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## Brownsville Site of Section Meeting



JAMES G. DENTON

Brownsville, the tropical city "on the border by the sea," will host the 1974 Judicial Section Conference of the State Bar of Texas.

The three-day meeting will get underway with registration at the Fort Brown Motor Hotel, headquarters hotel for the conference, Wednesday, September 25. It will conclude Friday afternoon, September 27.

In addition to the Fort Brown, accommodations will be provided by La Quinta Motor Inn and Holiday Inn.

It is estimated that 400 County Court-at-Law, District and Appellate Judges will attend.

The conference schedule includes morning and afternoon work sessions Thursday and Friday. Also, District Judge Thurman Gupton of

West Columbia will conduct a memorial ceremony for judges who have died since the last section meeting, and District Judge Herman Jones of Austin will introduce new judges.

Chairman of the Judicial Section is James G. Denton, Texas Supreme Court justice; vice chairman is Joe Kelly, Victoria district judge; and secretary-treasurer is Paul W. Nye, chief justice of the 13th Court of Civil Appeals in Corpus Christi.

Graham McCullough, president of the Cameron County Bar Association, will deliver welcoming remarks to open the conference.

Session speakers include Secretary of State Mark White, Federal Judge Reynaldo Garza of Brownsville and C. Raymond Judice, executive director of the Texas Civil Judicial Council. Also speaking are Donald Eastland of Hillsboro, former chairman of the State Judicial Qualifications Commission, H. C. Pittman, executive director of the State Bar of Texas, and Reagan Brown, administrative assistant to the Governor.

A. A. White, acting dean of the University of Houston School of Law, and Judge Myrlyn Johnson of Brownsville also are scheduled to speak. Judge Johnson's topic is the Family Code.

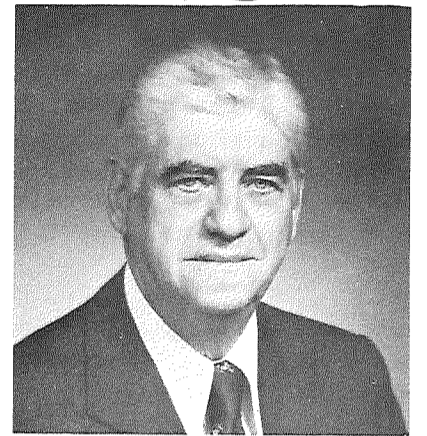
Chief Justice Claude Williams,

5th Court of Civil Appeals in Dallas, will preside over an appellate judges seminar. Chief Judge T. John Lesinski, Michigan Court of Appeals, will speak to the judges and participate in a "question and answer" session.

Two informative panel discussions are included in the conference schedule.

A discussion of the function of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, with Judge Truman Roberts, chairman of the CLE Committee, as moderator, will be held Thursday morning. Panel members include: Jack H. Dillard, executive director of the Center, Austin; Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow, 4th Court of Civil Appeals, San Antonio; Judge Tom G. Davis, commissioner of the Court of Criminal Appeals; and District Judge Perry Pickett of Midland.

Serving as moderator of the "Lawyers Look at the Judges" panel is Solomon Casseb Jr., San Antonio attorney and former judge. Panel members are: Phil Burseson, president of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, Dallas; Wayne Fisher, president of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, Houston; William R. Moss, executive vice president, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, Lubbock; and Thomas G. Sharpe Jr., Browns-



JOE KELLY

ville attorney.

But it won't be all business. In between the conference's four work sessions, judges and their wives will have numerous opportunities to experience Brownsville's unique international atmosphere.

Activities planned include an afternoon and evening on South Padre Island, a golf tournament at the Valley International Country Club, a tennis tournament and a Thursday night dinner banquet.

Special activities for the ladies include a sightseeing and shopping tour of Matamoros, Mexico, located just across the Rio Grande from Brownsville, a Pan American Round Table Costume Review, and a coffee at the home of Judge and Mrs. Reynaldo Garza of Brownsville.

### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE JUDICIAL SECTION STATE BAR OF TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE Brownsville, Texas September 25-27, 1974

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration, Fort Brown Motel  
9:30 a.m. Golf Tournament, Valley International Country Club  
5:00 p.m. Buses leave for South Padre Island Pavilion  
6:30-7:30 p.m. "Border Buttermilk Reception"  
7:30-9:00 p.m. Seafood Dinner and Entertainment

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 26

9:00 a.m. Opening Session, Jacob Brown Auditorium (Civic Center)  
Justice James G. Denton, Presiding  
Invocation, Father William O'Connor  
Welcome: Mayor Jim Mills, Brownsville  
Hon. Graham McCullough, President, Cameron County Bar Association  
Introduction of New Judges, Judge Herman Jones  
10:00 a.m. The Texas Center for the Judiciary: Its Relationship with the Judicial Section and How It Can Help the Individual Judge . . . Judge Truman E. Roberts, Moderator; Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow, Judge Tom G. Davis, Judge Perry Pickett and Hon. Jack H. Dillard, Executive Director, Texas Center for the Judiciary  
10:45 a.m. Coffee Break  
11:05 a.m. "The Role and Functions of the State Judicial Qualifications Commission" . . . Hon. Donald Eastland, Hillsboro  
12:00 Noon Luncheon, International Friendship Garden  
Speaker: Hon. Reynaldo Garza, U.S. District Judge, Brownsville  
2:00 p.m. Trial Judges and Appellate Judges break into separate groups  
2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Trial Judges, Jacob Brown Auditorium Civic Center  
2:00 p.m. Court Administration, Hon. C. Raymond Judice, Executive Director, Texas Civil Judicial Council  
2:45 p.m. "Let's Take a Hard Look at the Family Code" . . . Judge Myrlyn O. Johnson  
3:30 p.m. "The Trial of a Tort Case—A Proposal" . . . A. A. White, Acting Dean, University of Houston School of Law  
Appellate Judges, Stillman Town Hall, Civic Center  
2:00 p.m. Speaker: Hon. T. John Lesinski, Chief Judge, Court of Appeals, State of Michigan  
Question and Answer Period  
6:30-7:30 p.m. Social Hour, International Friendship Garden  
7:30 p.m. Banquet, International Friendship Garden  
Speaker: Hon. Reagan Brown, Office of the Governor of Texas

#### FRIDAY, SEPT. 27

9:00 a.m. "Lawyers Look at the Judges"—a panel discussion  
Jacob Brown Auditorium (Civic Center)  
Hon. Solomon Casseb, Jr., Moderator  
Hon. Phil Burseson, Dallas  
Hon. Wayne Fisher, Houston  
Hon. William R. Moss, Lubbock  
Hon. Thomas G. Sharpe, Jr., Brownsville  
Hon. Ann Gann, Brownsville  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Break  
11:00 a.m. "The State Bar of Texas, Its Relationship with the Judiciary and Services Available"—  
Hon. H. C. Pittman, Executive Director, State Bar of Texas  
12:00 Noon Luncheon, International Friendship Garden  
Speaker: Hon. Mark White, Secretary of State  
2:00 p.m. Memorial Services: Judge Thurman M. Gupton  
Business Meeting: Resolutions, Selection of 1975 Conference Site  
Election of Officers  
Secretary-Treasurer's Report  
Other Business  
3:30 p.m. Adjourn

## First Texas Judicial College Scheduled December 1-6 in Austin

The first Texas College of the Judiciary will be held December 1-6 at the Ramada Gondolier Hotel in Austin.

Open to District and County Court-at-Law judges who have assumed the bench since January, 1973, and including those who will take office Jan. 1, 1975, the school is sponsored by the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

The Center will send registration and course study information to over 60 eligible judges and reimburse travel and lodging expenses.

The College is designed to help the new judge learn basic court procedure, William S. Nail, associate director of the Center, said.

Three members of the CLE Committee, Judicial Section, State Bar

of Texas, have been appointed as a special committee for the Texas College of the Judiciary. They are: Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow, 4th Court of Civil Appeals, San Antonio; and District Judges Lewis Dickson and Thomas J. Stovall Jr. of Houston.

The school will provide an outstanding faculty composed of District and Appellate judges selected by the director of the College, Tom G. Davis, commissioner of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

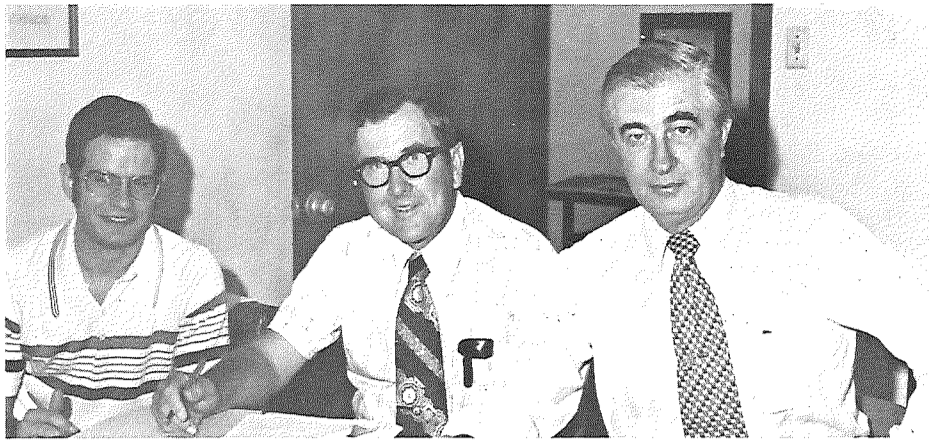
Appellate judges and their topics include: Chief Justice Barrow, Judges Benchbook, civil section; Carl E. F. Dally, commissioner of the Court of Criminal Appeals, pre-trial of criminal cases; Ruel C.

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Preparing Part Two of the Benchbook, dealing with procedure in civil cases, are, left to right: Mike Matetich, UT law graduate and research assistant; Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow, San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals; and District Judge Perry D. Pickett of Midland.

## Part Two of Benchbook Nears Completion

Part Two of the Benchbook for Texas Trial Judges, outlining trial procedure in civil cases, is in the final stages of preparation, Jack H. Dillard, executive director of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, said.

Part One, describing trial procedure in criminal cases, was published April 25, 1974.

The project is a joint effort of the Continuing Legal Education Committee (CLE) of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, and the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Dillard said.

"The Benchbook does not purport to be a work of scholarship, but rather a tool designed to assist the busy trial judge with a readily available answer to procedural questions he will encounter," he said.

Noting the book's looseleaf form, he explained it will enable a judge to supplement the book "with techniques and forms he will develop from his own experience."

Part One of the book is divided into 14 sections, including information on such subjects as assignment of counsel, bail, arraignment and plea, proceedings against juveniles, jury selection and voir dire, general instructions at end of case, verdict, sentencing and probation.

One section, entitled trial outline, takes a judge step-by-step through a trial proceeding, from the determination if counsel is ready to proceed with a trial, to adjournment.

Tentative subject divisions for

Part Two include docket management, pretrial procedure, pretrial motion, summary judgment, basic jury trial, entry of judgment and post-judgment proceedings.

Part Two, in addition, will have articles by eight Texas judges on subjects ranging from discovery to appellate review.

Involved in writing, compiling and editing the guidebook are the co-chairmen of the CLE Publications Subcommittee, Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow, San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals, and District Judge Perry D. Pickett of Midland. Other members of the subcommittee are District Judge Lewis Dickson of Houston, and Presiding Judge Max M. Rogers, 2nd Administrative District, Huntsville.

Mike Matetich, a University of Texas law graduate, is Benchbook coordinator and research assistant.

Members of the Benchbook Committee have received numerous letters from judges over the State commending the Benchbook.

Typical of the letters was one from U. S. District Judge D. W. Suttle, Western District of Texas, who wrote: "After reviewing the contents of the Benchbook, I wish to congratulate all who had a part in the production of what I believe to be the most useful tool ever furnished to a State or Federal Trial Judge by any Bar Association in the nation."

Chief Justice Joe R. Greenhill, Texas Supreme Court, wrote: "The Committee deserves the thanks and appreciation of the judges of Texas."

## Guittard Receives Bar Award

Clarence A. Guittard, associate justice of the Dallas Court of Civil Appeals, received the President's Award at the 1974 State Bar Convention in San Antonio.

The award, the highest tribute



Clarence A. Guittard

offered an individual by the State Bar of Texas, was presented to Judge Guittard by past Bar President Jim D. Bowmer of Temple.

In his presentation remarks, Bowmer cited Judge Guittard's "dedicated and selfless service to the legal profession and State Bar of Texas."

Judge Guittard graduated from Baylor University in 1940. He became a member of the Dallas appellate court in January, 1970, after serving nine years on the district bench. He is a former member of the State Judicial Qualifications Commission and is a distinguished lecturer for the Bar and the Southwestern Legal Foundation of Dallas.

## TEXAS CENTER PREPARES 1974 JUDICIAL YEARBOOK

The 1975 Judicial Yearbook has reached the printing stage and soon will be distributed by the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, through the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

Containing photographs and short biographies of federal judges, district, county court-at-law, domestic relations, juvenile court and appellate court judges, the new Yearbook is a revision of the 1972 Yearbook which was compiled and edited by Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow, San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals. Revision of the new Yearbook was made by the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

It was decided to update the 1972 Yearbook because many new judges have assumed office due to the creation of new courts, deaths, retirements and other factors.

The 1975 edition reflects an increase of more than 110 entries over the 1972 Yearbook, with 456 judges, active and retired, being represented in the new Yearbook.

In addition, there is an "In Memoriam" section devoted to judges who have died since publication of the 1972 Yearbook.

The Texas Center for the Judiciary wrote a number of judges as many as three times, seeking responses, but nevertheless some judges did not respond.

The Executive Committee of the Judicial Section voted that each judge included in the Yearbook had to provide both a picture and biographical sketch. Thus, the Yearbook does not contain any biographical sketch without accompanying picture.

The Yearbook is prepared in looseleaf form so it can be supplemented from time to time.

Judges who are not represented in the Yearbook are asked to send their biographical sketch and picture to the Texas Center for the Judiciary, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711. It is anticipated the Yearbook will be supplemented early in 1975.

## State Bar Honors Garwood



Justice W. St. John Garwood

At the Harley Award presentation, Lawrence E. Walsh of New York City, president-elect of the American Bar Association, paid tribute to Judge Garwood as a lawyer, educator and judge.

Walsh cited Judge Garwood's "advocacy of judicial selection on merit," and called him "an ardent champion for judicial reform in Texas and the nation."

Past President Jeffers, speaking at the Bar Foundation luncheon, recognized Judge Garwood's 50 years in active law practice during which "he manifested adherence to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession and service to his community."

Judge Garwood served the Texas high court 11 years, retiring Dec. 31, 1958. He received his academic degree from Georgetown College, Washington, D.C., attended the University of Texas and received his LL.B at Harvard Law School. Judge Garwood was a member of the Chief Justice's Task Force on Court Improvement in 1971-73. A Bastrop native, he served in the Navy during World War II.

### JUDICIAL CALENDAR

**September 25-27**  
Annual Conference, Judicial Section,  
State Bar of Texas  
Brownsville, Texas

**September 29-October 4, NCSJ**  
Evidence: Special Court Judges  
Reno, Nevada

**October 20-25, NCSJ**  
Graduate Session: Evidence  
Reno, Nevada

**November 3-8, NCSJ**  
Graduate Session: Trial  
Reno, Nevada

**November 3-15, NCJJ**  
Fall College for Juvenile and Family  
Court Judges and Referees  
Reno, Nevada

**December 1-6, TCJ**  
New Judges Orientation School:  
Texas College of the Judiciary  
Austin, Texas

**December 1-6, NCSJ**  
Court Administration for Chief  
Judges  
Reno, Nevada

**December 5-7, NCJJ**  
Second National Symposium on  
Computer Applications in Juvenile  
Justice Systems  
Washington, D.C.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

NCA: National College of District Attorneys  
NCJJ: National College of Juvenile Justice  
NCSJ: National College of the State Judiciary  
TCJ: Texas Center for the Judiciary



ROBERT C. FLOWERS

## Flowers Vice Chairman Of Public Law Section

Robert C. Flowers was elected vice chairman of the Public Law Section, State Bar of Texas, at the recent State Bar Convention in San Antonio. Chairman of the section is Mark W. White, secretary of state.

Flowers became executive director of the Criminal Justice Division (CJD), Office of the Governor, Sept. 18, 1973, succeeding Mack Wallace, who was appointed a member of the Texas Railroad Commission.

Deputy executive director of the CJD from April 1 to Sept. 18, 1973, Flowers also served as Chief of the Enforcement Division of the late Attorney General, Crawford C. Martin.

During that service, from April, 1968 to Dec. 31, 1972, he also was on the board of directors of the Texas Military-Civilian Traffic Safety Council. He has been an officer on two committees of the Texas Organized Crime Prevention Council.

A native of Charlotte, Texas, he graduated from Texas A&M University and the University of Texas School of Law. Flowers was engaged in private law practice in Austin ten years, before joining the Attorney General's office in 1961.



Appointees to committees of the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges are: top, left to right, Carl Periman, Domestic Relations Court, Amarillo; Enrique Pena, Domestic Relations Court, El Paso; and Jerome Jones, County Court-at-Law No. 1, Galveston. Bottom, left to right, are: James M. Farris, County Criminal Court No. 2, Beaumont; and Lewis Russell, Juvenile Court No. 1, Dallas.

## SIX TEXAS JUVENILE JUDGES PICKED FOR NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Six Texas judges with juvenile jurisdiction have drawn committee assignments from the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges, President-elect Judge Edward V. Healey, Providence, R. I., has announced.

The judges are: Jerome Jones, County Court-at-Law No. 1, Galveston; Enrique H. Pena, Domestic Relations Court, El Paso; Lewis Russell, Juvenile Court No. 1, Dallas; James Farris, County Criminal Court No. 2, Beaumont; Philip Godwin, County Court-at-Law, Odessa; and Carl C. Periman, Domestic Relations Court, Amarillo.

Judge Jones was named to the

Appointment of judges to State Bar of Texas committees have been announced by Bar President Lloyd Lochridge of Austin.

The new chairman of the Committee on History and Traditions of the Bar is Chief Justice John C. Phillips of the Third Court of Civil Appeals in Austin.

Judge Mary Pearl Williams, Travis County Court-at-Law No. 2 judge, is chairman of the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction Committee, and C. Raymond Judice, executive director of the Texas Civil Judicial Council, was named vice chairman.

Houston Judges Stovall, Guarino and Jefferson also were appointed committee officers.

District Judge Thomas J. Stovall Jr. was appointed chairman of the Special Subcommittee on Arbitration. The new vice chairman of the Legal Service to Poor in Criminal Matters Committee is Judge Joseph M. Guarino, while District Judge Andrew Jefferson was named vice chairman of the Texas Constitution Committee.

James H. Russell, County Court-at-Law judge of Belton, is vice chairman of the Special Committee on the Bar Journal, and Federal Judge Eldon B. Mahon of Fort Worth is vice chairman of the Federal Court System Study Committee.

### DISTRICT, APPELLATE

District Judges appointed to committees are: Herman Jones of Austin, Charles D. Matthews of Austin, Jerome V. Chamberlain of Dallas, E. D. Salinas of Laredo, G. P. Hardy Jr. of Bay City, W. Ervin James of Houston, George L.

Walker of Houston, John Bradshaw of Graham, M. C. Ledbetter of Morton, Charles E. Long of Dallas, Thomas A. Thomas of Port Arthur and James R. Meyers of Austin.

Also appointed are: Archie S. Brown of San Antonio, F. Lee Duggan of Houston, Darrell Hester of Brownsville, Earl W. Smith of San Angelo, Jack Pierce of Nacogdoches and A. P. Allison of Kerrville.

Supreme Court justices named to committees include: Ruel Walker, Tom Reavley, Jack Pope, Price Daniel, Sam D. Johnson and Joe R. Greenhill.

Truman Roberts and John F. Onion of the Court of Criminal Appeals were appointed to committees.

Appellate judges appointed are: Charles W. Barrow of San Antonio, Curtiss Brown of Houston, Clarence A. Guittard of Dallas, Tom Coleman of Houston, Newton Fitzhugh of Lancaster, Trueman O'Quinn of Austin and Quentin Keith of Beaumont.

### RETIRED

Retired judges appointed are: James K. Evetts of Belton, Spur-

geon E. Bell of Houston, A. J. Folley of Amarillo, Gordon Simpson of Dallas, Edmund B. Duggan of Houston, W. St. John Garwood of Austin, Ernest Belcher of Austin, Lloyd W. Davidson of Austin, Wilmer B. Hunt of Austin and Ewing Werlein of Houston.

### FEDERAL, FORMER

Federal judges Halbert O. Woodward of Lubbock and Reynaldo Garza of Brownsville, Criminal District Court Judge Ed Gossett of Dallas, and Juvenile Judge Barbara G. Culver of Midland were also appointed.

County Court-at-Law judges Gayle R. Carden of Greenville and Kenneth R. Barron of Tyler were appointed, as well as Domestic Relations judge William C. Martin III of Longview.

Former judges named include: T. Gilbert Sharpe of Brownsville, Max E. Ramsey of Odessa, Solomon Casseb Jr. of San Antonio, Joe Frazier Brown of San Antonio, Hawthorne Phillips of Austin and Jim W. Weatherby of Kerrville.

Jack H. Dillard, executive director of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, was also named a committee member.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Archer.** Retired Chief Justice Roy C. Archer, Third Court of Civil Appeals, 1948-66, died in Austin, October 29, 1973. He was 83.

**Beard.** Retired Judge Craven Beard, Tyler Court of Domestic Relations, died March 11, 1974. He was 65.

**Davidson.** Retired U. S. District Judge Thomas Whitfield Davidson, 98, died Jan. 25, 1974 in Dallas.

**Dunnam.** Judge W. V. Dunnam Sr. died at his home in Waco, Jan. 12, 1974 at age 82. He was a retired special judge of the Supreme Court of Texas.

**Fant.** Judge Jack N. Fant, 65th District Court judge, died Christmas Day, 1973, at his home in El Paso. He was 53.

**Graham.** Judge Owen Daniel Graham, retired 20th Judicial District judge, died Aug. 21, 1973 in Cameron. He was 88.

**Gray.** Judge Raymond Gray, retired associate justice of the Third Court of Civil Appeals in Austin, died Aug. 3, 1973 in Cherokee.

**Griffin.** Retired Justice Meade F. Griffin, associate justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, 1949-68, died in Austin June 3, 1974. He was 80.

**Guinn.** U. S. District Judge Ernest A. Guinn, Western District of Texas, died June 9, 1974 in El Paso. He was 68.

**Hyer.** Retired District Judge Julien C. Hyer, 44th District in Dallas, died March 23, 1974 at age 80.

**McWhorter.** Retired 92nd District Judge S. N. McWhorter died in Weslaco, Jan. 28, 1974 at age 81.

**Montgomery.** Retired 30th District Judge Allan D. Montgomery, 1929-43, died Oct. 13, 1973 in Wichita Falls. He was 76.

**Murray.** William Owen Murray Sr., former chief justice of the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals, died Feb. 18, 1974 in San Antonio. He was 83.

**Thomason.** Retired Federal Judge Robert E. Thomason died in El Paso, Nov. 8, 1973 at age 94. He was U. S. District Judge, Western District of Texas, from 1947 to 1963.

**Webb.** Judge Don S. Webb, Harris County Civil Court No. 3, died unexpectedly Dec. 20, 1973 at age 41. He died in San Antonio.



## Judge Ernst Watts Texas College Speaker

Judge Ernst John Watts, an outstanding educator and judicial leader, will speak at a Thursday evening banquet, December 5, of the first Texas College of the Judiciary in Austin.

Dean of the National College of the State Judiciary, University of Nevada, Reno, Judge Watts served as a county court, juvenile court and circuit court judge in Wisconsin for over 13 years.

Before his selection as dean of the National College, Judge Watts was a faculty member in the graduate program in criminal law and a director of the graduate program in civil law at the National College for the State Judiciary.



Judge Tom G. Davis  
... director of the first  
Texas College of the  
Judiciary.

## Judicial College Scheduled

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Walker, Texas Supreme Court justice, discovery in civil cases; Jack Pope, Texas Supreme Court justice, evidence in civil cases; and Leon Douglas, Court of Criminal Appeals judge, evidence in criminal cases.

Other appellate faculty members are: John F. Onion, presiding judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, pitfalls in trial of criminal cases; Quentin Keith, Ninth Court of Civil Appeals justice, post-trial proceedings civil; Wendell A. Odom, Court of Criminal Appeals judge, post-trial proceedings criminal; Sam Johnson, Texas Supreme Court justice, code of judicial conduct; Claude Williams, chief justice of the Fifth Court of Civil Appeals, helpful hints on how to avoid "reversed and remanded."

District Judges serving as faculty members include: Perry D. Pickett of Midland, Judges Benchbook, criminal; Archie S. Brown of San Antonio, pretrial of criminal cases; Thomas J. Stovall Jr. of Houston, pitfalls in trial of civil cases; Robert C. Wright of Lubbock, juvenile proceedings, courts of general jurisdiction; Lewis Dickson of Houston, court administration and calendar management; Eugene C. Williams of San Antonio, contempt; Lee Duggan Jr. of Houston, grand jury; and R. C. Vaughan of Sherman, domestic relations courts of general jurisdiction.

# Manpower Commission Meets in State Bar ...

The Commission on Judicial Manpower and Resource Allocation met July 19, August 10 and August 23 at the State Bar Building.

The 11-member group, appointed in June, 1974 by Judge James G. Denton, Judicial Section chairman and associate justice of the Texas Supreme Court, is charged with reporting the problems affecting jurisdiction, geographic boundaries, selection, tenure, compensation and retirement of judges in Texas.

Chaired by District Judge Thomas J. Stovall Jr. of Houston, with District Judge Don M. Dean of Amarillo as vice chairman, the commission will prepare a preliminary report to be presented at the Judicial Section Conference in Brownsville, September 25-27.

Describing the commission's purpose, Judge Stovall said it "could assist the Legislature as fact-finders and data-suppliers in their work in these critical areas.

"The adoption of standards in

these vital areas will make a real contribution to the strength of the Texas Judiciary under either the old or (a) new Constitution," Judge Denton said.

Other commission members are: Archie S. Brown, district judge of San Antonio; Galloway Calhoun, Jr., district judge of Tyler; George Cire, district judge of Houston; J.

F. Clawson, Jr., district judge of Belton; Martin Dies, Jr., chief justice, 9th Court of Civil Appeals, Beaumont; Darrell B. Hester, district judge of Brownsville; Charles E. Sherrill, Jr., district judge of Fort Stockton; Claude Williams, chief justice, 5th Court of Civil Appeals, Dallas; and Ardell Young, district judge of Fort Worth.



Meeting in Austin were the following members of the Judicial Manpower and Resource Allocation Committee: standing, left to right, District Judge George Cire, Houston; District Judge Galloway Calhoun, Jr., Tyler; District Judge Darrell Hester, Brownsville; Chief Justice Martin Dies, Jr., 9th Court of Civil Appeals, Beaumont; District Judge Charles Sherrill, Fort Stockton; and District Judge James F. Clawson, Belton. Seated, left to right, are: District Judge Don Dean, Amarillo; Judge James G. Denton, Texas Supreme Court, Austin; District Judge Thomas J. Stovall, Jr., Houston; and Chief Justice Claude Williams, 5th Court of Civil Appeals, Dallas.

# ... And Also Courts Task Force Committee

The Courts Task Force, part of the Courts Subcommittee reviewing national criminal justice standards and goals, met July 11 and August 9 in the State Bar of Texas Building.

The seven-member group will make recommendations to the Courts Subcommittee, one of five subcommittees, to be included in

a final subcommittees' report to the Criminal Justice Standards and Goals Executive Committee meeting in Huntsville in November.

Appointed by Gov. Dolph Briscoe, the 20-member Executive Committee must publish a standards and goals report in order to qualify for LEAA funding in 1976 and subsequent years.

Task force members meeting in the State Bar were: Judge Truman Roberts, chairman of the group and judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals; Judge R. C. Vaughan, 15th District Court, Sherman; Judge Andrew L. Jefferson, 209th District Court, Houston; Richard M. Morehead, chief capitol correspondent, The Dallas Morning News; Judge Tom G. Davis, commissioner, Court of Criminal Appeals; Judge Jose R. Alamia, 92nd District Court, Edinburg; and Dr. George J. Beto, Institute of Contemporary Correction and Behavioral Sciences, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, and former director of the Texas Department of Corrections.

Executive Committee member John F. Onion, presiding judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, also attended.



Courts Task Force members meeting in the State Bar were: standing, left to right, District Judge R. C. Vaughan, Sherman; District Judge Jose R. Alamia, Edinburg; District Judge Andrew Jefferson, Houston; Dr. George J. Beto, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville; and Judge Tom G. Davis, commissioner, Court of Criminal Appeals. Seated, left to right, are: Richard M. Morehead, The Dallas Morning News; Judge Truman Roberts, Court of Criminal Appeals; and Presiding Judge John F. Onion, Court of Criminal Appeals.

## Roberts Elected CLE Chairman; Judges Appointed to CLE Committee

Judge Truman Roberts, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, has been elected chairman of the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, succeeding District Judge Tom Stovall of Houston.

Judge Stovall resigned as chairman but continues as a member of the committee.

Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow, San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals, was elected vice chairman of the committee which serves as the governing body of the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

Judges Roberts and Barrow are former chairmen of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas.

### JUDGES

Nine Texas judges have been appointed to the Juvenile Court Judges Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee by Judge James G. Denton, Texas Supreme Court justice and chairman of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas.

Selected by his fellow committee members as chairman of the committee is County Court-at-Law Judge James M. Farris of Beaumont.

Committee members appointed to three-year terms are: County Judge Barbara Culver of Midland, District Judge M. C. Ledbetter of Morton and District Judge J. W. Summers of Rusk.

Serving two-year terms on the committee are: Judge Farris, County Judge Woody Pond of Canyon and Juvenile Court Judge Lewis F. Russell of Dallas.

Appointed to one-year terms are: County Judge Billy D. Hullum of Canton, District Judge Bill Logue of Waco and Juvenile Court Judge Robert L. Lowry of Houston.

## Juvenile Judges to Meet Nov. 11-13 in Brownwood

A Texas Juvenile Court Judges conference will be held November 11-13 in Brownwood.

It is sponsored by the Texas Center for the Judiciary in cooperation with the nine-member Juvenile Court Judges' Continuing Legal Education Committee.

Tentative plans include a tour of the Brownwood State Home, a preview of the State Master Plan for Juvenile Corrections, session on Title III of the Family Code, national trends in juvenile law, and a panel discussion on the future plans and goals of the Texas Youth Council. It is anticipated that members of the Texas Youth Council Board will serve on the panel.

Noah Weinstein, Circuit Court judge of St. Louis County, Missouri and juvenile judges textbook author, is scheduled to speak at the conference.

Information will be provided to judges with juvenile jurisdiction by the Texas Center.