to communicate matters of importance quickly to all of its members. For example, during the pendency of the cola lawsuit, he regularly posted all the court motions, orders and information of importance each day. Judges throughout the state could have instant access and be kept abreast of new developments in the case. He coordinated both civil and criminal bench books, which are available to Illinois judges on-line. He provided access for judges across the state to helpful forms on-line, as well as trial and motion practice guides.

At his funeral service, the church was packed with family, friends and colleagues, some of whom spoke of Judge Youck's valuable contributions to the circuit court and the community as a whole. Judge Clark Erickson, Chief Judge of the 21st Judicial Circuit delivered a eulogy at Judge Youck's funeral. His eulogy included the following remarks:

"It is very difficult for me to stand up here, and speak of the memories I have of David, both as a friend, and a colleague. It is difficult because I do not think I can do justice, with anything I say today, to the contribution made by David over the past near decade.

David was diligent and hard-working as a judge. David was courageous in life. He was courageous in taking on tough cases. He never turned down a case. He never even gave an indication that he was uncomfortable taking on a case. But, you know that when he did, it meant he was going to work hard, applying himself to learn the law, and be ready for trial.

David was courageous in fighting his illness. He shared his battle with us. He did it by e-mail, and even met with all the employees of the courthouse. He met privately with me several times in the past few months. He was proud of the fact that despite his travails, he had never missed a day of work, unless he was required to be at the hospital. He told me it was important to him that he continue to work as long as he could. And he did. On Monday, October 4th he was at work. He was ill. You could see it. But he was there. Two days later, he was in a wheel chair.

David was courageous in death. He set an example for us all. No one could face death the way that he did, unless he had faith in eternal life. And unless he knew in his heart that he had done the best he could in life. He had that faith, and he had knowledge in his heart.

Today, this large crowd is evidence of what all of us here today would agree: For many, many years into the future, when the name of David Youck is mentioned, people will remember not only the name, but also what he accomplished. David was a man of deep conviction, of knowledge. How many of you knew that he studied the classics and the bible in the Greek language in college? I didn't until we had dinner one time in Chicago while attending a conference. He was a student of the law and of life, as reflected in his book reviews, which can still be accessed on the IJA Web page.

He cared about the people he came into contact with. He became aware that the jurors were uncomfortable sitting in the old hard jury chairs. He went out and bought red cushions for the chairs. They are still there. He had bus take them to his favorite restaurant, the Country Buffet. He took the time because he cared.

He took the time to be active in the Bar Association, because he cared. He took the time to be involved in Republican politics in Iroquois County, because he cared.

He delighted us with stories of Abe Lincoln at Lincoln Day Dinners, because he cared.

For years to come, when the name David is mentioned, no one will ask David who?

He has left his mark and we are better for it."

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The new program would be available to all Circuits with the exception of Cook and the 19th Circuit (due to their past participation). The Board approved implementation of this wonderful program. The ISBA and the local circuits will be asked to participate in the funding of the program.

Other issues discussed included President Steele's commitment to increase IJA membership and his goal to keep an open line of communication with other bar associations including regional and ethnic bars.

If you are interested in reviewing the minutes in their entirety please go to <http://ija.org/minutes/minutes.htm>.

NEW ADDITION TO ONLINE BENCHBOOK

A new book, *Illinois Motions in Limine*, by attorneys Scott D. Lane and Stephanie Hoit Lee, has been added to our on-line Benchbook (available at ija.org). The publisher, Litigation One

Publishing has offered a free CD-ROM to any judge who might be interested in receiving it. Contact Maureen McClelland at 312/431-1283 or 888/431-1283 or info@ija.org. Judges are encouraged to

read Illinois Judicial Ethics Opinion No. 95-7. (All ethical opinions are available at ija.org.) In addition, if a judge wishes to purchase the book, s/he should contact the publisher, David Finley, at 714/832-5088.

COOK COUNTY JUDGES PARTICIPATE IN “PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY” PROGRAM

Cook County Circuit Court Judge John Steele (center, with glasses), IJA President, orga-

nized a group of Cook County judges to participate in the 8th annual “Principal for a Day” program held in late October. Among the judges were (from left) Thomas Hogan, Peter Felice, Carolyn Quinn, Bernetta Bush, Sharon Coleman Marsha Hayes, Jesse Reyes, Edward Washington II, Shelli Williams-Hayes and Stuart Nudelman. The judges were among 1,700 community leaders who visited Chicago public schools to share their knowledge and offer encouragement.



Judge and Mrs. James Wexsten with Justice and Mrs. Karmeier at the swearing in of Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier.

KUDOS

As noted by Judge Gillespie in his article, Judge Youck performed an invaluable service for the IJA membership and he is sorely missed. Judges Larry Dunford and Darryl Simko have recently volunteered to continue the fine work of Judge Youck by

summarizing the new Appellate and Supreme Court cases as they are filed. Judges Dunford and Simko are in the process of conferring with Prairie.net.org to implement the system anew. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Judge Dunford at

Judge1877@hotmail.com or Judge Simko at DBSimko@hotmail.com. We really appreciate the offer of Judges Dunford and Simko to continue this very valuable service to the membership and wish them well in their efforts to get the service up and running.

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