

Royal Street Renovation Update

In 1997, the Louisiana Legislature reaffirmed its decision to restore the Royal Street Courthouse to its original splendor and make it the home of the Louisiana Supreme Court, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeal, the State Judicial Administrator, the Law Library of Louisiana, a State Attorney General's Office and a museum by providing initial funding of the project.

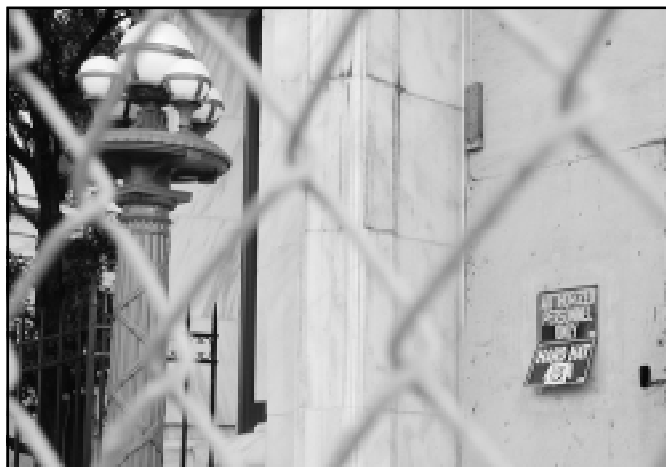
At that time, Louisiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. said, "This demonstrates that we, the people of Louisiana, value our unique legal heritage and desire that our state's highest court conduct its affairs in surroundings reflecting dignity and respect for our system of justice."

Today, the initial phase of the grand restoration has been completed. Significant improvements included: the installation of windows and roof cornices; interior demolition of partitions and removal of outdated mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems; elevator shaft preparations and installation of two exit stairs to accommodate the Life Safety Code; electrical vault installation; construction of a service entry to the basement; stone replacement of the Royal Street entrance steps; construction of the portico at the Chartres Street entrance; restoration of ornamental exterior lights; installation of tree lights; installation of an outdoor sprinkler system; and construction of a wheelchair accessible entrance ramp. Gibbs Construction, Inc., Gootee Construction, Inc. and Favalora Constructors, Inc. have participated in the project.

Now the next steps are on the drawing board. The completion of the Beaux Arts building, which was built in 1909 for the Supreme Court, Orleans Appeals Court, Orleans Civil District Court and city offices, is awaiting the State's final approval of the construction documents and the advertisement for bids of this final phase. The work to be done largely involves transforming the interior space into the respective office spaces and landscaping the green space. The remaining construction is anticipated to take 18 months at an estimated total cost of \$20 million. Occupancy is scheduled to take place in the summer of 2003, with the justices of the Louisiana Supreme Court taking the bench at the Royal Street Courthouse for the first time in 45 years in September 2003.



The Royal Street Building as it looked in a 1964 photograph when it was known as the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Building.



Restoration and preservation of existing outdoor lights and other architectural details are ongoing throughout the building.

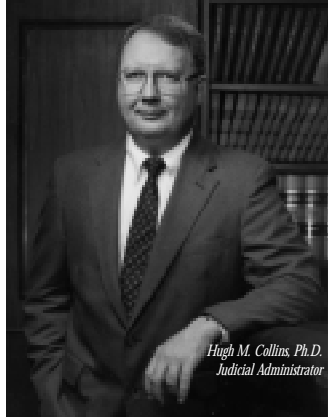


A sign of the times at 400 Royal Street - history is being preserved and rewritten at the same time.



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C O L L I N S



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This summer, Louisiana court administrators and court managers had the dual privilege of hosting and attending the National Association of Court Administrators (NACM) Conference which was held in New Orleans in July 15 - 20.

As a former president of the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) and an active member of NACM, I had the honor of participating in a panel discussion presented by the COSCA/NACM Joint Technology Committee on *Functional Standards: Feedback, Future Planning and Agenda Building*.

At the 2001 Knowledge Fair, **Tony Gagliano**, Louisiana Supreme Court Deputy Judicial Administrator for Research and Planning shared information and expertise in strategic plan development using the Louisiana District Court Strategic Plan as a model.

A Fun Run/Walk and some social activities were included in the NACM Conference program to allow for relaxed networking before and after the workshop and plenary conference sessions. NACM conference planners showed their appreciation for the assistance they received from **New Orleans Criminal Court** administrators **Clerk of Court Ed Lombard**, **Chief Deputy Judicial Administrator Carla Smith** and **Deputy Judicial Administrator Rob Kazik** with a NACM resolution commending them for "their exemplary work in the on-site coordination of the Association's 2001 social activities."

Other court administrators and court managers from across the state in attendance for the NACM Conference included: **Hope Belgard**, 9th JDC - Alexandria; **Frank Borne**, Jefferson Parish Court; **Donna Carter**, Juvenile Court - East Baton Rouge; **Jon Gegenheimer**, Jefferson Parish Court; **Scott Griffith**, Juvenile Court - Jefferson Parish; **Ellen Hazeur**, First City Court - New Orleans; **Darlene Kaufmann**, Juvenile Court - East Baton Rouge; **Bert LeBlanc**, Jefferson Parish Court; **Lynn Maloy**, City Court - Baton Rouge; **John Olivier**, Louisiana Supreme Court - New Orleans; **Diana Smith**, First City Court - New Orleans; and **Suzanne Stinson**, 26th JDC - Benton. All in all, it was a wonderful opportunity for professional development which we were very fortunate to have take place right in our own backyard.

Supreme Court Addresses Permanent Disbarment

In its continuing efforts to improve the lawyer disciplinary system, Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. announced that the Louisiana Supreme Court has adopted rule changes to codify the Court's authority to disbar lawyers permanently from the practice of law. Previously the Court's rules allowed all disbarred lawyers to apply for readmission to the practice of law five years after their disbarment. Such readmission was at the Court's discretion and was based upon strict criteria enumerated in the Court's rules. Under the amendments adopted, an attorney guilty of egregious misconduct may be permanently disbarred at the outset and will thereafter be prohibited from applying for readmission to the bar. The rule changes became effective August 1, 2001.

The Court's action was prompted in part by recommendations of a Court-appointed study Committee which recommended that the Court adopt rule changes to provide for permanent disbarment. The Committee also recommended guidelines to illustrate the "types of conduct which might warrant permanent disbarment." The guidelines, which will be attached as an appendix to the lawyer discipline rules, are not binding upon the Supreme Court and were suggested by the Committee to "provide useful information to the public and to lawyers concerning the types of conduct the Court might consider to be worthy of permanent disbarment." The nine guidelines are as follows:

GUIDELINE 1: Repeated or multiple instances of intentional conversion of client funds with substantial harm.

GUIDELINE 2: Intentional corruption of the judicial process, including but not limited to bribery, perjury, and subornation of perjury.

GUIDELINE 3: An intentional homicide conviction.

GUIDELINE 4: Sexual misconduct

which results in a felony conviction, such as rape or child molestation.

GUIDELINE 5: Conviction of a felony involving physical coercion or substantial damage to person or property, including but not limited to armed robbery, arson, or kidnapping.

GUIDELINE 6: Insurance fraud, including but not limited to staged accidents or widespread runner-based solicitation.

GUIDELINE 7: Malfeasance in office which results in a felony conviction, and which involves fraud.

GUIDELINE 8: Following notice, engaging in the unauthorized practice of law subsequent to resigning from the Bar Association, or during the period of time in which the lawyer is suspended from the practice of law or disbarred.

GUIDELINE 9: Instances of serious attorney misconduct or conviction of a serious crime, when the misconduct or conviction is preceded by suspension or disbarment for prior instances of serious attorney misconduct or conviction of a serious crime. Serious crime is defined in Rule XIX, Section 19. Serious attorney misconduct is defined for the purposes of these guidelines as any misconduct which results in a suspension of more than one year.

Serving on the Committee were: **Justice Catherine D. "Kitty" Kimball (Co-Chair)**; **Justice Jeannette T. Knoll (Co-Chair)**; **Father M. Jeffery Bayhi**; **John G. Beckwith, Sr.**; **Ashley L. Belleau**; **Kim M. Boyle**; **Catherine G. Brame**; **Melissia A. Buckhalter**; **A. Edward Hardin**; **T. Haller Jackson, III**; **Ann E. Lowrey**; **Michael W. McKay**; **Alex W. Rankin**; **Thomas W. Sanders**; and **John G. Swift**.

The Louisiana State Bar Association House of Delegates has previously expressed support for the concept of permanent disbarment.

Supreme Court Archivist Honored



Marie E. Windell, Archivist of the Supreme Court of Louisiana Archives at the University of New Orleans Library, is flanked by Professor Mark F. Fernandez, Loyola University History Dept. (l) and Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. (r) at the reception for "A Law Unto Itself? Essays in the New Louisiana Legal History," co-authored by Fernandez and Professor Warren M. Billings, UNO History Dept. The book was dedicated to Windell.

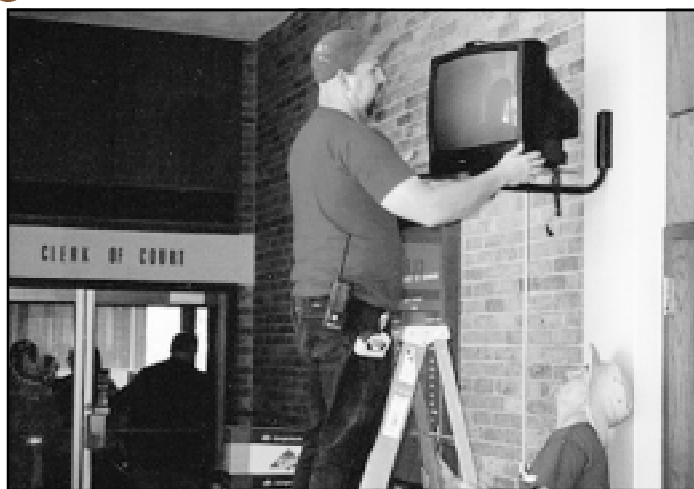


Hammond City Court Awarded Children's Trust Fund Grant

Hammond City Court Judge Grace Bennett Gasaway announced that the City Court recently received a grant from the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund entitled "Family Strengthening Programming... While You Wait" in the amount of \$3,085.00. The grant funds were used to purchase televisions, a VCR and educational and instructional videos used to address family and juvenile issues in the home and community. Judge Gasaway plans to have parents and children view these videos while they wait for court.

"The televisions in the lobby provide one more channel for the Court to facilitate the education of families about such issues as communication, substance and alcohol abuse, educational alternatives, civic responsibility and more," said Judge Gasaway. "This educational tool is an additional component of our overall program of offering intervention and prevention services through our Juvenile Services Division."

For more information on "Family Strengthening Programming... While You Wait," contact Judge Gasaway at 985-542-3465.



City of Hammond employees Greg Randall (l) and Ben Badon (r) install televisions and a VCR in the lobby of Hammond City Court.

Tangipahoa Parish Clerk Introduces IDEAS Public Records System

An Internet-based, remote-access, public records system was recently introduced by Tangipahoa Parish Clerk of Court John Dahmer. The system, IDEAS 2000 (Internet-based Document Electronic Access System), will offer remote access to the parish's public records via the Internet when it comes online in September.

"We've now got more legal records from 1993 to now than all the records combined prior to 1993," said Dahmer. "Our desire is to make those records available to anyone anytime anywhere. There are more people in our parish today and the files are getting bigger, creating more paperwork."

Users will be able to access portions of the site such as instant election numbers, information on procedures and fees, and links to vital statistics providers for free. Use of the computerized indexes, downloading and printing of documents will be available for a fee. Subscription-based service will also be available.

"I'm a big believer that government needs to move forward as the business sector does. My main thought in doing this was increasing access to the public."

For more information on IDEAS 2000, contact Dahmer at 504-549-1610.

Ascension Parish Holds Litter Court

Ascension Parish Litter Night Court was established to act as a deterrent to littering and raise public awareness in the parish and beyond. Parish Justices of the Peace Jamie Frederic Braud and Dean Smith handle the littering cases.

Parish President Harold Marchand met with the justices of the peace, constables and a representative from the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office to finalize the formation of the Litter Night Court, which meets in the main courtroom at 7:00 p.m. once a month at the Courthouse East in Gonzales. Braud and Smith hear the cases on a rotating basis. A Litter Night Court awareness campaign, supported by litter-abatement grants, also began to keep the public advised of the upcoming litter enforcement.

For more information on Ascension Parish Litter Night Court, contact Justice of the Peace Dean Smith at 225-647-3753.

(from left) Justices of the Peace Jamie Frederic Braud and Dean Smith, Constable Buddy Holton, Parish President Marchand and Terance Irvin, parish coordinator of Keep Ascension Beautiful, discussed legalities, fine structures and hearing processes.



CYBER COURTS

**National Council
of Juvenile and
Family Court Judges**
www.ncjfcj.unr.edu

**National Center
for Juvenile Justice**
<http://ncjj.org>

Center for Court Innovation
www.courtinnovation.org

American Judges Association
<http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>

**National Association
of State Judicial Educators**
<http://nasje.unm.edu>



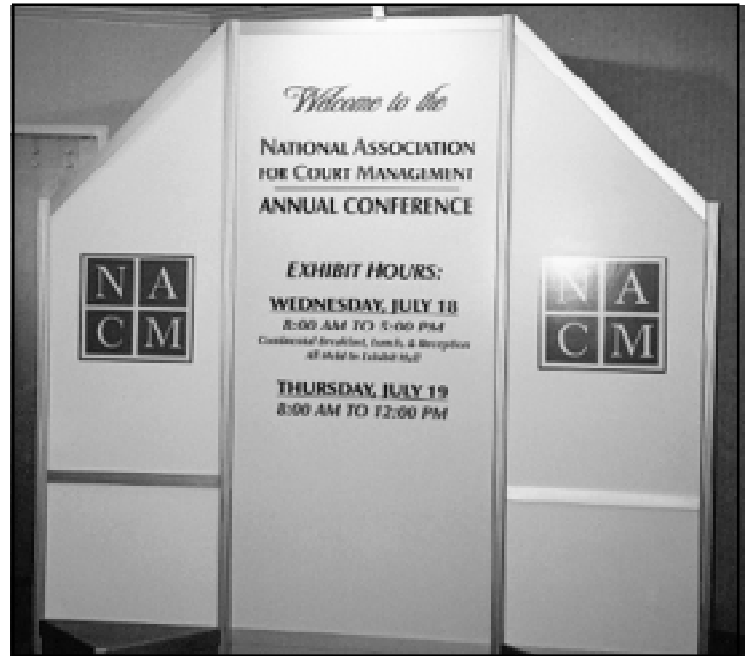
New Orleans Hosts 16th Annual National Association for Court Management Conference

"The National Association for Court Management (NACM) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of judicial administration at all levels of courts nationwide. In carrying out its purpose, the association strives to provide its members with professional education and to encourage the exchange of useful information among them; encourages the application of modern management techniques to courts; and, through the work of its committees, supports research and development in the field of court management, the independence of the judicial branch, and the impartial administration of the courts." - The Court Manager.

NACM convened in New Orleans for its sixteenth annual conference July 15-20, 2001. Louisiana Supreme Court Justice Catherine D. "Kitty" Kimball provided the welcome address, kicking-off the conference for the over 500 court managers and administrators in attendance with an inspiring message on the importance of court administration. The keynote address followed presented by Desi Williamson, President of Impact!! Seminars Unlimited, Inc., entitled "Change It and Sustain It." His high-content, customized presentation was designed to empower the audience with the inspiration and the tools to unleash personal power and to achieve higher levels of performance on the job.

Overall, conference participants hailed from 38 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and Canada. The conference workshop sessions offered participants a wealth of opportunity to learn about, exchange information and network on a wide range of topics. Central to all discussions was the conference theme — *Best Practices in Overcoming Unequal Treatment in the Justice System*. Highlights of the workshop sessions included:

- Racial Profiling
- Cultivating Women in Leadership
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accommodations
- Vision, Mission, and Passion: A Recipe for Achieving Equal Treatment In Your Court
- How Court Technology Helps Overcome Unequal Treatment in the Justice System
- Community Involvement
- Beyond Brainstorming: How to Generate the Ideas that Create Benchmark Customer Service
- Opening the Courthouse Doors and Increasing Access



The National Association for Court Management (NACM) held their 16th annual conference July 15-20 in New Orleans.

Additional workshops addressed core competency issues relevant to court managers and administrators such as: budget, resources and finance; caseload management; strategic planning; information technology management; human resources management; education, training and development; and public information and the media.

Not all of the NACM conference activities took place in the classroom. In addition to the workshop sessions the conference also featured activities to stimulate the mind, the senses and the heart including a Knowledge Fair, exhibition booths, and a Fun Run/Walk, respectively.

KNOWLEDGE FAIR

The Knowledge Fair is an event that has become a NACM conference tradition. It provides an opportunity for conference attendees to have one-to-one discussions with experienced individuals with special expertise in various innovative court programs and projects. The 2001 Knowledge Fair was held during the afternoon of August 18th and included representatives specializing in the following:



The NACM Conference played host to many exhibitors displaying technical innovations to help better the administration of justice.



Celina Rios (l), Family Operations Director and Anne Herriott (r), Chief Deputy Court Administrator of Miami Dade County display "Family Courtpoly," an interactive teaching tool used to explain the process of the family court system and services.

National Center for State Courts representatives greeted NACM Conference attendees during the Technology Fair held midweek during the conference.

- State Justice Institute
- SEARCH - The National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics
- National Instant Criminal Background Check System - FBI
- Justice Management Institute
- Joint Technology Committee Web Crawler Clearinghouse
- The Essex County Courthouse Ombudsman Program
- Dade County Family Court
- Wisconsin Courthouse Security Training Program
- LaCrosse County Unified Family Court
- Automated Neutral Selection Process, Los Angeles
- Communication Access Realtime Translation, Los Angeles
- Family Law Information Center - Los Angeles
- American University Drug Court Clearinghouse
- American University Criminal Court Technical Assistant
- Creating the Community Connection and a Constituency in the Process
- Louisiana District Courts Strategic Plan
- Institute for Court Management of the National Center for State Courts:
 - Court Management Program
 - Phase III Research Projects

EXHIBITIONS

Fifty-seven vendors participated in the vendor exhibition featuring a diverse array of innovative products and services designed to facilitate and enhance court management. A



number of exhibits were interactive such as: *Smart Start*, a breath analyzer ignition locking system; *Courtopoly*, a game illustrating the process and services of the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida Family Court; and *@Court*, an Internet-based case filing system. For conference-goers interested in state-of-the-art developments in court products and services, the NACM 2001 Exhibition was the place to be.

Suzanne Stinson, 26th Judicial District Court Administrator, shows her excitement after completing the NACM fun run in City Park during the conference in New Orleans.





Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Undergoes Facelift

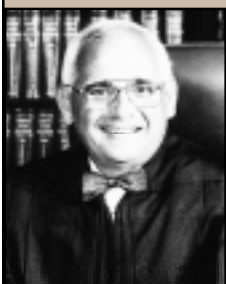
Orleans Parish Juvenile Court was recently the beneficiary of efforts by area businesses, a professional football player and an internationally recognized artist to provide a child-friendly environment in the courthouse public areas.

Volunteers from Pan-American Life, Wendy's, WDSU-TV and the Court painted the main waiting room and an adjacent waiting room with paint supplied by Helm Paint. GCO Carpet Outlet donated and installed carpet in the area while Pan-American Life provided books, bookshelves and a cubicle for attorneys to meet with their clients. Wendy's replaced ceiling tiles, base boards and chairs were added to provide comfort to those visiting the court. Childrens' toys and a table and chair set were donated by Lou Rippner's Compass Furniture to help make the waiting area more comfortable. A-1 Appliance donated two televisions and VCRs to provide the children and families with educational videos while they wait for court.



Internationally-recognized artist David "LEBO" LeBatard created murals of lively color and imagery to hang in the waiting room areas at Orleans Parish Juvenile Court. The Ricky Williams Foundation and Wendy's assisted in providing funds for the artwork.

Retired Judge Shortess Focuses on Community Aid



During his nearly 33 years in the judicial system and 8 years as a lawyer prior to that, **Retired 1st Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Melvin Shortess** saw a cross-section of people stand before him requesting aid, relief or hope.

Following his retirement, Judge Shortess decided to continue to try and help those in need when he joined with the Baton Rouge Bar Association, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and other groups to offer legal assistance to those who cannot afford the cost of lawyers.

The "Thirst for Justice" program, which began in June 2001, is held every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon at the St. Vincent de Paul's Ott Center in Baton Rouge and saw over 100 clients in its first two months of operation.

"I said this is a natural between St. Vincent de Paul and pro bono forces," said Judge Shortess.

Area lawyers volunteer to consult with people at the Ott Center on a variety of topics ranging from family and domestic law, consumer, housing, income maintenance, education, employment and health issues and offer referrals to places where those seeking help might best find it.

The lawyers who volunteer also refer people to the Office of the Public Defender for criminal cases and to the Lawyer Referral Service for civil cases that could result in attorney's fees.

Kids Learn Lesson about Law

29th JDC Judge Emile St. Pierre often finds people in front of him who are awaiting sentencing on a crime or have run afoul of the law.

But during a visit to New Sarpy Elementary School in Destrehan, Judge St. Pierre was able to speak to a group of third-graders about the laws of the state, how he determines a sentence and what he does if he knows the person being charged.

During the class' study of government, the students were treated to speakers from the local community such as Judge St. Pierre and Parish President Albert Laque to provide a voice of experience and perspective to help educate the children and help prevent them from ever appearing in front of the court for crimes.

First City Court Judge Spears Speaks with Students at Dilbert Elementary



First City Court of New Orleans Judge Sonja Spears speaks with first-graders at Dilbert Elementary School about being a judge. Judge Spears visits New Orleans public schools about twice a month.



Law Day 2001 - Protecting the Best Interests of Children

Law Day 2001 was observed statewide by judges and courts, each taking part in programs designed to emphasize the 2001 theme - "*Celebrate Your Freedom: Protecting the Best Interest of Our Children.*"

Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr. set the tone early in 2001 in his State of the Judiciary Address to the joint session of the Louisiana Legislature when he said of a new juvenile justice system, "It should address the needs of abused and neglected children in a comprehensive manner from the moment they enter the system until the time they are firmly reunited with their birth families, or securely placed with their adoptive families."

At the Southwest Louisiana Bar Association's annual Law Day observance, **Supreme Court Deputy Judicial Administrator for Children and Families Kären Hallstrom** spoke about that topic as well.

"Even with our impressive legal history of protecting the best interests of our children," said Hallstrom, "the sobering truth for us is that we still have too many children living in poverty... too many children not receiving an adequate education... too many children in the foster care system for too long. Children should not have to grow up in poverty or ignorance. And children should not have to grow up in a system."

In what has become a Law Day tradition, the **Supreme Court Community Relations Department** worked with judges around the state to flood the airwaves of local radio and television talk shows with information about the Courts' public awareness program, the *Campaign for the Children*, and to highlight initiatives by state courts designed to address foster care drift and the need for permanent adoption placement. Taking part in the blitz were **Judges Paul Young** (Caddo Juvenile Court), **Andrea Price Janzen** (Jefferson Juvenile Court), **Barrett Harrington** (Crowley City Court), **Jude T. Fanguy** (Houma City Court), **Frances Moran Bouillion** (Lafayette City Court), **Ernestine Gray** (Orleans Juvenile Court), **John Larry Lolley** (4th JDC), **Gaynor Soileau** (13th JDC), **Lilynn Cutrer** (14th JDC), **Patrick Michot** and **Thomas Duplantier** (15th JDC), **Charles Porter** (16th JDC), **Anne Lennan Simon** (16th JDC), **Zorraine Waguespack** (21st JDC), **Donald Fendlason** (22nd JDC), **Ulysses Gene Thibodeaux** (3rd Circuit Court of Appeal), and **Chief Justice Pascal F. Calogero, Jr.** (Louisiana Supreme Court).

The **40th Judicial District Court** held their first Law Day observance in 2001. In conjunction with the event, the court sponsored an essay contest for high school and junior high school students on "The Importance of Law in Society" and awarded medals to the first, second and third-place winners.

Judges at the **36th Judicial District Court** held a Law Day event recognizing Mock Trial Members from DeRidder High School and featuring **14th JDC Judge Billy Ezell**, who spoke on child advocacy issues and family court proceedings. The 36th JDC plans to again hold Law Day ceremonies on a regular basis, rather than every other year.

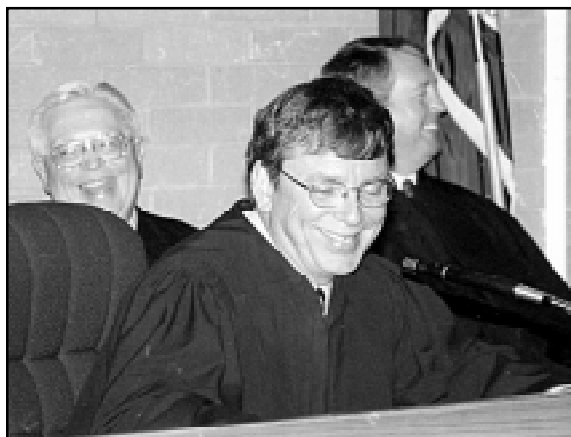
Judges at the **21st Judicial District Court** used **Law Day 2001** to revive the tradition of "Court Opening Ceremonies," inviting judges from the First Circuit Court of Appeal, the Louisiana Supreme Court as well as adjoining districts to take part in the observance. **First Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Kenneth Fogg** delivered the

keynote address on the 2001 theme "*Protecting the Best Interests of Our Children.*" The proceedings were also televised on a tape-delay basis to most of the households in the district.

32nd Judicial District Court Judge Edward J. Gaidry used **Law Day 2001** to deliver a special address focusing on the 2001 theme to students at the Peoples Law School in Houma, which provides an opportunity for the public to become educated on various aspects of the law.



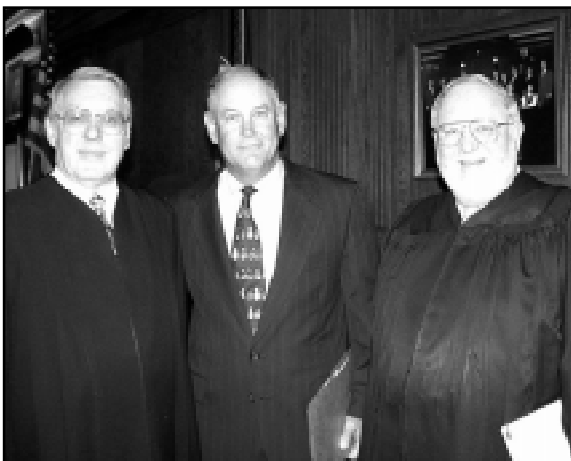
40th Judicial District Court Judges Madeline Jasmine, Mary Hotard Becnel and J. Sterling Snowdy.



21st Judicial District Court Chief Justice Robert H. Morrison, III (front) and Appellate Court Judges Burrell Carter (back left) and Jimmy Kuhn.



32nd Judicial District Court Judge Edward J. Gaidry, Sr.



14th JDC Judge Billy Ezell (center) with 36th JDC Judges Herman I. Stewart (l) and Stuart S. Kay.



IPSO FACTO... Judge Fernandez Gains a New Perspective

34th Judicial District Court Judge Manuel A. "Manny" Fernandez took his first governmental oath of office in 1976, being sworn in at the State Capitol Building in Baton Rouge. With his oath, Fernandez joined the Louisiana Legislature as State Representative for District 104, a position he held until 1988. It was only the beginning of his service to the people of the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by his recent election to the 34th JDC, which is based in St. Bernard Parish.



IT'S A FACT:

The legislative and judicial branches aren't the only branches of state government in which Fernandez has served. From 1988-89, Fernandez was appointed by Governor Buddy Roemer to the executive branch as Assistant Chief of Staff in the Louisiana Governor's Office.

■ 5th Circuit Court of Appeal Judges Susan Chehardy and Walter Rothschild, and Orleans Parish Civil District Court Judge Rosemary Ledet were elected fellows in the Louisiana Bar Foundation.

■ Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Chief Judge Ernestine Gray was installed as the 57th President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) during the group's annual meeting held in California. The NCJFCJ addresses issues pertaining to juvenile and family law and is a leader in policy development and continuing education opportunities.



■ 24th JDC Judge Fredericka Wicker was joined by John Ehret High School teacher Shirlee Vale as recipients of Law League of Louisiana Awards, presented by the Louisiana State Bar Association.

■ 5th Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Sol Gothard had three articles published on the administration of justice in *Child Maltreatment*, the Journal of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children; in the *Seattle University Law Review*; and in the *Louisiana Bar Journal*.

■ Retired 1st Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Melvin Shortess was made an honorary member of the Order of the Coif, a national law society for the top 10 percent of law school graduates.

■ 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Harmon Drew recently spoke at yearly banquets for three Pro Bono service organizations - The Claiborne Parish Chamber of Commerce, the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce, and the Jonesboro Rotary Club. He also lectured on professionalism at the Second Judicial District Bar Association and is scheduled to speak on Search and Seizure for the Shreveport Bar Association seminar in October.



youth in the local community.

■ Slidell City Court Judge Gary Dragon was recently presented with Northshore Regional Medical Center's "Catch Me Caring" award, which recognizes individuals who have made a difference in the lives of others. Dragon was recognized for his commitment to

■ 4th JDC Judge D. Milton Moore III will serve as a panelist on "Ethical Guidelines for Judicial Campaigning" at the Louisiana State Bar Association's Law School for Journalists.

■ Oakdale City Court Administrator/Clerk of Court Delora Lovejoy was elected President of the Louisiana City Court Clerks Association during the group's annual conference held this summer.

■ 16th JDC Judge John E. Conery was a speaker at the St. Mary Parish Office of Community Services at their "Child Welfare Stakeholder Forum."

■ 13th JDC Judge Gaynor Soileau, Oakdale City Court Judge Perrell Fuselier, 15th JDC Judge Herman Clause, and 38th JDC Judge H. Ward Fontenot participated in an international conference of the Judge Allen M. Babineaux International Civil Law Symposium, which focuses on dialogue between the legal jurisdictions in North America that have the French Napoleonic Code as their legal system.



■ Retired 4th Circuit Court of Appeal Judge Moon Landrieu and his wife, Verna, were honored by The National Conference for Community and Justice with its Founders Award for their support of programs that advocate acceptance of diversity.

■ 24th JDC Judge Henry Sullivan served as a judge for the New Orleans Chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals as they selected companies to receive their American Business Ethics Awards recognizing companies that exhibit high standards of ethical behavior in their business.

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