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## **INDIANA CHIEF JUSTICE RANDALL SHEPARD TO PRESIDE AT SWEARING-IN OF OHIO CHIEF JUSTICE THOMAS J. MOYER**

Indiana Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard will preside at the swearing-in of Ohio Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer at a ceremony in Columbus, Ohio later this week.

In a 60-minute ceremony at the new Ohio Judicial Center, Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer will be sworn in to a fourth term. The event will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, January 7, 2005.

"Chief Justice Moyer is a great friend and a fine judge. Ohio is fortunate to have him as the leader of their judicial branch. I was very flattered that he asked me to preside at this event and I consider it great honor to be part of this very special day," said Chief Justice Shepard.

Chief Justice Shepard and Chief Justice Moyer became acquainted through their membership in the Conference of Chief Justices, which is a 55-member group of the top judicial officers in the United States, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories.

"I am pleased that my good friend Chief Justice Shepard will preside at the swearing in ceremony. There is much that we share—judicial service in states carved from the Northwest Territory, an active interest in historic preservation, and leadership of the national organization representing the chief justices of all of the states."

Chief Justice Moyer was president of the Conference of Chief Justices in 1995-96 and visited Indianapolis in February 1997 when the Indiana Supreme Court hosted the mid-year meeting of the Conference of Chief Justices. In the summer of 2005, Chief Justice Shepard will become president of the Conference of Chief Justices.

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## **OFFICERS ELECTED TO CLE COMMISSION TO ONE-YEAR TERMS**

The members of the Indiana Commission for Continuing Legal Education have elected the officers who will lead them during 2005, Indiana Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

Robert Houston III, Scottsburg, was elected chairman, John Krauss, of Indianapolis, was elected vice-chairman, Susan Gainey, of Camby, was elected treasurer, and Gerald Bishop, of Merrillville, was elected secretary.

All four attorneys will serve one-year terms that begin January 1, 2005.

The Commission has 11 members. They receive no salary for their service and each serves a term of three to five years.

The Commission is primarily responsible for approval of the individual educational opportunities that Indiana's attorneys are required to receive and for approval of the sponsors who present the educational seminars. Additionally, the Commission sets standards for training courses for Indiana's registered mediators and regulates attorney specialization in the state.

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## **SENIOR JUDGE GOOD APPOINTED AS JUDGE PRO TEM TO JUVENILE COURT**

Senior Judge Richard P. Good has been appointed as a temporary judge for the Marion Superior Court until Governor Mitchell E. Daniels Jr. names a permanent replacement, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

A vacancy on the Marion Superior Court was created when veteran Juvenile Court Judge James W. Payne resigned today to take a position with the administration of Gov. Daniels. Senior Judge Good will begin work immediately.

Judge Good was previously a judge on the Marion Superior Court until his retirement in 2002 and has been a senior judge since then. In 2004 he served as a senior judge in Marion County more than 60 times. He has also been a chief deputy prosecutor and was the longtime executive director of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council. In addition, he was a member of the commission that drafted the existing Juvenile Code.

"The members of our Court are grateful Judge Good is willing to serve a senior judge until a permanent replacement for Judge Payne is named. We are confident the Juvenile Court will run smoothly during this transition period. Judge Payne has brought national honor to Indiana for his work with children. While we are sad that he has left the bench, we wish him all success in his new assignment," said Chief Justice Shepard.

Senior judges typically fill in on an as needed basis in courts with high caseloads or where a judge is absent due to circumstances like illness or military service.

Gov. Daniels will select a permanent replacement for Judge Payne for a term that was scheduled to last until December 31, 2008.

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## **CHIEF JUSTICE TO DELIVER STATE OF THE JUDICIARY ADDRESS**

Indiana Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard will deliver his eighteenth State of the Judiciary address to a joint session of the Indiana General Assembly on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 10:30 a.m.

The annual address in the chambers of the Indiana House of Representatives is required by Article 7, Section 3 of the Indiana Constitution and will last about an hour. The Chief Justice will discuss the Court's new trial court interpreter program and other on-going Court-backed projects. Advance copies of the speech will be delivered to the State House media on January 19th prior to the speech. Media organizations may receive a copy via email by contacting David J. Remondini at [dremondi@courts.state.in.us](mailto:dremondi@courts.state.in.us).

Internet users will be able to watch a live webcast of the speech by going to <http://www.in.gov/legislative/session/video.html> and clicking on "Watch Video From the House." A video of the speech will be available on the Internet after the address. To view it after the speech or to read the full text, go to: [www.state.IN.us/judiciary/supreme/state\\_jud.html](http://www.state.IN.us/judiciary/supreme/state_jud.html).



Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard



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## **JUDICIAL COMMISSION CHARGES JUDGE PFAFF IN GUN INCIDENT**

The Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications filed judicial disciplinary charges today against Judge L. Benjamin Pfaff, Judge of the Elkhart Superior Court 1. The Commission's attorney, Meg Babcock, announced that the Commission is accusing Judge Pfaff of violating judicial ethics rules during a December 8, 2003 incident in which he is accused of entering an Elkhart County man's residence, then accosting him, holding him at gunpoint for several minutes, and threatening him with harm if he did not provide information about the location of Judge Pfaff's daughter.

Additionally, the Judicial Commission has charged Judge Pfaff with violating judicial ethics for allegedly providing false statements about the incident to law enforcement authorities, to a special prosecutor, and to the Commission.

The Commission alleges that Judge Pfaff violated the rules in the Code of Judicial Conduct which require judges to personally observe high standards of conduct and preserve the integrity of the judiciary, and to respect and comply with the law and act at all times in a manner which promotes the public's confidence in the integrity of the judiciary.

In March 2004, a special prosecutor declined to file criminal charges against Judge Pfaff.

Judge Pfaff may file an answer to the charges within 20 days. The Supreme Court then will appoint a panel of three judges to preside over an evidentiary hearing and report their findings to the Supreme Court.



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## **BENJAMIN HARRISON DAY TO BE CELEBRATED IN STATE HOUSE**

President Benjamin Harrison Day will be celebrated Friday, March 4, 2005 in the Indiana State House with a number of activities honoring the only Hoosier to serve as U.S. President, Indiana Chief Justice Shepard announced today.

Friday's events are sponsored by the Indiana Supreme Court's "Courts in the Classroom" Project, the State House Tour Office, President Benjamin Harrison House, and the Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, Alumni Association. March 4th is the anniversary of President Harrison's inauguration.

Friday's events will include a recognition ceremony at 10:30 a.m. in the State House Rotunda for the winners of a stamp and coin contest. Students from around the state in Grades 3-8 sent entries of a stamp or coin they designed on a topic related to the life, presidency or ideals of Benjamin Harrison, along with a brief description about the design. All participants will get certificates of recognition and winners in each grade will get a book about Benjamin Harrison.

About 150 students and parents from Brookville Elementary, Mooresville Christian Academy, and Bethesda Christian School will be in attendance. The brief ceremony will include background about Harrison's presidency and the Indiana State House, which was completed the same day in 1888 that he was elected president.

At 11 a.m. a scripted trial of the U.S. Supreme Court case of *Ex parte Milligan* will commence in the Supreme Court Courtroom. Milligan was a civilian from Huntington, Indiana who protested against the Civil War and was found guilty of treason by a military tribunal and sentenced to death. About 50 students will participate as Union officers, jurors, US Supreme Court justices, and so forth. Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Paul Mathias will moderate a brief discussion with the students on how *Ex parte Milligan* is relevant in today's world.

The Courtroom program will be webcast live and also archived for later viewing. Information about the webcast, the *Ex parte Milligan* script and teacher background information is available from the Courts in the Classroom website. Visit [www.in.gov/judiciary/citc](http://www.in.gov/judiciary/citc) and click on "Benjamin Harrison Day 2005." For more information about Benjamin Harrison, visit [www.presidentbenjaminharrison.org](http://www.presidentbenjaminharrison.org).

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## **SUPREME COURT JUSTICE BRENT DICKSON TO DELIVER ETHICS LECTURE**

Indiana Supreme Court Justice Brent Dickson will deliver a lecture on "Recent Developments in Indiana Ethics" as part of the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis Law Reunion Weekend, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

Justice Dickson's presentation will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, 2005 at the law school, 850 W. Michigan Street, in Indianapolis.

His remarks are part of the law school's reunion weekend. Along with Justice Dickson, four members of the law school faculty, Robert Lancaster, Mary Wolf, Joanne Orr, and Novella Nedeff, will also be presenting on "Professional Considerations in Training New Attorneys and Law Clerks."

Attorneys who attend the presentations will receive two hours of Continuing Legal Education credit at no charge.

A reception that follows the presentations, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., will honor the 2005 Distinguish Alumni Service Award Recipient, former Supreme Court Justice Jon D. Krahulik.

Justice Dickson was appointed as Indiana's 100th justice in 1986. He graduated from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis in 1968 and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1999. Mr. Krahulik, a 1969 graduate of the law school, served as a justice of the Supreme Court from 1990 to 1993.



Justice Brent Dickson

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## **CHIEF JUSTICE SHEPARD TO SWEAR IN NEW COURT INTERPRETERS**

Indiana Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard will swear in the first five people to undergo the rigorous process required to become a certified court interpreter in Indiana.

The ceremony will take place in the Supreme Court Court Room on the third floor of the Indiana State House at 2 p.m. on March 23, 2005. The public and the media are welcome to attend.

The Spanish-speaking interpreters were certified through a national program that is designed to bring a high level of skill to translations in Indiana 's courtroom.

"This is an important milestone in our effort to make sure that Indiana 's courtrooms are truly open to everyone," said Chief Justice Shepard.

Chief Justice Shepard will deliver the oath of office in Spanish. The oath was drafted by his staff and translated into Spanish by his former law clerk, Marisol Sanchez, who is an attorney with the Indianapolis law firm of Bose McKinney.

To view the ceremony on the Internet, visit: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/webcast>.

For more information on the Court Interpreter Program of the Indiana Supreme Court and its Race and Gender Fairness Commission, visit <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/interpreter>.

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## **SUPREME COURT TO HOLD ORAL ARUGMENT IN HUNTINGTON, IND.**

The Indiana Supreme Court will hold oral argument at the Zurcher Auditorium, Merillat Centre for the Arts, Huntington College , in Huntington, Ind. at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

The case is *John Glover v. State of Indiana*. In this case, the State charged Mr. Glover, with murder and listed his wife as a State's witness on the charging information. Glover sought to suppress his wife's testimony pursuant to the spousal privilege, which the court denied. Glover then filed an interlocutory appeal, and the Court of Appeals reversed the trial court's ruling. The Supreme Court will now review that decision. Attorneys for Mr. Glover are Kimberly DeVane and Crawford DeVane, both of Indianapolis. The attorney for the State is Joby Jerrells, Indianapolis.

"The Supreme Court is pleased to be asked to visit Huntington. My colleagues and I feel it is important for us to travel to other parts of the state so people can get a first hand look at how our courts work," said Chief Justice Shepard.

The argument will take about an hour and each side will have twenty minutes to argue its sides of the case. The public is invited to attend.

### **MEDIA COVERAGE INFORMATION**

The news media is also invited to attend. The Indiana Supreme Court allows photography and recording of its arguments under certain conditions. The Supreme Court will allow two still news photographers and two video news photographers. No flash photography is allowed and photographers must use a tripod or monopod and remain in place for the entire argument. Radio reporters are also welcome.

If more than two still photographers and two video news photographers are present, the news organizations must agree to a "pool" arrangement for those news organizations that are present at the site Theatre but not allowed to bring their photographic equipment inside. Making the pool arrangements is the responsibility of the news media and the Supreme Court will not become involved other than to exclude all cameras in the event there is a dispute.

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## **INDIANA COURTS WEBSITE RANKED #3 IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

The Indiana Courts website ([www.IN.gov/judiciary](http://www.IN.gov/judiciary)) was ranked number three in a list of the top ten court websites in the world, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.



"The Indiana judiciary has made technology advancement a priority, and this extends to our public website as well," said Chief Justice Shepard. "We are quite pleased to be recognized as a leader in court website development." The Indiana Courts website was accessed nearly eight million times from January to June, a thirty-four percent increase over the same period in 2004.

The 2005 website award is presented by Justice Served, a California-based court consulting firm that has been reviewing court websites and producing a top ten list for the past seven years. In announcing the winners, Justice Served noted, "It's not easy to win a place in this listing, and all the winners this year deserve high praise for their commitment to superior public service." The Indiana Courts site was commended for including content geared toward specific audiences, the online child support calculator, posting appellate opinions, and streaming video.

Technical development of the Indiana Courts website is overseen by the Division of State Court Administration and the Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC). The web team includes two full-time and two part-time employees at the JTAC office. In addition, many of the interactive web applications available on the site, including Attorney Records Online and the Clerk's Online Docket, were developed by Appellate Court Technology staff housed at the Division.

"This is an achievement we can all share, because the success of our website depends primarily on the efforts of the people who contribute its most important feature - content," said Lindsey Borschel, JTAC's Web Coordinator.

To view the entire list of Top Ten websites, including past winners, visit <http://justiceserved.com/top10sites.cfm>.

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## **SUPREME COURT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE AWARDED \$1 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT**

### ***Technology grant will aid counties and BMV***

INDIANAPOLIS - The federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has awarded a \$1 million grant to the Indiana Supreme Court's Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC) to help courts and clerks install systems to allow quick transfer of conviction information to the state Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).

"This grant will allow counties to send data electronically instead of by fax and mail, creating a system that is faster and more efficient," said Chief Justice Randall Shepard. "This partnership between the courts and BMV will make Indiana 's roadways safer by providing immediate notification of serious convictions of commercial drivers."

New federal rules require serious traffic convictions of persons holding Commercial Drivers Licenses to be sent to the BMV within 10 days of the conviction. If Indiana does not comply, the state could lose more than \$30 million in federal highway funds.

Currently, such conviction data is sent manually for the most part, placing Indiana in jeopardy of failing to meet the new reporting requirements. Less than twenty-five percent of conviction information is sent electronically. The Indiana Supreme Court, through its Judicial Technology and Automation Committee, and the BMV are partnering to offer courts and clerks technology options for sending the data electronically, which would assure timely transmission and compliance with the law.

These new tools are part of the Supreme Court's initiative to develop and deploy a 21 st Century Case Management System (CMS) that will connect courts in all 92 Indiana counties with each other and appropriate state agencies, such as the BMV, State Police and Family and Social Services Administration. Until the CMS development and deployment is complete, JTAC will work with individual courts and clerks to develop solutions for meeting the federal notification rules.

Work on this project has already begun, and JTAC has contacted circuit court clerks as well as city and town court clerks throughout Indiana to determine how each one presently transmits information to the BMV. Preliminary plans call for two alternate approaches so local courts can choose the best option depending on the technology and resources available.

"Many clerks have shared valuable information with JTAC staff during this review process which has aided system developers, and we appreciate their cooperation," said Chief Justice Shepard. "Ultimately, this challenging project will go a long way to improve Indiana highway safety and maintain Indiana federal highway funds."

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## SUPREME COURT PROCLAIMS MAY 2-6 AS JUROR APPRECIATION WEEK

The Indiana Supreme Court has issued an order declaring May 2-6, 2005 as Juror Appreciation Week as part of the nation's annual Law Day Celebration, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

Juror Appreciation Week is part of the traditional recognition given to the role of law in society each spring. Law Day falls on May 1 of each year. The American Bar Association has selected "The American Jury: We the People in Action" as its Law Day theme this year and has designated May 2-6 as Juror Appreciation Week.

In 2005, ABA President Robert Grey has declared the American Jury as one of his primary points of focus for his term. In recognition of Law Day and Juror Appreciation Week, the Indiana Supreme Court has sent information about law and its order proclaiming May 2-6 as Juror Appreciation Week to every judicial official in Indiana.

The order issued by the Court can be viewed on-line at [www.in.gov/judiciary/orders/other/2005/juror-week.pdf](http://www.in.gov/judiciary/orders/other/2005/juror-week.pdf) (1.22 mb).

In addition, the American Bar Association has posted a host of materials available on-line that will make celebrating Law Day events easier and more enjoyable, including planning guides, sample proclamations, speech ideas and talking points, an on-line Law Day quiz, tips on connecting with the news media, school programs, contest and award suggestions. There is even a "Law Day Store" for purchase of Law Day gifts and souvenirs.

The Law Day website is at: [www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/home.html).

For more specific information from the ABA on Juror Appreciation Week, including a "Jury Week Appreciation kit" visit: [www.abanet.org/jury/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/jury/home.html).

### Informational Video



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## WOMEN'S LECTURE SERIES TO BE HELD AT INDIANA SUPREME COURT

*Indiana Women Come to Court:*  
**Property, Employment, and Health**

Three legal issues that affected women in Indiana in the 19th Century and continue to be important today will be the focus of presentations in the Indiana Supreme Court chambers on Friday, April 22, 2005 at 2 p.m., the Court announced today.

The event, hosted by *Indiana Women Come to Court*, is expected to become an annual seminar to address topics of current interest in a variety of formats that will be free and open to the public.

Last year at the Federal Court House, former Court of Appeals Judge Betty Barteau spoke about her experience as head of the Russian-American Judicial Partnership. This year, legal experts will discuss three issues perennially important to the evolution of women's rights: property, employment, and health.

Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard will address a series of cases from the 1800s in which a woman's right to acquire, hold on to, and transfer property was delineated, furthered, and upheld. John Woods, a Ph.D. candidate in the History Department at Purdue University, will discuss *Chrapliwy v. Uniroyal*, a federal case originating in the Northern District of Indiana in which women working for Uniroyal sued for equal pay, equal consideration in hiring and layoffs, and fair representation by their union. Judge Nancy Vaidik of the Indiana Court of Appeals will discuss an opinion she authored last year examining women's health issues and finding a right of privacy grounded in the Constitution of Indiana.

*Indiana Women Come to Court* is sponsored by the Indiana Supreme Court "Courts in the Classroom" Project, the Historical Society of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, the Women and Law Division of the Indianapolis Bar Association, and the Indiana Women's History Association. The seminar will take place at 2 p.m. in the recently renovated Supreme Court chambers on the third floor of the State House.

This event has been approved for one (1) hour of Continuing Legal Education credit. In addition, newly admitted lawyers can receive one (1) credit of new lawyer CLE. There is no charge for the CLE credit. The event is free and open to the public.

The event will webcast "live" at [www.in.gov/judiciary/webcast](http://www.in.gov/judiciary/webcast).

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## **COURT EDUCATOR CATHY SPRINGER NAMED TO KEY FACULTY POST**

Veteran judicial educator Cathy Springer of the Indiana Judicial Center has been selected to serve on the faculty for the Leadership Institute in Judicial Education which will be held on June 14-19, 2005 at the University of Memphis, Indiana Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

Indiana sent a five-person team to the well-known Leadership Institute for its Basic Institute in 1998 and Advanced Institute in 1999. The team consisted of Court of Appeals Judge Nancy Vaidik, Hamilton Superior Court Judge William Hughes, former Miami Circuit Judge Bruce Embrey, Judicial Center Assistant Education Director Vicki Davis, and Cathy Springer.

Ms. Springer, who serves as Education Director, has worked for the Judicial Center for 25 years. The Center provides educational legal training for the state's judiciary.

"I'm very proud that Cathy has been recognized in this way. She does such a splendid job for the judges in Indiana. I am not surprised she is valued so highly nationally. She is a tremendous asset to the judges of Indiana," said Chief Justice Shepard.

During the Leadership's Institute's fifteen-year history, over 450 judges, judicial educators, court administrators, and other court personnel from 44 states have attended the annual six-day intensive program. An estimated 3000 additional persons have attended their on-site Institutes and other educational programs.

The Leadership Institute has been honored with many awards including the 1999 SJI Howell Heflin Award, the 2000 NCSC Warren Burger Award, and the 2001 ALI-ABA Harrison Tweed Award.



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## **CHIEF JUSTICE WINS SEVENTH CIRCUIT PROFESSIONALISM AWARD**

Indiana Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard has been selected as the 2005 American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Seventh Circuit, the Court announced today. According to the American Inns of Court, the Professionalism Award in each of the nation's 13 Circuit Courts of Appeal is intended "to honor a senior lawyer or judge whose life and practice display sterling character and unquestioned integrity, coupled with ongoing dedication to the highest standards of the legal profession and the rule of law."

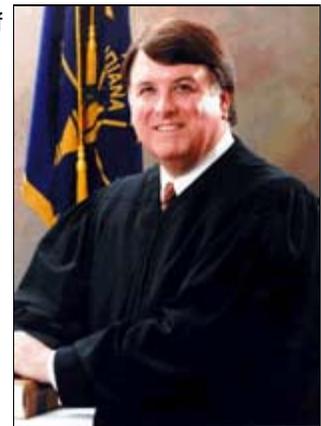
The presentation will take place in Indianapolis on May 23, 2005 during the Seventh Circuit Judicial Conference.

Chief Justice Shepard was nominated by Lake Circuit Judge Lorenzo Arredondo and the letter was signed by the leaders of all seven Indiana Inns of Court.

"I think the American Inns of Court movement has provided us with a splendid place to rededicate ourselves to skill, professionalism, and civility. It's a great pleasure to receive this honor in their name," said Chief Justice Shepard.

American Inns of Court are designed to improve the skills, professionalism and ethics of the bench and bar. An American Inn of Court is an amalgam of judges, lawyers, and in some cases, law professors and law students. Each Inn meets approximately once a month both to "break bread" and to hold programs and discussions on matters of ethics, skills and professionalism.

Chief Justice Shepard is a long time supporter of the Inns of Court movement and is a member of one of the two Inns of Court in Indianapolis.



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## **NON-PROFIT LEADER MAUREEN I. GRINSFELDER NAMED TO COURT COMMISSION**

Fort Wayne non-profit leader Maureen I. Grinsfelder has been named as the newest citizen member of the Disciplinary Commission of the Indiana Supreme Court, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

She will serve a five-year term June 30, 2010. Ms. Grinsfelder replaces Janet Biddle of Remington.

"The Court believes that Ms. Grinsfelder's experience in the non-profit arena will bring a unique and valuable perspective to the Commission. The Court appreciates her willingness to serve. We are also very grateful for Janet Biddle's contributions," said Chief Justice Shepard.

Ms. Grinsfelder is the executive director of Fort Wayne Educational Foundation, Inc. and had previously been an assistant vice-president and trust officer at NBD Bank and its predecessor banks for 22 years. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in Sociology and has served on a number of non-profit boards and as a trustee of the Division of State Museum and Historic Sites.

The nine-member Disciplinary Commission investigates complaints against attorneys and prosecutes them when there is a reasonable belief an attorney has engaged in misconduct. The Court has the final say in attorney discipline matters. At least two of the nine members of the Commission must be "non-lawyer" or citizen members. Members receive no salary for their service.

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## **ATTORNEY EDMOND FOLEY NAMED TO JUDGES AND LAWYERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Indiana Supreme Court has appointed Edmond W. Foley of South Bend to the Court's Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

Mr. Foley was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Jane Woodward Miller, whose term expires December 31, 2006.

"The Supreme Court is very grateful Mr. Foley was willing to step in and join these individuals who have volunteered their time to assist our efforts to make sure the legal community has all the tools it needs to address issues of addiction and other impairments," said Chief Justice Shepard.

Mr. Foley practices product liability and personal injury law and general litigation with the firm of Foley & Small, where he has been a partner since 1995. He graduated from Notre Dame University with an undergraduate degree in accounting in 1974. He received his law degree in 1979 from Notre Dame Law School.

The Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program is designed to help impaired judges, lawyers and law students recover, educate the bench and bar about impairment issues, and reduce the potential harm of impairment to the individual, the public, the profession and the legal system.

The Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP) was created by the Indiana Supreme Court and is funded largely through annual registration fees paid by Indiana's approximately 15,000 attorneys. JLAP is governed by Indiana Admission and Discipline Rule 31, which can be found at: [www.IN.gov/judiciary/rules](http://www.IN.gov/judiciary/rules). Further information about JLAP can be located at [www.IN.gov/judiciary/ijlap](http://www.IN.gov/judiciary/ijlap).

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## **SUPREME COURT AWARDS \$137,500 IN COURT INTERPRETER GRANTS**

The Indiana Supreme Court has awarded \$137,500 in Court Interpreter grants that will be used in 36 counties to help local trial courts break down language barriers faced by non-English speaking litigants, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

The Supreme Court's Court Interpreter Project received 29 applications, including two that involved multi-county blocks, that covered 36 counties.

The awards are part of an effort by the Supreme Court to increase access to justice. The emphasis on court interpretation gained speed following a recommendation by the Supreme Court's Race and Gender Fairness Commission in 2000 to have Indiana join a national consortium that certifies qualified court interpreters. Since joining the consortium, eight court interpreters have been certified after passing a rigorous Spanish language examination process.

Indiana's legislature contributed to this effort by approving \$100,000 funding for the local grants during the last two legislative sessions. This year the Supreme Court contributed an additional \$37,500.

"These grants reflect the commitment of the legislature and the judiciary to making sure the people who come to court have the chance to be heard even if English is not their first language. The grants also demonstrate how hard local courts are working to resolve language issues," said Chief Justice Shepard.

Awards ranged from \$500 for a single court in a county to \$21,500 for a multi-court, multi-county block. Awards were given based on need, use of certified interpreters, and demonstrated dedication to improving foreign language services in the courts.

In 2004 the Supreme Court issued \$131,000 in similar grants. The 2005 grants will benefit the following counties:

Allen	Hancock	Madison	Rush
Cass	Hamilton	Marion	Shelby
Clark	Hendricks	Marshall	Steuben
Clinton	Jasper	Monroe	Switzerland
Dearborn	Jay	Montgomery	Tippecanoe
Decatur	Jefferson	Ohio	Vanderburgh
Dubois	Jennings	Porter	Vigo
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## **INDIANA STATE OFFICE OF GAL/CASA RECEIVES NATIONAL GRANT TO BENEFIT LOCAL GAL/CASA PROGRAMS**

The Indiana State Office of Guardian ad Litem/ Court Appointed Special Advocate (GAL/CASA) has been awarded a \$50,000 Resource Development grant from the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association (CASA), Indiana Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

This money will be used to improve the resource development and fundraising skills of local GAL/CASA programs across Indiana .

There are currently 878 CASA and volunteer guardian ad litem programs across the country and 154 programs received funds this year from a \$6.2 million allocation from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice, as authorized under the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990. Only four states in the country, including Indiana , were awarded Resource Development grants.

The grant comes at an especially critical time for Indiana since the law is changing on July 1, 2005 to require a GAL/CASA for every child in a Child In Need of Services (CHINS) case. Previously, the appointment of a GAL/CASA was mandatory only in certain categories of CHINS cases. Most local GAL/CASA volunteer programs do not currently represent all of the children who are CHINS in their county and, therefore, will have to expand their volunteer base and increase their funding in order to try to meet the need for additional GAL/CASA volunteers and volunteer supervisors. The Resource Development grant will be utilized to provide training to various GAL/CASA programs across the state to assist the programs and their boards in raising additional funds and building capacity.

"Each year, we face the nearly impossible task of choosing programs, among many highly qualified candidates, that we can recognize with a National CASA grant," says Michael Piraino, CEO of the National CASA Association. "We are especially proud of our 2005 grant recipients, for their exceptional excellence and dedication to helping the abused children within their communities."

The [Indiana State Office of Guardian ad Litem/ Court Appointed Special Advocate](#) is a part of the Indiana Supreme Court's Division of State Court Administration. Leslie Rogers Dunn is the State Director. Indiana 's GAL/CASA program is one of the largest in the nation.

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## DEARBORN JUDGE MIKE WITTE NAMED TO COMMISSION ON COURTS

Dearborn Superior Court Judge Michael G. Witte has been appointed to the Indiana Commission on Courts by Senate President Pro Tem Robert D. Garton, Judge Witte's office announced today.

Judge Witte will replace former Clay Circuit Court Judge Ernest Yelton, who was recently named executive director of the Indiana Gaming Commission by Gov. Mitchell E. Daniels Jr.

The Commission on Courts was created by the Indiana General Assembly to consider policy involving the court systems and the creation of new courts. Historically, recommendations by the Commission on Courts have carried significant weight with the legislature.

Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard, who also serves on the Commission on Courts, said he was pleased that Judge Witte was joining the Commission.

"Judge Witte is a first-rate judge and an excellent educator. He is someone we look to for energetic leadership. I know he will be a great asset to the Commission," he said.

Judge Witte was recommended to Sen. Garton by Sen. Johnny Nugent of Lawrenceburg and Sen. Murray Clark of Indianapolis.

The Commission on Courts has 13 members including eight legislators, the Chief Justice, a sitting trial judge, a circuit court clerk, a county council member and a county commissioner. Members serve four year terms.



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## **HENRY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE WILLIS APPOINTED TO JTAC GOVERNING BOARD**

Indiana Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard has appointed Henry Circuit Court Judge Mary G. Willis to the court's Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC) Governing Board where she will also serve as a liaison to the Board of Directors of the Judicial Conference.

JTAC is developing a 21st Century case management system that will link Indiana courts in all 92 counties with each other and state agencies that exchange information with the courts such as the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Department of Correction and Family and Social Services Administration.

"The case management system project is of paramount importance and I am pleased Judge Willis will be joining this effort and help keep members of the Judicial Conference informed as well as gather their input," said Chief Justice Shepard.



JTAC has also served courts across Indiana by helping provide funding for clerk and court staff to attend technology training classes at Ivy Tech, access to LexisNexis at no cost and access to the Internet and email.



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## **JUDICIAL COMMISSION ADMONISHES MADISON COUNTY JUDGE**

The Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications issued today a public admonition of Judge Thomas Newman, Jr., Madison Superior Court 3. The Commission is a seven-member body comprised of the Chief Justice of Indiana, three lawyers elected by lawyers throughout the State, and three non-lawyers appointed by the Governor. Supreme Court rules allow the Commission to publicly admonish judges for violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct in lieu of proceeding to charges and a public hearing when the judge consents to the action. The Commission's Admonition is attached.

[View the Commission's Admonition](#) 

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## **NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR INDIANA JUDGES ASSOCIATION COMMENDATIONS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION**

The Indiana Judges Association is accepting nominations for its annual awards for "Excellence in Public Information and Education," Allen Superior Court Judge Stanley Levine announced today.

Judge Levine, who chairs the Community Relations Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana, said the Committee selects the recipients on behalf of the Indiana Judges Association.

The IJA gives two "Excellence in Public Information and Education" awards each year. One award is presented to a member of the Indiana judiciary for special efforts in community relations. In addition, an award is presented to a member of the news media for efforts in responsible reporting on the Indiana judiciary.

Nominations for either award should include a letter outlining the reasons for making the nomination and any supporting information that will assist the committee in its decision-making. The selection will be based on the breadth and depth of the effort, quality of the effort, ingenuity and public response.

Nominations must be received at the Indiana Judicial Center by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2005. The awards will be presented at the Indiana Judges Association luncheon on September 15, 2005 in Indianapolis.

For further information or a copy of the nomination forms, please contact Jennifer Bauer at 317-232-1313. Nomination forms are also available online at [www.in.gov/judiciary/center](http://www.in.gov/judiciary/center).



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## **NEW OFFICERS ELECTED TO SUPREME COURT DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION**

The Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission has elected three new officers, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

Robert L. Lewis of Lake County was elected Chairperson of the Commission. He was initially appointed to the Commission in 1999, and was re-appointed to a second five-year term, expiring in 2009. Mr. Lewis is the principal in the Gary firm of Robert L. Lewis & Associates. Mr. Lewis received both his undergraduate and law degrees from Indiana University in Bloomington, in 1970 and 1973 respectively. He became a member of the Indiana bar in 1973. He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves Judge Advocate General Corps. Mr. Lewis replaces Diane L. Bender as chairperson. Ms. Bender, a sole practitioner from Evansville, remains on the Commission as a member.

J. Mark Robinson, of Clark County, was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Commission. He is in his first term on the Commission, having been appointed on April 11, 2001 to a term expiring on June 30, 2006. He is a 1969 civil engineering graduate of Purdue, and he received his law degree in 1973 from the University of Louisville School of Law. Also an ordained Presbyterian minister, he is the managing attorney of the New Albany office of Indiana Legal Services, Inc., a provider of civil legal services to low-income clients.

Anthony M. Zappia, of South Bend, was elected Secretary of the Commission. Mr. Zappia was appointed to the Commission in 1999 to a term expiring on June 30, 2006. He attended the University of Notre Dame where he received his B.A. in 1972, cum laude, in the School of Economics, and earned his law degree in 1976 from Valparaiso University. Mr. Zappia is the senior member of the 4-person law firm of Zappia Zappia & Stipp. His principal areas of practice are personal injury, criminal defense, domestic relations and civil litigation.

The Disciplinary Commission is the agency of the Indiana Supreme Court charged with responsibility for investigating and prosecuting claims of lawyer misconduct. The Commission is made up of nine members appointed by the Supreme Court. Seven are lawyers from throughout Indiana who actively practice law or serve in judicial office and two are lay representatives.

In addition to the newly elected officers of the Commission and Ms. Bender, the outgoing Chairperson, members who continue in their service include: Sally Franklin Zweig, a partner in the Indianapolis law firm of Katz & Korin, P.C.; Corinne R. Finnerty, a partner in McConnell & Finnerty in North Vernon; Fred Austerman, President of Optical Disc Solutions, Inc. in Richmond; R. Anthony Prather, a partner in the Indianapolis office of Barnes & Thornburg; and Maureen I. Grinsfelder, Executive Director of the Fort Wayne Educational Foundation.

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## **SUPREME COURT RULE CHANGE ENCOURAGES JUDGES TO BACK STATEWIDE PRO BONO EFFORTS**

A recent change approved by the Supreme Court to the Code of Judicial Conduct explicitly recognizes the ethical propriety of active efforts by Indiana judges to support pro bono efforts.

The change to Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct Canon 4(C) goes into effect on January 1, 2006.

Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard said the rule change makes it clear that supporting pro bono efforts by Indiana attorneys is consistent with the Code of Judicial Conduct.

"The amendment to the Canons removes any lingering doubt a trial judge may have had about encouraging attorneys to volunteer their time to aid people of limited means who are facing civil legal challenges," he said.

Canon 4(C) now includes new language that says a judge "may engage in activities to encourage attorneys to perform pro bono services, including participating in events to recognize attorneys who do pro bono work." Previously, there was no explicit mention in the Canons of Judicial Conduct regarding pro bono work.

The change was prompted by a request from the Indiana State Bar Association Pro Bono Committee and tracks changes in other states.

The order authorizing the rule change was issued July 1, 2005. It can be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.in.gov/judiciary> under Law Library, Rules of Court, Rule Amendments.

Indiana's trial judges play a key role in the statewide pro bono partnership that includes the Supreme Court, the Indiana Bar Foundation, and the Indiana State Bar Association.

The Supreme Court appoints a trial judge in each of the state's 14 judicial districts to lead local efforts at organizing pro bono efforts that help indigent clients meet their civil legal needs. Each year, the 14 districts receive about \$400,000 in grants recommended by the Indiana Pro Bono Commission and funded by the Indiana Bar Foundation's Interest on Lawyer Trust Account (IOLTA) program. These grants support the expenses associated with recruiting, training, and placing lawyers who volunteer their time to help low-income people.

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## **INDIANA COURTS AWARD LEXISNEXIS TWO-YEAR CONTRACT**

**Indianapolis, IN** - Indiana judges and county clerks will continue to have access to online legal research using LexisNexis® legal research information services, Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

"The Indiana Supreme Court is pleased to be able to continue to provide current and comprehensive online legal research services through LexisNexis to Indiana judges and county clerks," Shepard said. "Not only does this initiative equip Indiana judges with the research necessary to do their work, it also relieves some of the financial pressure on county court budgets," he said. The LexisNexis service is provided to judges and clerks at Supreme Court expense.

"As a trial court judge, it is important to me and to the lawyers and citizens who come before the courts of our state that Indiana judges have access to the most current and complete legal information available to help us make our decisions. I use LexisNexis on almost a daily basis and I cannot imagine being without it," said the Honorable John M. Marnocha, Chief Superior Court Judge, St. Joseph Superior Court, and president-elect of the Indiana Judges Association. "I also appreciate the fact that the Supreme Court provides the service at its expense. This means that judges in counties that have not had funds for computerized legal research now have access to it, as well as reducing the pressure on the budgets of counties that did provide it."

The Supreme Court entered into a similar agreement with LexisNexis in 2001 after a competitive procurement process conducted under the auspices of the Court's Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC), according to Supreme Court Justice Frank Sullivan, Jr., JTAC's chair. The original contract with LexisNexis expired this year, Sullivan said, and the Court has decided to enter a new contract with LexisNexis following a new competitive procurement that began earlier this year. It is expected that the contract between the Court and LexisNexis will be signed soon.

Due to the large number of attorneys that work in the courts, the judiciary was able to secure a rate for such services far lower than standard LexisNexis rates, Sullivan said. "What is truly unique about the contract is that LexisNexis has agreed to the Supreme Court's request that all Indiana state and local government employees are entitled to use LexisNexis legal research information on the same favorable pricing terms as the courts," he noted. Since September 2001, several hundred government attorneys and employees have taken advantage of the agreement established by the Supreme Court, including the attorneys for the Indiana Senate and House of Representatives and many members of the staff of the non-partisan Indiana Legislative Services Agency. "Using LexisNexis and especially the Supreme Court's pricing has been of great value to the Legislature," said Phil Sachtleben, executive director of the Legislative Services Agency. "The arrangement is a great example of different branches of government working together to save taxpayers' money."

### **About LexisNexis**

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**About the Indiana Supreme Court Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC)**

In order to develop a uniform policy on implementation of information technology by the Indiana judicial system, the Supreme Court of Indiana in 1999 established its Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC). The primary role of JTAC is to provide leadership and governance, including advisory oversight of state budget requests, regarding the use of technology in the courts in an effort to better serve the people of Indiana. For more information, please visit [www.IN.gov/judiciary](http://www.IN.gov/judiciary).



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### National Court Reform Organization Announces New Board Members

**Williamsburg, VA (August 8, 2005)** – Chief Justice of Indiana Randall T. Shepard recently was named chair of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) Board of Directors, and Chief Administrative Judge of New York Courts Jonathan Lippman was named vice-chair, during the NCSC's Board meeting July 28 in Charleston, South Carolina. The NCSC Board meets in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) and the Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA), which was held July 31 – Aug. 3 in Charleston. Chief Justice Shepard also was named CCJ president and Judge Lippman became COSCA president.

The NCSC also appointed seven new Board members during the meeting. The NCSC's Board of Directors represents all levels and jurisdictions of state courts, the legal profession, and the business community. New Board members include:

- Howard "Skip" Chesshire, court administrator, Cobb County Superior Court, Marietta, Georgia
- Chief Judge Rufus G. King III, Superior Court of the District of Columbia
- Charles W. Matthews, Jr., vice-president and general counsel of Exxon Mobil Corporation, Irving, Texas
- Associate Justice Ronald B. Robie, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, Sacramento, California
- Judge Eileen A. Kato, King County District Court, Seattle, Washington
- Presiding Judge Dale R. Koch, Multnomah County District Court, Portland, Oregon
- Robert S. Peck, president, Center for Constitutional Litigation, P.C., Washington, D.C.

"We are very pleased to have leaders in the court and legal community join the National Center's Board," said Mary McQueen, National Center president. "These individuals care deeply about the importance of the work of America's state courts and the mission of the

National Center as the preeminent national court reform organization.”

The NCSC, headquartered in Williamsburg, VA, is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership and service to the state courts. The NCSC, founded in 1971 by the Conference of Chief Justices and Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger, provides education, training, and technology, management, and research services to the nation's state courts. The NCSC also is taking the lead on several key issues facing the justice system. For example, it has established a major civil justice initiative, a multi-year project that is examining best practices in civil case management and how complex litigation procedures can be improved. Other national initiatives being driven by the NCSC include judicial selection reform and increasing citizen participation in jury service.

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## **DR. BARBARA BICHELMAYER TO JOIN CLE COMMISSION**

Indiana University Professor Dr. Barbara A. Bichelmeyer has been appointed to the Supreme Court's Commission on Continuing Legal Education, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

Her term ends December 31, 2010. She replaces former Commission member Prof. Terry Dworkin.

"Dr. Bichelmeyer comes highly recommended to us from people who know her well. I am certain she will become a valuable part of the Commission on Continuing Legal Education. Her expertise will be particularly valuable as we continue to use more technology in on-line instruction for attorneys. We are also very grateful for the first-rate service on the Commission by Professor Terry Dworkin," said Chief Justice Shepard.

Dr. Bichelmeyer is an associate professor at Indiana University's Department of Instructional Systems Technology. She recently gave a presentation to the national association of Continuing Legal Education regulators about new developments and issues involving providing education to attorneys over the Internet.

The Commission has 11 members. They receive no salary for their service and each serves a term of five years. Primarily, the Commission is responsible for approval of the individual educational opportunities that Indiana's attorneys are required to receive and for approval of the sponsors who present the educational seminars. Additionally, the Commission sets standards for training courses for Indiana's registered mediators and regulates attorney specialization in the state.

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## "VIRTUAL TOURS" OF INDIANA'S COURTHOUSES PREMIERES WITH FOUR COURTHOUSES

An extensive project that is designed to showcase the beauty and history of Indiana's courthouses and to help people find their way through an unfamiliar building through online "virtual tours" is now underway, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

Eventually, the project will try to include virtual tours of each courthouse in Indiana's 92 counties, all of which are historically significant, and many of which are aesthetically and architecturally significant.

As of today, virtual tours of the courthouses in Brown, Hancock, Johnson and Randolph County, can be viewed online.

Each page includes a 360° virtual tour created with interactive imaging, a still photo gallery, the courthouse hours and address with a link that provides a map and driving directions, and information about handicap accessibility and parking. In addition, the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana has provided historical information about each courthouse. For many courthouses, vintage postcards have been located and are also posted on the page.

As more tours become available in the coming months, they will be published to the Courts in the Classroom website at [www.IN.gov/judiciary/citc/museum/virtual-tours/index.html](http://www.IN.gov/judiciary/citc/museum/virtual-tours/index.html) and the Indiana Courts county pages at [www.IN.gov/judiciary/trialcourts](http://www.IN.gov/judiciary/trialcourts).

Chief Justice Shepard predicted the virtual tours would be useful for many people.

"We had two goals for this project. Our first was historic preservation and education, but we also wanted to offer this as a service to litigants so they can familiarize themselves and their children with the courthouse before going to court," he said.

Photography by William Wolfred at more than a dozen other courthouses has been completed and is in the process of being converted to virtual tours.



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## **JUSTICE DICKSON TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT ETHICS SEMINAR**

The Hon. Brent Dickson, Associate Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, will present the keynote address this September at a seminar designed to educate attorneys about the many recent changes in the Rules of Professional Conduct.

In addition to making remarks at the seminar's opening luncheon, Justice Dickson will also be part of a panel with Indianapolis attorney Carol Adinamis, who chaired the Indiana State Bar Association's Ethics Committee. The one-hour session will be moderated by Matthew R. Gutwein, president of Marion County Health and Hospitals Corporation.

Hosted by the Indiana Lawyer, the event will be at the downtown Hyatt on September 22, 2005.

Indiana's Rules of Professional Conduct, which govern the ethical behavior of the states' 14,000 attorneys, were revised by the Supreme Court with an order issued January 1, 2005. The order followed a national effort known as Ethics 2000 in which many state bar associations examined the ABA's Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

After lengthy study by the ISBA's Ethics Committee, recommendations for revisions to Indiana's Rules of Professional Conduct were presented to the Supreme Court. The Court adopted many of the recommendations and thanked the Ethics Committee and the Supreme Court Rules Committee "for its exceptional commitment and hard work on this important project."

Justice Dickson has been a member of the Supreme Court since 1986 following years of practicing law in Lafayette. He is the Court's liaison to the Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission and is a co-founder of the Sagamore American Inn of Court in Indianapolis. In addition, he has authored several of the Court's opinions on lawyer ethics and professionalism and makes frequent presentations on civility, ethics and Indiana's Constitution.



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## **STATEMENTS OF INDIANA SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE RANDALL T. SHEPARD AND JUSTICE FRANK SULLIVAN, JR., ON THE DEATH OF FORMER JUSTICE JON D. KRAHULIK**

"Jon Krahulik was a genuine, warm and caring person. He was a wonderful colleague whose presence was greatly enjoyed during his all too brief service on our bench. We valued his sense of humor and his commitment to justice. We were very pleased to hear that his health had improved for a period of time, but very sad to learn he was taken from us so soon," said Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard.

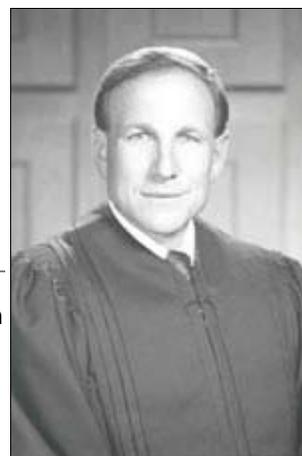
Chief Justice Shepard served with Justice Krahulik's during his entire time on the bench.

"I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of former Indiana Supreme Court Justice Jon D. Krahulik and express my deep sympathy to his wonderful family.

"During his tenure on the Supreme Court, Jon D. Krahulik made an enormous contribution to Indiana law. In opinion after opinion, both criminal and civil, he helped give new law that resolved unanswered questions and updated old rules to the needs of the 1990's, including providing the leadership that created the new Indiana Rules of Evidence. Jon Krahulik made a significant, lasting, positive mark on Indiana law.

"Beyond his contributions as a justice, Jon Krahulik was legendary in his commitment to the members of his family and to the many young lawyers who trained under him. I know they share deeply in this loss," said Justice Frank Sullivan.

Justice Sullivan succeeded Krahulik on Indiana 's highest court on November 1, 1993. Both were appointed by former Governor (now U.S. Senator) Evan Bayh.



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## **"CONSTITUTION DAY" EVENT HOSTED BY THE INDIANA SUPREME COURT**

The Indiana Supreme Court's "Courts in the Classroom" program, in collaboration with the Indiana Department of Education, will host a one-hour educational program recognizing "Constitution Day" on Tuesday, September 13 from 10-11 a.m. in the Supreme Court courtroom, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

This program, and thousands of similar programs scheduled to take place around the nation during the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> are to commemorate the 218<sup>th</sup> signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. This program helps fulfill the requirements of a new federal law aimed at improving knowledge about the U.S. Constitution.

"The U.S. and Indiana Constitutions are vibrant and exciting documents. It is important that we emphasize the enduring vitality of these remarkable works and share their value with our people," Chief Justice Shepard said.

More than 100 high school students from Hamilton, Hendricks, Howard, and Marion counties will participate in this "Constitution Day" event in the Supreme Court courtroom.

The program will include readings from the Preamble and the Bill of Rights by the students and guests, brief remarks by Chief Justice Shepard and Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Reed, a discussion about the rights found in the U.S. and Indiana Constitutions led by Judge Paul Mathias, an interactive constitutional "treasure hunt" by the student audience (a pocket constitution will be provided to each student), and an opportunity to sign a large replica of the U.S. Constitution.

This event will be webcast live from 10-11 a.m. on September 13<sup>th</sup>, and archived immediately following the program for use by teachers in their own classrooms. The webcast may be accessed from the following website:  
<http://www.in.gov/judiciary/citc/special/constitution-day/2005.html>.

For more information about Constitution Day and links to teacher resources on the Constitution visit the Indiana Department of Education website at [http://www.doe.state.in.us/opd/Const\\_day/welcome.htm](http://www.doe.state.in.us/opd/Const_day/welcome.htm).

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## **SUPREME COURT ACTS TO ASSIST LAWYERS DISPLACED BY KATRINA**

The Indiana Supreme Court has issued an order designed to help attorneys displaced by Hurricane Katrina continue their law practices, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard said today.

The order applies to attorneys in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. It waives certain court rules and will make it easier for them to practice in Indiana.

"Hurricane Katrina's devastation has visited every level of society, including the legal profession. Law offices have been demolished, records have been destroyed, and entire court systems have been forced to relocate. This order is just one small thing our Court can do to help out and we know there will be others," said Chief Justice Shepard.

The order waives certain provisions of Indiana Admission and Discipline Rule 6.

Attorneys in good standing from the affected states will be able to receive a temporary provisional license that will be good until June 30, 2006. They must also associate with an Indiana lawyer in good standing, which is a requirement of Admission and Discipline Rule 6. The standard \$800 fee for a provisional license has been waived for the affected lawyers.

"The Indiana State Bar Association and the Indianapolis Bar Association have established funds to help rebuild the legal infrastructure. Porter County Magistrate Ed Nemeth, who is an experienced disaster relief expert with the Red Cross, is heading South to help out. A prosecutor in the JAG corp was just sent to Mississippi. Lawyers across Indiana and the rest of the nation have responded to this disaster with the generosity that is typical of the profession," said Chief Justice Shepard.

Chief Justice Shepard pointed out that the Supreme Court of Texas has offered similar privileges for 30 days to displaced lawyers and the Florida Supreme Court is extending filing deadlines. A major electronic legal research firm is offering free services for affected lawyers and the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Va. is acting as national clearinghouse for recovery efforts for the legal system.

To view the order, visit <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/orders/other/2005/katrina.pdf>.

To learn more about the response from Indiana's lawyers, visit: [www.inbar.org](http://www.inbar.org).

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## **ANCIENT HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR HANDS-ON DISPLAY AT INDIANA SUPREME COURT**

A number of original historical documents will be on display in the Indiana Supreme Court Courtroom on Thursday, September 15 from 4:30-6:30 p.m., Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

The Remnant Trust, of Hagerstown, Indiana, ([www.theremnanttrust.com](http://www.theremnanttrust.com)) will bring a selection of original documents from their extensive collection. They plan to have a first edition of the *Federalist Papers*, an early copy of John Locke's *Treatise on Government*, and one of the original copies of the U.S. Constitution sent out by President Washington, to name a few.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see up close and in person some of the documents that shaped our legal heritage. The Remnant Trust believes these documents should not be sealed in glass cases but accessible to more people in more non-institutional settings," said Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard.

Still and video-photography, with lights, is encouraged. Representatives of the Remnant Trust will be available to discuss the documents and to explain more about their organization.

In addition, inside the courtroom you will also be able to see a demonstration of the court's new virtual courthouse tour project and the digitization of Indiana's own early legal documents. These documents will soon be available over the web both in their original form and with transcriptions, thanks to a joint effort between the Indiana Supreme Court, the Indiana State Archives, and the Indiana Historical Bureau.



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## **INDIANA JUDICIAL SYSTEM WEBSITE SELECTED AS TOP COURT SITE IN THE NATION**

The Indiana Judicial System website was selected as the number one court website in the nation at the ninth biennial Court Technology Conference in Seattle, Washington, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

The award was announced this Thursday at the conclusion of the conference, a gathering of thousands of people who are interested in advancing court technology. The event is hosted by the National Center for State Courts, which is based in Williamsburg, Va.

The Florida Supreme Court site placed third and the website for the Superior Court of Sacramento, Calif., came in second.

Indiana's website, which is located at [www.IN.gov/judiciary](http://www.IN.gov/judiciary), is operated by the staff of the Supreme Court's Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC). The website contains a wealth of information for the public, attorneys and judges. It includes common legal forms, court opinions, answers to frequently asked questions about the law, virtual tours of several courthouses, webcasts of appellate court arguments and other legal history events.

"We are very proud of the leadership provided by our State Court Administrator Lilia Judson and her staff at JTAC, especially Mary DePrez and our webmaster, Lindsey Borschel, who leads our website development effort. They have produced a website that is innovative, dynamic, and user friendly," said Chief Justice Shepard.

This is the second prestigious award that the Indiana Judicial System website has received recently. In August, the Indiana Courts Website was ranked third in the world by Justice Served, a California-based court consulting firm that has been reviewing court websites and producing a top ten list for the past seven years. The Indiana Courts site was commended for including content geared toward specific audiences, the online child support calculator, posting appellate opinions, and streaming video.



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## **COURTS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR FAMILY COURT GRANTS**

The Supreme Court will begin Phase IV of the Family Court Project in January of 2006, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

The application form to serve as a new family court county is available on the Supreme Court web site at <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/family-court/>, and is due on October 20, 2005. The web site also provides detailed information about the family court vision, values and outcomes, special trial rules, and requirements.

All interested judicial officers are encouraged to contact the Family Court Consultant, Francie Hill (812-336-7551, [frances\\_hill@hotmail.com](mailto:frances_hill@hotmail.com)). Ms. Hill will discuss interests and questions by phone or e-mail, but would appreciate the opportunity to meet personally with judicial officers, bar members, and/or community service providers in their counties to discuss family court options.

The Family Court Project was initiated by the Supreme Court in 2000 to develop better ways to serve children and families in the court system. The Project is administered through Executive Director Lilia Judson in the Division of State Court Administration. The Honorable Margret G. Robb of the Court of Appeals serves as the Project Chairwoman.

The Family Court Project was initially implemented to deal more effectively with families who have multiple cases pending in the court system before different judicial officers. Alternative Dispute Resolution and special services for low income, at risk, and/or pro se families have also been a focus for family court projects. Counties are encouraged to copy already existing family court programs or to initiate new models to better serve families and children. Some new programming ideas for Phase IV may include the following: cooperative lawyering in family court matters, local rules development for family law cases pursuant to Trial Rule 81, family-focused processes to improve/expedite CHINS cases, and standardized processes and procedures for all judges in the county handling divorces or paternities.

The Family Court Project is more than just case coordination or specialized programs. It is a concept or mind set. It encourages judges and attorneys to work cooperatively within their communities, in a problem-solving mode, to insure the safety and stability of children and the prompt and long-term resolution of legal issues.

Currently, 17 counties are currently involved in family court projects. Each project is unique and tailored to the needs and resources of the participants. Most of the projects involve single counties. The judicial officers handling the county's family and juvenile cases usually spearhead the effort, but all of the county's judges agree in principle to the concepts of the proposed family court project. Some small counties have joined together to form multiple-county projects. Some larger counties have developed separate but coordinated family court programs, under cooperative judicial leadership.

A total of \$500,000 will be available from the Supreme Court for Phase IV. Counties specify in their application the amount of grant funds needed. Seed grants for new counties generally range from \$10,000 to \$40,000 per year, for a two-year period, but there are no hard limits. Existing family court projects may receive transition grants without additional application. The ultimate goal is for project counties to reallocate court resources and/or develop other

local funding sources to become independent of Supreme Court grants within a reasonable period of time.

New family courts will be selected in late 2005 and will receive significant planning and implementation assistance in 2006 to initiate their projects. Statewide family court meetings are held annually. The existing family court judges and personnel share forms and processes freely, and graciously mentor new counties.

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## **CHIEF JUSTICE SHEPARD AND GOV. MITCH DANIELS TO HEADLINE FORUM**

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels and Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard will be the featured speakers at the Howey Political Report 2005 Forum.

"This will be an extraordinary gathering of key leaders from the three branches of state government, plus local and economic leaders from across the state. Together we will explore how government can be most responsive and efficient for Hoosiers," said political analyst Brian A. Howey.

*Building an Indiana for the 21st Century* will take place October 4, 2005 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Hilton Indianapolis, 120 West Market Street.

Governor Daniels will speak about state government reforms he has initiated. Chief Justice Shepard will give the luncheon keynote, surveying Indiana's 1851 Constitution and its practical application to a 21st century state in a flattened global economy.

Other participants include Michael Tackett, Washington Bureau Chief, *Chicago Tribune*; Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson; Fort Wayne Mayor Graham Richard; Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma; former Lt. Governor Kathy Davis; Paul Mannweiler, BoseTreacy Associates and former Republican Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives; and other distinguished panelists from state, legislative, municipal and county government.

For further information, visit [www.howeypolitics.com](http://www.howeypolitics.com).

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## **COOPERATION ON JURY LIST PROJECT WILL LEAD TO MORE DIVERSE JURIES AND REDUCED COSTS FOR LOCAL TAXPAYERS**

A cooperative venture between the Indiana Supreme Court, the Department of Revenue, and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles will lead to a broader pool of jurors and provide significant savings in reduced mailing costs to Indiana's counties, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

Matching existing lists of taxpayers with current lists of drivers and ID card holders has produced a new list of Hoosiers that has more up to date address information for jury selection than has existed in the past. By matching specific identifying information from the Department of Revenue and the BMV, duplicate names and addresses have been largely eliminated.

"This is a classic case of different branches of government working together to produce something at little cost that will ultimately make our juries more representative. It will also cut down on mailing costs because it will have more accurate addresses than voter mailing lists and reduce the number of returned mailings," Chief Justice Shepard said.

For several years, the Supreme Court has been working to enhance jury experience by streamlining procedures, allowing jurors to ask questions and to enable them to discuss a case with other jurors while the trial is underway. Justice Theodore R. Boehm agreed to spearhead the jury list project by working with leaders in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Revenue with support from the Indiana Judicial Center, the technical staff of JTAC and Purdue University faculty and graduate assistants.

"Justice Boehm, Lake Superior Judge John Pera of our Jury Committee, and the leaders of the current and past administration should be proud of what has been accomplished," Chief Justice Shepard added.

Historically, lists of prospective jurors have been compiled from voter registration lists but recent Supreme Court rule changes now require counties to use at least one additional source of names. For many years the voter roll was the only list. But it only included just more than half of the eligible jurors in most counties and typically included large numbers of persons who are either deceased or had moved. The inaccurate lists result in a significant cost to the counties in the form of wasted postage and clerical time in processing mailings to unusable addresses.

To create the list, the Department of Revenue and the BMV and the Court's Judicial Technology and Automation Committee worked together to produce a merged and purged list of both BMV and DOR records. The resulting list avoids the problem of underpopulation because many people pay taxes or have BMV licenses or identity cards, but are not registered to vote. It also limits the number of faulty addresses caused by moves or deaths.

The Indiana Judicial Center started distributing the new lists to the counties in September. For more information about jury duty in Indiana visit: [www.in.gov/judiciary/juryduty](http://www.in.gov/judiciary/juryduty)

# *The Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Race and Gender Fairness*



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## **HARRY BELAFONTE TO SPEAK AT SUPREME COURT DIVERSITY SUMMIT**

Noted civil rights leader and entertainer Harry Belafonte will be one of many highlights at the first Supreme Court Commission on Race and Gender Fairness Diversity Summit, Chief Justice Shepard announced today.

"The Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Race and Gender Fairness is proud to host the 2005 Diversity Summit for attorneys, judges, law enforcement officials and other individuals interested in diversity issues affecting Indiana 's judicial system," said former Supreme Court Justice Myra Selby, who chairs the Commission along with Court of Appeals Judge Ezra Friedlander.

The Summit will be held October 14-15, 2005 at the Madame Walker Theatre and the Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis.

Mr. Belafonte will speak on October 15th from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. at the Madame Walker Theatre. Tickets for Harry Belafonte's speech are \$25.00 and are available to the public. Tickets can be obtained by calling 317-232-2542. Please mention the Diversity Summit.

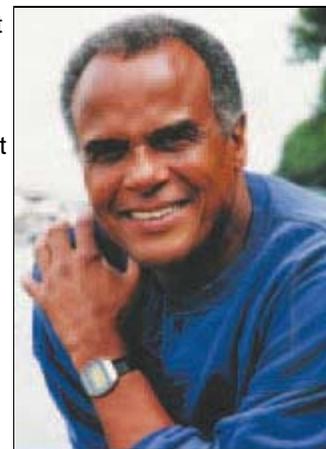
Since 1999, the Commission has been working to develop ways to limit bias in Indiana 's legal system. Following extensive study that included random and targeted polls and several public hearings across Indiana, the Commission released a wide-ranging report that will serve as a roadmap toward a more just society.

Following a review by the Supreme Court, the Commission has prioritized its tasks. The Summit will serve as an energizing kickoff toward implementation of the report's many recommendations.

Specifically, the summit seeks to promote an understanding and awareness that inclusiveness and diversity are valued in the legal profession; emphasize that fairness and understanding of gender, race, and ethnicity issues are required in the justice system; and continue efforts to encourage diversity in the legal, judicial, and law enforcement professions in order to utilize the talents and experiences of various segments of society as well as to counter perceptions of bias that undermine confidence in the legal system.

For further information on the summit, visit:

<http://www.in.gov/judiciary/fairness/div-summit.html>



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## **SUPREME COURT ARRANGES FOR \$25,000 IN TRANSLATION SERVICES**

The Indiana Supreme Court has dedicated \$25,000 to provide Indiana courts with foreign language interpretation by telephone for less regionally familiar languages, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

"The diversity of language in our state's population has created difficult challenges for our courts. Increasingly, Indiana trial judges are faced with needing interpreter services promptly for many foreign languages. Of the thirty-six counties who sought assistance this year under the Court Interpreter Grant Program, fifteen court systems needed interpreter services for languages other than Spanish or sign language. These courts reported interpretation needs for twenty-six other languages ranging from Arabic to Punjabi to Urdu. While much of our current effort focuses on Spanish interpreting, there is obviously need for attention to speakers of other languages," Chief Justice Shepard said.

Recognizing the strain that such language issues place on trial courts, the Indiana Supreme Court has contracted with Language Line Services to provide \$25,000 worth of telephone foreign language interpretation on an as-needed basis. Language Line Services is an over-the-phone interpretation service based in Monterey, California, which provides interpretation services in more than 140 languages. Language Line Services is available 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Interpreters are required to be familiar with police and 911 procedures and have hundreds of hours of interpreting experience.

In general, the service is for any Indiana trial court that needs services other than Spanish for hearings that are twenty minutes or less.

"I thank Judge Douglas Morton from Fulton Circuit Court as his recommendations helped spearhead this initiative, and to Lilly Judson's Division of State Court Administration staff for making it happen," said Chief Justice Shepard.

This initiative is one of several the Supreme Court has taken to improve language services in the courts. In addition to the use of Language Line and the Court Interpreter Grant program, the Supreme Court has also established a Court Interpreter Program that certifies qualified court interpreters.

For more information on the Court Interpreter Program visit: [www.in.gov/judiciary/interpreter/](http://www.in.gov/judiciary/interpreter/)

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## LEGAL HISTORY LECTURE TO BE HELD AT INDIANA SUPREME COURT

### Indiana Supreme Court Legal History Series

#### ***Accessing Indiana's Legal Past: A case study of Judge Isaac Blackford***

Descendants of Mary Clark, a black woman who played a key role in the Indiana Supreme Court's 19th century decisions regarding slavery, will tell her dramatic story in the Indiana Supreme Court chambers on Friday, October 14, 2005 at 2 p.m., Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

Clark's descendants will join two other presenters in an hour long event showcasing the Court's efforts to develop new ways to access information about Indiana's legal past including: a searchable database of early Indiana cases, dramatic re-enactments about the lives of key figures in Indiana legal history, and a new biography series about Indiana lawyers and judges.

The event is part of a new Supreme Court-sponsored lecture series aimed at addressing legal topics of current interest to lawyers, judges, educators, and citizens in a variety of formats. Each talk will be free and open to the public.

Chief Justice Shepard will introduce this inaugural lecture and the speakers.

Douglas Fivecoat, the editor of a new biography on Isaac Blackford, will provide insights on the longest serving judge of the Indiana Supreme Court and Indiana's first Speaker of the House. His remarks will cover Blackford both as a jurist and as a prominent participant in Indiana's formative years. Vicki Casteel, from the Indiana State Archives, will demonstrate a new database that for the first time allows electronic searches for Indiana Supreme Court cases from 1816 to approximately 1862-covering Blackford's entire career on the Court. The final panelists, Ethel McCane and Eunice Trotter, are direct descendants of Mary Clark. *In re Clark* is one of the most important pre-Civil War cases heard by the Court. In *Clark*, the Court struck down indentures binding Mary Clark, a black woman, to a white man.

***Accessing Indiana's Legal Past*** is sponsored by the Indiana Supreme Court "Courts in the Classroom" Project and the Indiana State Archives. The seminar will take place from 2-3 p.m. in the recently renovated Supreme Court chambers on the third floor of the State House. Light refreshments will follow.

One hour of free Continuing Legal Education credit has been approved, which also qualifies for credit for newly admitted attorneys.

The event will webcast "live" at [www.in.gov/judiciary/webcast](http://www.in.gov/judiciary/webcast). Visit the "Courts in the Classroom" website for information about the book *Isaac Blackford: Indiana's Blackstone*, the database created by the Indiana State Archives, and for documents relating to *In re Clark*. [www.in.gov/judiciary/citc](http://www.in.gov/judiciary/citc).

 **Image of a framed oil painting of Justice Blackford**



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### **JUDICIAL COMMISSION ADMONISHES MARION SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER**

The Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications issued today a Public Admonition of Commissioner Christopher B. Haile, Marion Superior Court, Civil Division 11. The Commission is a seven-member body comprised of the Chief Justice of Indiana, three lawyers elected by lawyers throughout the State, and three non-lawyers appointed by the Governor. Supreme Court rules allow the Commission to publicly admonish judges for violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct in lieu of proceeding to charges and a public hearing if the judge consents to that resolution. The Commission's Admonition is attached.

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## **HOOSIERS ADVISED ABOUT POTENTIAL SCAM INVOLVING JURY SERVICE**

A telephone scam that attempts to gather personal information by claiming the person failed to report for jury duty has been reported by several courts around the country, the Supreme Court announced today.

The reports note that the callers represent themselves as court employees, assert that the person has failed to report for jury duty, and asks for personal information such as social security number and birth date using the threat of fines or other court action.

"We have not heard of this happening in Indiana, but it is important for everyone to be aware of the potential scam to protect their information. Court employees initially contact citizens for jury duty in writing and will not ask you to provide sensitive personal or financial information over the telephone," said Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard

If anyone receives a call regarding the failure to report for jury duty and suspects it is not legitimate, they should contact the police immediately.

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## **COURT HOSTS SPIRIT AND PLACE EVENT FEATURING AN EARLY INDIANA ANTI-SLAVERY CASE**

The Indiana Supreme Court, in cooperation with the Indiana Bar Foundation and the Leora Brown School of Corydon, Ind. will host a Spirit and Place event in its Courtroom, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

The Court is pleased to sponsor *Bound for Freedom: the Case of Polly Strong*, a drama that re-enacts aspects of a famous case challenging the prohibition of slavery found in Indiana's 1816 Constitution that was brought on behalf of a young black woman, Polly Strong,

Students from schools in New Albany and Indianapolis will participate in the event by role-playing parts in the re-enactment of the case between Polly Strong and Vincennes businessman Hyacinth Lassalle. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005 in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Indiana State House. The event is free and open to the public although seating is limited to 135 people.

Decades before the question of slavery tore our nation apart, the Indiana Supreme Court grappled with this issue. In the early days of Indiana statehood, Polly Strong was a young enslaved mulatto woman owned by Col. Hyacinth Lassalle, one of Vincennes' most prominent citizens. This interactive play documents the struggles of the young black woman to find out if she would be free or slave, as Indiana moved from Territory to State. The Supreme Court determined Indiana had banned slavery in 1816 and held Col. Lassalle's claim to Polly violated the State constitution.

The event will be broadcast live on the Internet at [www.IN.gov/judiciary/citc](http://www.IN.gov/judiciary/citc). It is part of the tenth annual "Spirit and Place" Festival. Spirit and Place is Central Indiana 's annual civic festival of the arts, humanities, and religion. Produced by The Polis Center at IUPUI, the festival is a collaboration of dozens of partner organizations.

The 2005 festival takes place November 4 - 20 throughout Central Indiana . This year's theme is Moving and Staying and includes 100 events. For more information, visit: [www.spiritandplace.org](http://www.spiritandplace.org).

A second performance of "Bound for Freedom" is planned for early December. This performance has been approved for one hour of free Continuing Legal Education credit, which also qualifies for credit for newly-admitted attorneys. It will be oriented primarily to attorneys, but open to the public as well.



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## **CLERK OF COURTS DAVID C. LEWIS ANNOUNCES LAST STOP ON THE "LEWIS AND CLERK EXPEDITION"**

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Nov. 30 th , 9:30 AM

PLACE: Marion County Clerk's Office, Room W122, City-County Bldg.

INDIANAPOLIS - On November 30, 2005, David C. Lewis, the Clerk of the Indiana Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and Tax Court, will complete his 18-month mission - to go where no Clerk has gone before - when he visits the Marion County Clerk's Office, the last stop on Lewis's tour of the Clerk's Offices in each of Indiana 's 92 counties.

Lewis began his tour, which has been dubbed the "Lewis and Clerk Expedition," on May 12, 2004, with his visit to Clerk Stephanie Burgess of Elkhart County . The purpose of Lewis's tour has been to improve communication between the county clerks and the state appellate clerk with the objective of increasing the efficiency and quality of the appeals process.



David C. Lewis

"When I first took office in November, 2003, and started to meet county clerks," Lewis said, "I discovered that despite the crucial relationship between our offices, many of them had never met the Clerk of the Supreme Court. I set out to remedy that lack of personal communication." Clerk Cindy Greer of Whitley County said, "Personally, as Clerk and as a resident of Whitley County , it felt really good to have a statewide elected official come to visit. I truly felt that David didn't do this for the publicity or personal advantage. He did it to strengthen the relationship between the state and local offices. He is a genuine guy and I believe our voices matter when we are in conversation with him."

Over the course of traveling thousands of miles (and consuming dozens of pork tenderloins), Lewis met with hundreds of court employees, including case managers, court reporters, deputy clerks, judges, bailiffs, and, of course, the county clerks themselves. Their discussions have ranged from significant issues of judicial policy (such as public access to court documents versus a litigant's right to privacy, providing assistance to pro se litigants, electronic filing, and judicial technology) to the trivial (the use of sticky tabs to label files or the benefits of a time-specific file stamp). Candy Myers, Clerk of Noble County, said, "I was glad David took the time to visit and to see how even a small county like mine was able to upgrade the courtrooms to accommodate new technology."

Lewis's trip is unusual in another respect. "I began my trip after the Indiana General Assembly changed the Clerk's Office from an elected office to one appointed by the Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court," Lewis said. "My visits to the county clerks had no political purpose or agenda; it was simply a way to gather and disseminate information with the goal of improving the administration of justice in our state. Along the way, I've met many wonderful, dedicated people working in our county courts, and the relationships forged during our visits will help us work together to solve problems."

Lewis's visits extended beyond the clerks' offices. He also took the time to meet with other local elected officials, including commissioners, city and county council members, and mayors. Mayor Robert Fox of Monticello , Indiana , said, "I was extremely impressed that the Clerk took time to visit my office. This effort lets the citizens know that their elected state officials do care about them. I found David to be down to earth, yet professional as he explained the purpose of his trip. He is an example of government working for the citizens."

Lisa Garoffolo, Clerk of Boone County, expressed the sentiments of many of her fellow clerks when she said, "David is someone that the clerks can depend on. I am impressed that Dave actually seems to know and care about all 92 county clerks."

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## SUPREME COURT TO HOST CLE EVENT ON ANTI-SLAVERY CASE

The Indiana Supreme Court and its Continuing Legal Education Commission will host a free CLE presentation featuring one of the Court's earliest anti-slavery cases, Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard announced today.

The one-hour CLE program *Bound for Freedom: the Case of Polly Strong*, is a drama that re-enacts aspects of a famous case challenging the prohibition of slavery found in Indiana's 1816 Constitution that was brought on behalf of a young black woman from Vincennes, Polly Strong.

The role of Polly will be played by Indianapolis area actress Kendra Mitchell. The one-woman play will last approximately 30 minutes. It will be followed with a question and answer session led by Richard Day, of the Vincennes Historical site. The presentation will be held from 3:30-4:30 on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005 in the Courtroom on the third floor of the Indiana State House.

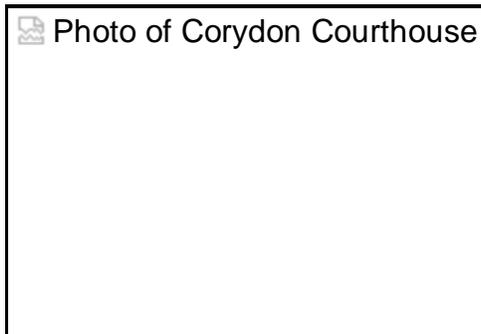
The event is free but seating is limited to 135 people. Light refreshments will follow. The production was created in cooperation with the Indiana Bar Foundation and the Leora Brown School of Corydon, Ind.

One hour of CLE, course #0090091, including newly admitted lawyer credit, has been approved.

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For additional information about this program, including scans and transcriptions of historical documents from the original action in the Knox County Circuit Court, please visit the *Bound for Freedom* website at <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/citc/special/bound-for-freedom/>.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please contact, Dr. Elizabeth Osborn, Assistant to the Chief Justice for Court History and Public Education at [eosborn@courts.state.in.us](mailto:eosborn@courts.state.in.us) or 317.233.8682.



Corydon, IN - State capitol in 1821