

# IN CHAMBERS

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## Convening in Cowtown

# Judicial Section elects new leaders

With a record number of judges in attendance, William J. Cornelius, Chief Justice of the 6th Court of Appeals in Texarkana, was elected chairman of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, at the 1983 Judicial Section Conference in Fort Worth, Sept. 27-30.

Also elected by unanimous consent was Judge Raul Longoria of Edinburg, 139th District Court, chairman-elect.

Almost 600 judges from every corner of the state voted in the elections at the conference, an event which provides the rare opportunity for appellate, district and county court at law jurists to meet and discuss matters of mutual interest and importance.

"It certainly was one of our better conferences. We never had more variety in our program than we had here. The program committee did an excellent job," said Judge James F. Clawson, Jr. of Belton, the former Section chairman who presided over the convention.

Originally scheduled for Galveston, the conference was blown off the coast by Hurricane Alicia on Aug.



**Chief Justice Cornelius**

18. Plans were quickly shuffled, and the convention relocated to the downtown Fort Worth Hilton.

"The Fort Worth bar and bench are to be commended for their efforts," Jack H. Dillard, executive director



**Judge Longoria**

of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., said. "Organizing a full slate of extracurricular activities on such short notice is no easy task, but working together we did it."

The quick shift had no negative affect on the educational program either. "The Judicial Branch of Government; Meeting the Challenge of the '80s" was the theme of this year's conference and an array of judicial and legislative leaders lead discussions on germane topics.

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## - Leading Remarks -



**Chairman Cornelius**

by Chief Justice  
William J. Cornelius,  
Judicial Section Chairman

*The Judicial Section faces a year of both challenge and opportunity in 1984. Coming from the Fort Worth Conference, the largest and one of the best we have ever had, we have the interest and the momentum to make great progress this year.*

*The emphasis of the section will continue to be on improvements in the judiciary as it faces the challenges of the 1980s, and on expanded continuing judicial education through the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc.*

*Several recent developments have given impetus to these concerns:*

- *One, Governor White called a Governor's Conference on the Judiciary in Austin on Dec. 9-10. Several of the officers of the Section, including the chairman, chairman-elect, and immediate past chairman participated in this conference.*

- *Two, the Legislature created the House-Senate Select Committee on the Judiciary. Several of our members are also on this committee, as well as Chief Justice Jack Pope.*

- *Third, the enactment by the Legislature of a bill mandating continuing judicial education for all Texas judges.*

- *Finally, the Judicial Budget Board has been created under the direction of the Supreme Court, chaired by Justice Robert Campbell.*

*These developments will give us an excellent opportunity to impress upon the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch the imperative necessity to have some kind of permanent and reliable financing for the Texas Center for the Judiciary, and for adequate staffing, facilities, and equipment for all of our courts. The fact that the other branches of government are now becoming aware of the needs of the judiciary is very encouraging, and we must take advantage of this new interest to press our case for adequate funding for the courts and for the Texas Center. We need your support and will be calling on you for your help.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. J. Cornelius".

## DWI, civil rules top agendas of local seminars

Texas trial court judges will learn about the new and tougher driving while intoxicated laws through a series of regional seminars planned by the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., and scheduled for early next year.

Partly funded through an \$82,000 grant from the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation, the three-day conferences will also provide an overview of restitution centers and an update on the revised rules of civil procedures by three Supreme Court justices.

Five seminars, offering 4 hours of training on the DWI statutes and 3 hours on civil procedures, are planned and will be attended by an estimated 500 judges from throughout the state, said Jack Dillard, the Center's executive Director.

"This new DWI law provides the judiciary with greater opportunity to administer more meaningful sanctions against DWI offenders," Dillard said. "The revised rules on venue, discovery, and sanctions also represent a significant change in the law.

"We also want to inform judges of the concept of restitution centers as alternatives to incarceration. Discussions on how to establish and operate the centers will be on the seminars' agendas," Dillard said.

"We've known for some time that handling the DWI

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# Century-old system gets new review

The last time the Texas Legislature performed a major overhaul on the state's judicial system Richard B. Hubbard was governor, Robert S. Gould was Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court and the American Declaration of Independence was barely a century old.

That was in 1876 when the state had a total of 27 district courts and only 1 appellate bench.

Today there are 450 trial courts and 14 appellate courts. This year alone, Gov. Mark White has made 63 judicial appointments -- nearly twice the number of existing trial courts 106 years ago.

While there has been a growth in the number of courts over the years, other parts of the system have been changed very little.

A variety of organizations and agencies have conducted studies aimed at keeping the system current. None have been as comprehensive and far-reaching as a study being undertaken by the specially-created House-Senate Select Committee on the Judiciary.

"This study is unique because we have a governor interested in the judiciary and we have a committee appointed by the top three state officials, who are interested in the judiciary," said Committee Counsel Mel Hazlewood. "Other studies have emanated from one source. This time everyone, from the governor on down, agrees the work is needed and, thus, the chances for passing reform are enhanced."

District Judge B. B. Schraub, of Seguin, one of five judges on the 18-member committee, is as optimistic

as Hazlewood about the committee's productivity.

"I hope that the work of this committee will result in some meaningful legislation resulting in more appropriate judicial compensation and enhanced protection for the judicial retirement system," he said.

The committee, co-chaired by Rep. Bob Bush of Sherman and Sen. Ray Farabee of Wichita Falls, has been divided into five subcommittees -- indigent representation, service access, jurisdiction, selection, and cri-

minal.

Each subcommittee will garner information on their topic through a number of public hearings. Tentative recommendations will be prepared and presented at the State Bar convention in San Antonio, July 3-6, 1984. Final recommendations will be presented to the full committee on Aug. 1, 1984.

Any necessary legislation will be drafted by the full committee and presented, along with a final report, to the governor in

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## Select Committee on the Judiciary Roster

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## Section conference

general session of the conference were Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Jack Pope and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Presiding Judge John F. Onion, Jr.

Chief Justice Pope, speaking on the state of the judiciary, said judges should remember the important role the judiciary holds in our democratic society.

"We are not a state agency. We are the constitutionally - created third branch of government. We are empowered to administer justice. And the Legislature must give us money to do so," he added.

"There are inconsistencies in the budget because

we're not making a common front. When we go to the Legislature with unity, with a unified budget, then we will have some success," Pope said.

Others who spoke during the opening session included the mayor of Fort Worth, Bob Bolen; the president of the Tarrant County Bar Association, Allen Howeth; and the president of the State Bar of Texas, Blake Tartt.

Bob Lilly, former T.C.U. All-America and seven-time NFL All-Pro Dallas Cowboy, was the featured speaker at

the Wednesday morning inspirational breakfast.

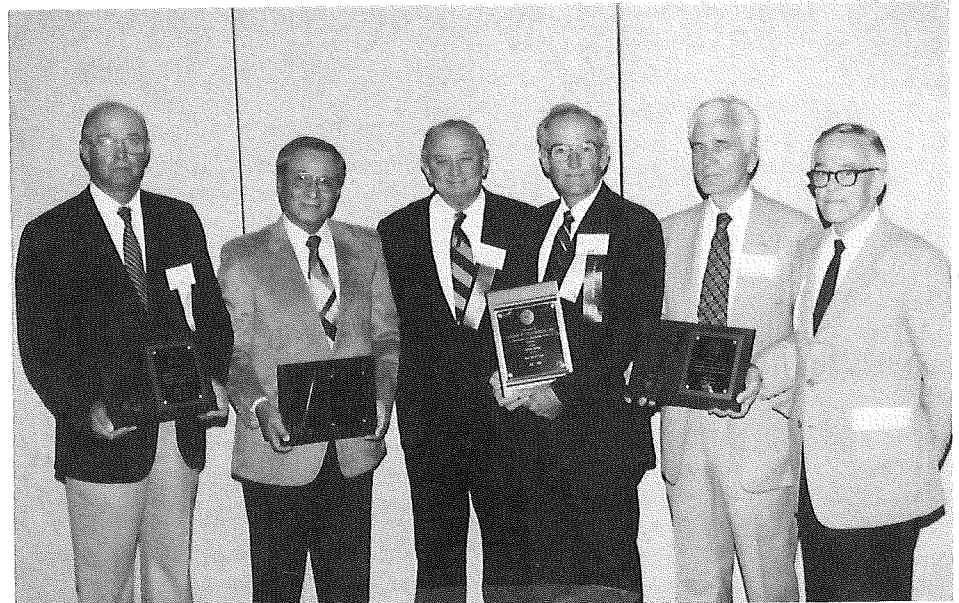
Also on Wednesday, Judge Raul L. Longoria of Edinburg, 139th District Court, presided over a panel discussion on the impact of recent legislation on decision-making and the operation of the courts. Panelists included Judge Ben Z. Grant of Marshall, 71st District Court; Rep. Bob Bush of Sherman; and the executive director of the Texas Judicial Council, C. Raymond Justice of Austin.

A number of state legi-

**NOTEWORTHY SERVICE:** (Right) Out-going executive committee members show plaques awarded by the Section to well-wishers. Pictured (l-r) are: Bob Wright, Jose F. Alamia, Joe R. Greenhill, James F. Clawson, Connally McKay, and Clarence Guittard.

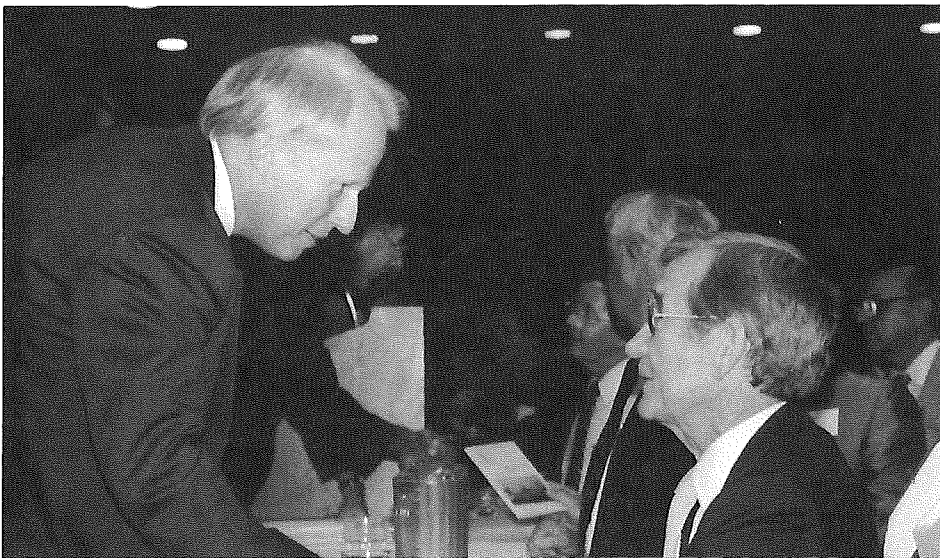
**NEW BEGINNING:** (Below right) Meeting for the first time after their election are new Executive Committee members (l-r) Chief Justice J. W. Summers; Chief Justice William J. Cornelius, Chairman; Judge Harry Hopkins; Judge Rachel Littlejohn, and Judge Raul Longoria, Chairman-Elect.

**THE WAY WE WERE:** (Below) Chief Justice Jack Pope and former Chief Justice Joe Greenhill exchange reflections on the Section's progress since their tenures as Chairman. Pope chaired the section in 1961-62 and Greenhill chaired it in 1969-70.





**STAND AND DELIVER:** (Above) Judge Jim Brady stands to be recognized and welcomed to the judiciary during the conference's opening ceremonies. Brady is one of the 129 new judges who have been appointed or elected to the bench since last year's conference. Judge Ray Grisham (sitting) awaits his turn.



**FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE:** (Left) Sen. Ray Farabee listens to Judge Wayland Holt's comments on the House-Senate Select Committee on the Judiciary, while (below) Rep. Bob Bush entertains Judge James McKay's thoughts on the same subject. Farabee and Bush, co-chairmen of the committee, explained the study's objectives at a conference session.

slators speaking at the conference said they appreciated the opportunity to offer judges their views on the legislative intent and judicial impact of new laws.

Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Gibson D. (Gib) Lewis, speaking at a noon luncheon, called on the judges, as members of the third branch of government, to consider their part in improving the state's school system.

"We're not doing a good job at education in this state, and we need to do something about it through the legislative process," he said.

Other legislators, members of the House-Senate Select Committee on the Judiciary, participated in a panel

discussion outlining the scope and function of the committee. (See related story, p. 3)

Sen. Ray Farabee, chairman of the committee, said, "We plan to study such things as jury size, court delays, court creations, administration, organization, and jurisdiction.

"We want to encourage your participation in this study. That's why we're starting here," he said. "We want your participation, we think it's vital."

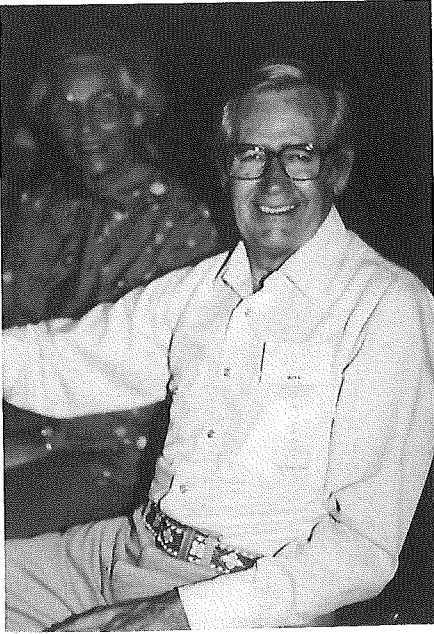
Rep. Bob Bush of Sherman, vice-chairman of the committee, echoed those sentiments when he said, "The Legislature has not forgotten the judiciary. [The committee] represents a recognition on the part of the

Legislature and the governor that we need to work on our judicial system.

"We have no intention of throwing the judiciary out and starting over. We want to work with you -- the experts -- to provide some legislative and financial support to make your job easier," he added.

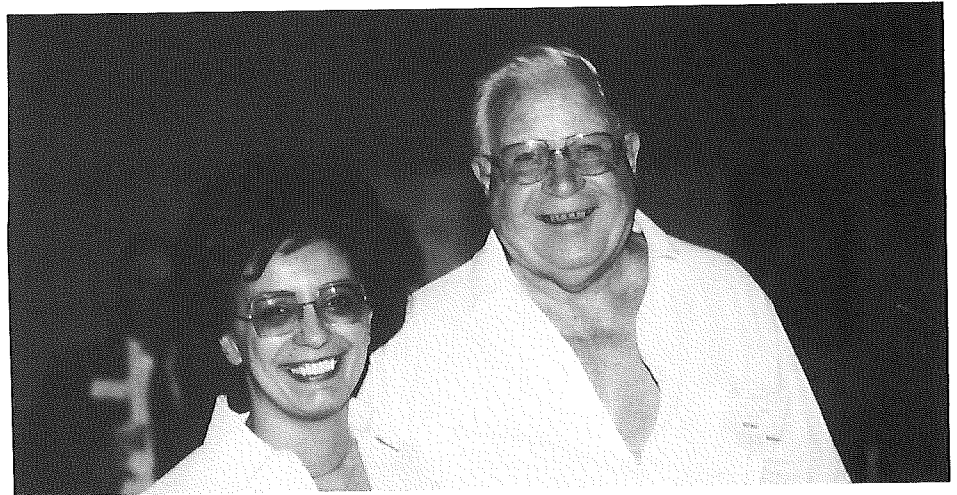
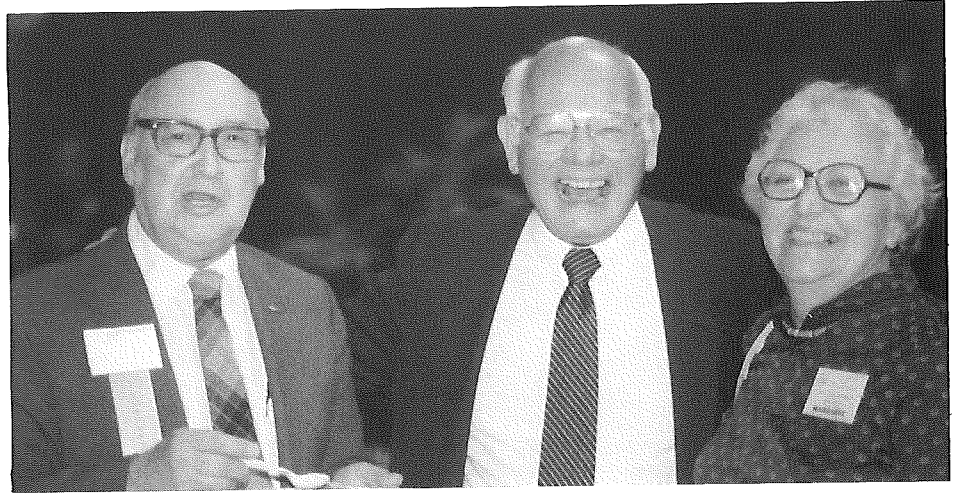
Various members of the judiciary also lead discussions at the conference. Chief Justice Cornelius presided over a panel which discussed the impact of recent judicial decisions on the courts. Panel members included Supreme Court Justice Charles W. Barrow, Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Mike McCormick, and Baylor University School of Law

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**FRIEND INDEED:** (Above) Judge William P. Lott proudly displays his ribbon touting his financial support of the Texas Center as his wife, Ellagene, looks on.

**UTTERLY CONTENT:** (Above right) Justice Norman Utter (center) expresses his appreciation of good food and friends to Judge and Mrs. Jack Blackmon at the Wednesday evening "Super Western Night, Where the West Began."

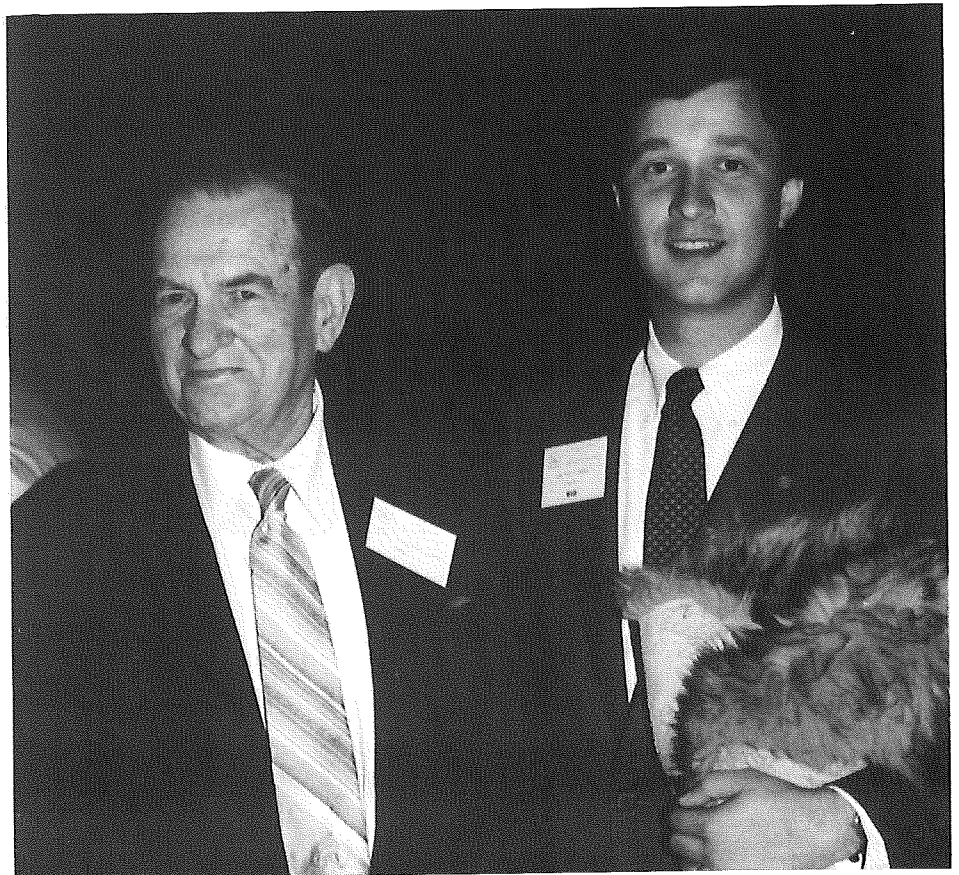


*"The program was excellent and I enjoyed the opportunity to review old acquaintances and meet new friends. Judging from the comments I heard, this meeting will rank among the most successful..."*

*Edward O. Coultas  
Executive Director  
State Bar of Texas*

**LUCK OF THE DRAW:** (Above right) Judge Patricia Lykos of Houston congratulates Presiding Judge E. E. Jordan of Amarillo on his unexpected good fortune. Jordan won a pair of cowboy boots, one of several prizes the Tarrant County Bar Association awarded as door prizes at the Wednesday evening event.

**YEARS OF WISDOM:** The oldest Texas judge at the conference, retired District Judge and former state senator Wardlow Lane, 88, offers the youngest judge in the state, 298th District Court Judge Sidney A. Fitzwater, 30, tips on judicial decision-making. The Tarrant County Bar Association awarded the two door prizes for their age extremism.

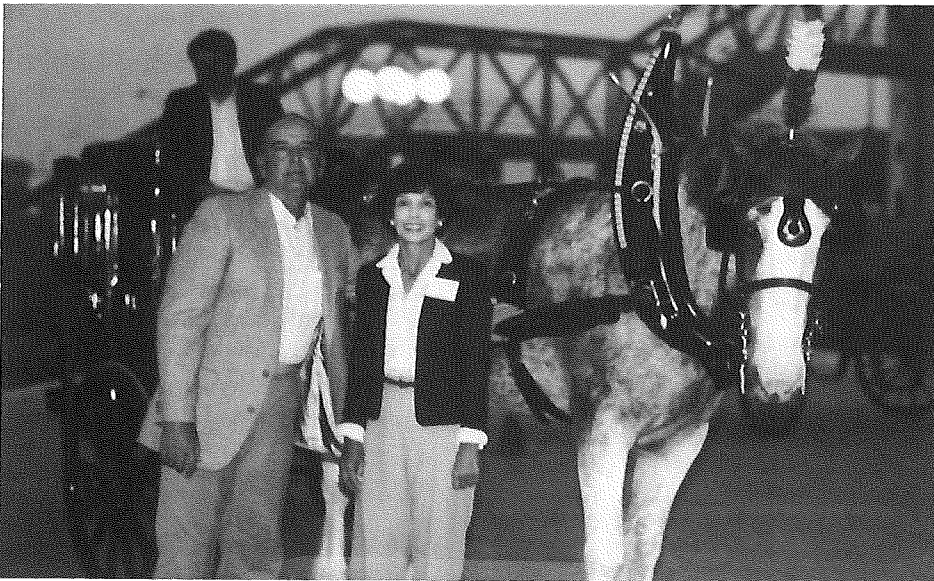




**AFTER-DINNER SPEAKING:** (Left) District Judge Lanny R. Ramsay and Mrs. Connally McKay share yet another laugh with humorist Leonard Passmore.

**HOOFIN' IT:** Judge Paul Ferguson and his wife, Mary, are willing to verify a one-horse powered vehicle is still a viable means of transportation. Provided by the Tarrant County Bar Association, the carriages delivered conference participants to the Wednesday evening B-B-Q at the convention center without a hitch.

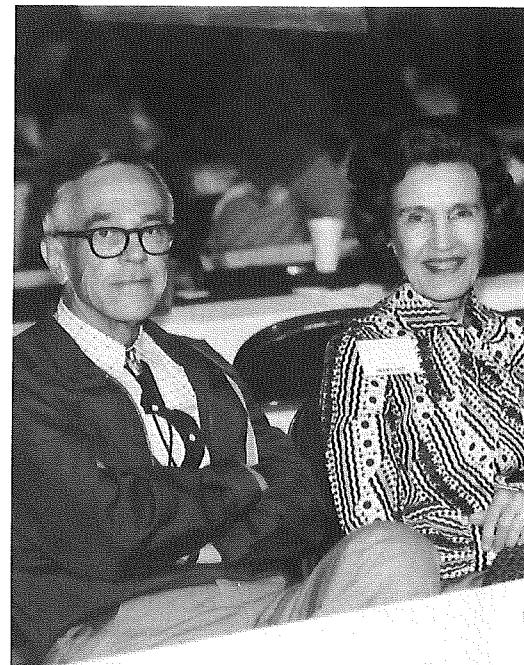
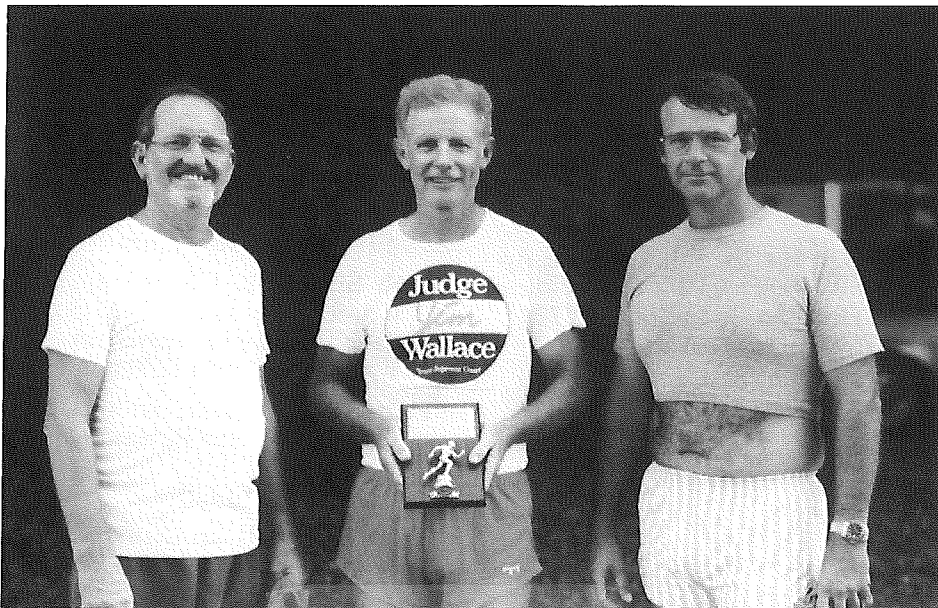
**SUPREME RUNNING:** (Below left) Supreme Court Judge Jim Wallace proudly shows his first place trophy to close runner-ups Judge Sam Robertson and Judge Gus Strauss. Wallace topped the field of 15 in the Trinity River 5,000K "Fun" Run with a time of 21:14.



*"I found the programs intellectually challenging and often they initiated new thoughts."*

*Hon. Ann Terrall Cochran  
Judge, 98th District  
Court, Houston*

**FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING:** (Below) Chief Justice Clarence A. Guittard and his wife, Mary Lou, enjoy a moment of relaxation Wednesday evening, midway through the conference. At the Section business meeting on Friday, Guittard was re-elected secretary-treasurer, a position he has held for six years.



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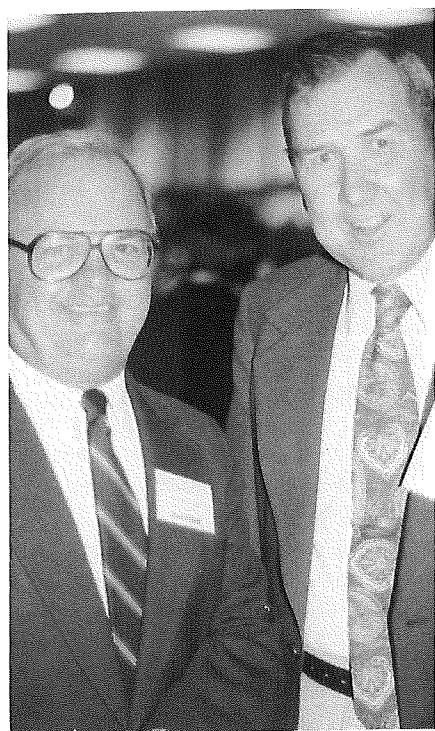
## Section conference

Professor David M. Guim.

On Thursday, Judge Thomas J. Stovall, Jr. of Houston, newly-appointed presiding judge of the 2nd Administrative District, and Sam Houston State University Professor Charles Friel spoke on the courts in the future.

Judge Barbara G. Culver of Midland, 318th District Court, presided over the afternoon session that included a discussion by Justice John T. Boyd of Amarillo, 7th Court of Appeals, on the function and operation of the Judicial Qualifications Commission and a discussion of the benefits and available options of the judicial retirement system by Judge B. B. Schraub of Seguin, 25th District Court.

**BENCH NOTES:** (Below) Judge Raleigh Brown and Supreme Court Justice Charles Barrow swap shop talk during a break between conference sessions.



The Judicial Section's business meeting was held on Friday morning. In addition to the election of Chairman

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*"This was the largest and most successful conference we've had to date."*

*Chief Justice Charles Reynolds  
7th Court of Appeals  
Amarillo*

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Cornelius, three new members were elected to the Section's executive committee. They are: Chief Justice J.

**YOU BE THE JUDGE:** (Right) Two of the newest members of the judiciary share more than a conversation about their recent career change. Houston District Judge Lupe Salinas and Laredo District Judge Elma Teresa Salinas have a common last name, but are not related.

**THREE'S COMPANY:** (Below) Supreme Court Justice William Kilgarlin, District Judge Charles L. Price, and Supreme Court Justice James Wallace take a break from conference meetings to talk of their common interest. They are the only three people who have sat on the 315th District Court bench in Harris County.

W. Summers of Tyler, 12th Court of Appeals; Judge Harry Hopkins of Weatherford, 43rd District Court; and Judge W. Rachel Littlejohn of Beeville, 156th District Court.



After the meeting, Chairman Cornelius appointed

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*"I found the general fellowship most rewarding."*  
Hon. Royal Hart  
51st District Court  
San Angelo

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members to the Section's nine standing committees. For a complete listing of the appointments sees pages 8 and 9. ☼

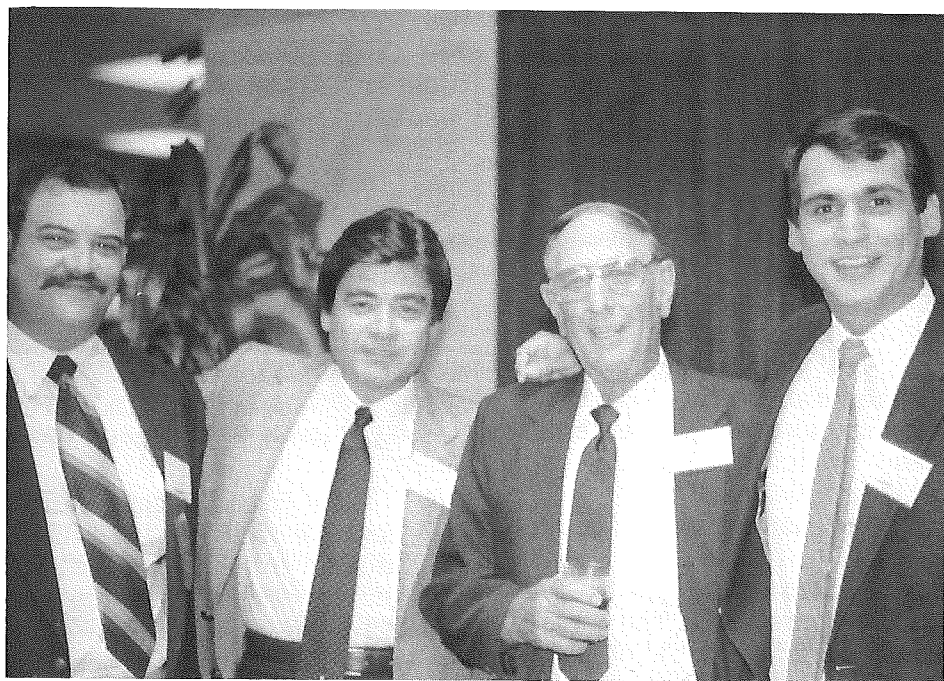
## Texas Center also chooses new leaders

Chief Justice William Cornelius was unanimously selected chairman of the board of directors for the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., at the Center's annual corporate business meeting held at the Judicial Section Conference in Fort Worth, Nov. 30.

Also elected were Judge Paul F. Ferguson of Angleton, 149th District Court,

vice-chairman, and Judge Clarence N. Stevenson of Victoria, 24th District Court, secretary-treasurer.

Members chose three new directors to the Center's board: Judge Morris W. Hassell of Rusk, 2nd District Court; Judge Mike McCormick of Austin, Court of Criminal Appeals; and Judge Lloyd W. Perkins of Sherman, County Court at Law #2.



**OPEN COURT:** (Left) Members of the Rio Grande valley delegation swap stories on their experiences in the northern part of the state. Pictured (l-r) are: Mario Ramirez, Arturo E. Guerra, Jr., both of Edinburg; Harry Lewis of Brownsville; and Fortunato (Pete) Benavides, also of Edinburg.

**SPECIAL FRIENDS:** (Below left) Two of the nine administrative judicial districts in the state are well represented at the conference by Lois Suggs (left), secretary to 2nd Administrative District Presiding Judge Max Rogers, and Sarah Kelly, wife of 4th Administrative District Presiding Judge Joe E. Kelly.

**A COUPLE OF SMILES:** Chief Justice Charles L. Reynolds and his wife, Nelmarie, take a well-deserved break after a long day at the conference.



# Rogers resigns, leaves impact on judiciary

Max Maurice Rogers, after 43 years as judge of the 2nd Administrative Judicial District of Texas, 28 years as a state district judge, and 56 years as a licensed attorney, retired Nov. 10.

A large crowd of state and local elected-officials, associates, family and friends honored Judge Rogers at a formal ceremony at the Walker County Courthouse, where he had offices for almost half a century.

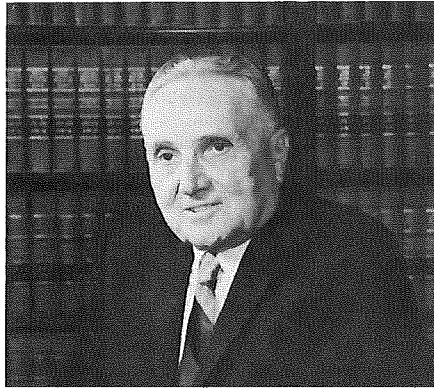
Dr. George Beto, former director of the Texas Department of Corrections for 10 years and presently a distinguished professor at Sam Houston State University, said, "Judge Rogers administered with eminent fairness to judges, to lawyers, and to litigants. Above all, he discharged his duties and obligations with integrity.

"It was not without cause that twenty-five years ago the prestigious Fortune Magazine, in selecting the twelve outstanding state judges in the United States, listed Max Rogers among those twelve.

"Today we mark his retirement. His example will continue to influence all of us, particularly the judiciary of Texas, for years to come," added Dr. Beto.

Judge Thomas J. Stovall, Jr. of Houston, 129th District Court, who has assumed the administrative post vacated by Judge Rogers, praised his predecessor for the 43 years he served as presiding judge.

"Judge Rogers has pioneered many improvements in trial court administration and, through his counsel and encouragement of young judges, has strengthened the judicial process immeasura-



**Presiding Judge  
Max M. Rogers**

bly over the years," said Stovall.

Judge Rogers, 80, began his law career after attending Baylor and Vanderbilt Universities and studying law at the University of Texas. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1927.

Two years later, he was elected district attorney for Leon and Walker counties, which included Huntsville, headquarters of the Texas Department of Corrections.

"That was the Clyde Barrow-Bonnie Parker era," Rogers said in an interview published in the Houston Post.

The notorious couple were instrumental in a 1933 Texas prison break in which one guard was killed. Rogers tried the escapees, gang members Raymond Hamilton and Joe Palmer, and won their death sentences.

"We had lots of those things. That was the era when so many state banks were being robbed. That's when the Texas Bankers Association posted a reward of \$5,000 for every dead bank robber. They didn't want them captured or tried, they wanted them killed."

In 1937, Rogers became a state district judge, an office he held until 1965.

He was named presiding judge of the 2nd Administrative District in 1940 by then Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel.

The district, then composed of 33 counties and 23 district courts, now includes 34 counties -- ranging from the rural to the metropolitan areas including Harris, Galveston, and Jefferson counties -- and 106 courts.

Judge Rogers served under a total of ten governors -- Coke Stevenson, Beauford Jester, Allan Shivers, Price Daniel, John Connally, Preston Smith, Dolph Briscoe, William Clements, and Mark White. During that same period, he worked with six chief justices, beginning with Judge W. F. Moore and continuing through Judges James P. Alexander, J. E. Hickman, Robert W. Calvert, Joe R. Greenhill, and Jack Pope.

As a judge, Rogers helped resolve many trials that attracted public attention, including a challenge to the election authorizing the sale of bonds to finance the Houston Astrodome and a suit to prevent drugstores from selling liquor.

Judge Rogers resigned as state district judge in 1965 in order to dedicate himself full-time to his administrative position in which he was responsible for the dockets of all the courts in the district and for seeing that cases were quickly processed.

Judge Rogers has said, after cleaning out his desk, he intends to preside over the Leon County ranch that his family has owned since the Civil War. ●

# Nay receives coordinators' Barrow Award

Charles E. Nay, associate director of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, is the 1983 recipient of the Charles W. Barrow Award.

"I was very surprised," said Nay after the presentation of the award at the seventh annual Texas Association for Court Administration conference in Austin, Nov. 26.

"There were a lot of people more deserving than I. I am really honored because it is a very prestigious award, just consider the previous recipients," he added.

Nay is the third recipient of the Barrow Award, created in 1981 by the Texas Association of Court Administrators (TACA) to honor an individual who is or has been a court administrator and has contributed the most toward enhancing the profession and serving the judiciary.

Bob Wessels, Harris County courts manager, was the first recipient. Randy Kitchen, court administrator for the criminal court in Beaumont (Jefferson County), was honored last year.

The award was esta-



**A WINNING COMBINATION:** Supreme Court Justice Charles Barrow (second from left) congratulates Charles E. Nay, this year's recipient of the TACA award that bears his name, as two former recipients, Randy Kitchen (left) and Bob Wessels, add their compliments.

lished in honor of Texas Supreme Court Justice Charles Barrow. Justice Barrow is the Court's representative to the TACA advisory board, and is credited with playing an instrumental role in the development of court administration.

Nay, associate director of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., has extensive experience in the Texas judicial system. Before joining the Center's staff in 1981, he served as administrative director of the Judicial Coordinating Committee, the planning agency of

the Supreme Court of Texas.

From 1971 to 1976, Nay served as court coordinator for Judge Dan E. Walton of the 178th District Court in Harris County. He was court administrator for the ten courts in Nueces County from 1976 to 1979.

A graduate of Abilene Christian College (B.S., 1974), Nay earned his M.A. degree with a major in management from Texas A & I in 1977. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Court Management. He is also president of the National Council of Judicial Planning. ☉

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Five main areas of concern will be studied, Hazlewood said. They are: jurisdiction, administration, judicial selection, court creation, and the judicial retirement system.

"We are concerned about things such as overcrowded dockets. The system must be changed so that judicial person power is located where it is needed," said Hazlewood.

"There are justifiable concerns about permanent funding for judicial education and the retirement system going broke. And our selection system is archaic; it's an orphan of the last century crying for change at the Legislature's doorstep."

Hazlewood anticipates receiving suggestions from an array of people involved in the judicial system.

"But we need more input from judges. We want the

people with their hands on the gavels to tell us what changes they feel are needed and where they think improvements can be made," he said.

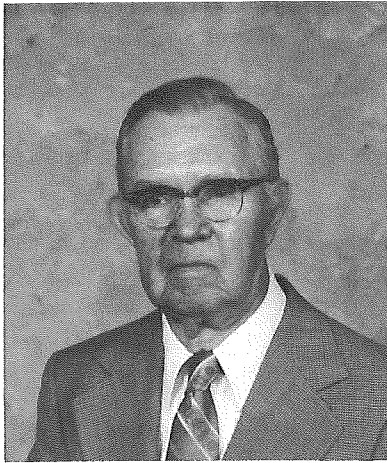
Comments or suggestions for the study should be submitted to committee members or: Mr. Mel Hazlewood, Committee Counsel, House-Senate Select Committee on the Judiciary, P.O. Box 12064, Austin, Texas, 78711, (512) 475-2150. ☉

## New review

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# **In Memoriam:**

## **District Judge Paul Gentry Brown**



Retired District Judge Paul Gentry Brown died June 27 in Henderson. He was 86.

Judge Gentry sat on the 4th District Court from 1952-54, and served as a retired judge from 1954 until his death.

After earning his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Texas, Judge Gentry returned to Breckenridge, Stephens County and began private practice. He served as district attorney of the 90th Judicial District in 1925 and as a special District Judge of Rusk County from 1935 to 1944.

Judge Gentry was a 50-year member of the State Bar of Texas and a lifetime member of the East Texas Boy Scouts of America, receiving the Silver Beaver Award in Scouting in 1947.

He was also a member of the Rusk County Bar Association, the American Legion, and a past president of the Henderson Kiwanis Club.

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## **Federal Judge Allen Burroughs Hannay**

Federal Judge Allen Burroughs Hannay, who was the oldest active federal judge in the United States, died Oct. 22 in Houston. He was 91.

Judge Hannay, born in Hempstead, entered Texas A & M in 1909 at the age of 15 and marked time studying agriculture until he was 18 and old enough to enter the University of Texas. He received his law degree in 1913, and returned home to practice law with his father.

On Aug. 11, 1915, he was appointed Waller County Judge, becoming, at the age of 23, the nation's youngest county judge. He served until his enlistment in the U.S. Army in World War I.

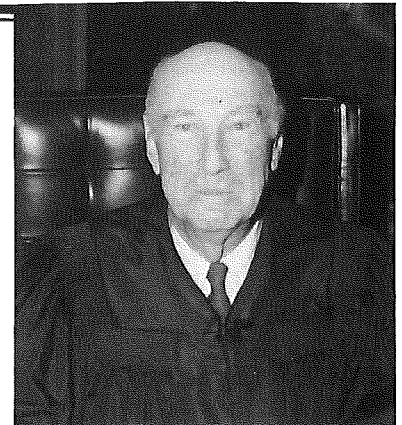
In 1930, Gov. Dan Moody named him judge of the newly created 113th District Court. It was an unpaid job for 18 months because the Legislature forgot to provide for a salary.

He served there until President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed him to his federal post on Aug. 12, 1942.

For years, he worked as the only federal judge -- without even a law clerk -- for the Southern District of Texas, which included Houston, Corpus Christi, Brownsville and Laredo.

He was chief judge of the district from 1954 to Feb. 14, 1962.

Judge Hannay took senior status, or semi-retirement, in August 1975, and continued to handle cases up until this year.



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## **District Judge J. T. Suggs**

Former District Judge J.T. Suggs died Oct. 20 in Waco. He was 78.

A graduate of the University of Texas School of Law, Judge Suggs began practicing law in Denison. He was elected to the 59th District Court in Grayson County in 1938.

He resigned from the bench in 1944 and moved to Dallas to become general counsel of the Texas & Pacific Railroad Co. In 1947, he became vice president and general counsel of the railroad and its president in 1958. After its merger with Missouri-Pacific in 1962, Judge Suggs was elected chairman of the board, a post he held until retiring in 1970.

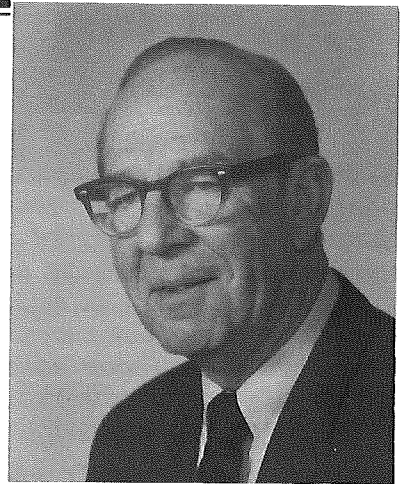
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## **County Judge John Maurice Turner**

John Maurice Turner, a former Bee County Judge, died June 29 in Beeville. He was 72.

Judge Turner served as a county judge from 1971 to 1974. While on the bench, he conducted a work-release program for county jail inmates and worked to get federal funds for a Bee County Health Center. He also served as chairman of the Bee County Community Action Agency and was president of the Coastal Bend Council of Governments.

After attending San Marcos Baptist Academy and Schreiner Institute, Judge Turner graduated from Southern Methodist University Law School in 1938. He served as Bee County attorney from 1950 to 1952.



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## **County Judge John Alvin Winder**

Former County Judge John Alvin Winder died Sept. 17 in Decatur. He was 68.

Judge Winder served as Wise County judge from 1959-1974. During his 16-years in county office he faced an election opponent only during his first and final campaigns.

Judge Winder was a Mason and a Shriner and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church in Decatur.

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## **District Judge Jack Woodley**

District Judge Jack Woodley, who sat on the 38th Judicial District bench for nine years, died Oct. 31 in Uvalde. He was 68.

Appointed to the district bench in 1975 by then-Gov. Dolph Briscoe, Judge Woodley had served 12 years previously as Uvalde County judge.

A native of Sabinal where he was a lifelong resident, Judge Woodley was the nephew of Judge K.K. Woodley, former presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Judge Woodley attended Schreiner Institute and Cumberland University in Tennessee, where he received his LL.B. degree. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1939 and began practicing at that time.

In 1950, Judge Woodley first ran for public office and won the Uvalde County judge race. He successfully ran unopposed until 1958.

Judge Woodley served as president of the Uvalde County Bar Association, and was a member of the Border District Bar Association and the State Bar of Texas.



*EDITOR'S NOTE: Memorial funds are established through donations to the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc. Acknowledgement of a donation to the Center in memory of a judge is sent to the family. Contributors' names are also published each month under the "JUDICIAL NOTICES" column of this publication.*

## ETHICS OPINIONS

### OPINION NO. 68

*QUESTION: Would judges who participate in a central jury system violate the code of judicial conduct by sending a form letter expressing their appreciation to those persons who reported for jury duty, including those not selected as jurors?*

**ANSWER:** Your ethics committee is of the opinion that if the contents of the letter is a genuine expression of appreciation, the letter is mailed routinely when the panel is discharged, and the signatory privileges are rotated regularly, that such a letter would be appropriate.

Canon 3A(3) requires a judge to be courteous to jurors. Canon 2 requires that a judge avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all of her activities, and Canon 7A requires that any candidate for Judicial office, including an incumbent judge, should refrain from conduct which might tend to arouse reasonable belief that she is using the power or prestige of her judicial position to promote her own candidacy. If the content and timing of mailing the letter of appreciation meet the criteria of these three canons the letter would be appropriate.

The committee sees no impropriety in the county bearing the costs of such a letter, if the costs do not become prohibitive. Consideration might be given to attaching such a letter to each panel members check when mailed.

### OPINION NO. 69

*QUESTION: May a judge ethically write letters of appreciation to persons who have served as jurors in her court?*

**ANSWER:** Yes. However, the committee is of the opinion that the judge should avoid the appearance of impropriety in selecting the content of the letter. The judge should also mail the letter immediately after the service has been rendered on a routine basis. See Canons 2, 3A(3) and 7A.

The committee is aware that judges throughout the state are continually making speeches wherein they are stressing the importance of the jury system and urging that all persons report when summoned for jury duty. Thus, for a judge to say "thank you", to those who have given of themselves and their time by serving as jurors, appears to be logical and appropriate.

### OPINION NO. 70

*QUESTION: 1. Would a judge be in violation of any section of the Code of Judicial Conduct by serving as an organizer of a new bank?*

*2. Would a judge be in violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct if the judge's spouse serves as a director on the board of a publicly owned corporation?*

In each of the above situations, neither the judge nor spouse would trade on or emphasize the fact of the judge's position as a judicial officer.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 1:** The committee is of the opinion that the Code of Judicial Conduct does not specifically prohibit a judge from serving as an organizer of a new bank. Canon 5C(2) permits a judge to hold and manage investments and engage in other remunerative activities, including the operation of the business.

When making such an investment, however, the judge must comply with paragraph C (1) of Canon 5, which requires a judge to refrain from financial or business dealings that tend to reflect adversely on his impartiality, interfere with the proper performance of his judicial duties, exploit his judicial position or involve him in frequent transactions with lawyers or other persons likely to come before the court on which he serves. In his business dealing, the judge must also comply with Canon 5C (3) which required him to divest himself of interests that might require frequent disqualification (see Canon 3C and Canon 2B), which prohibits him from lending the prestige of his office to advance the private interest of others.

Subject to the stated conditions, the investment in question is permissible under the Code.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 2:** The committee is of the opinion that the Code of Judicial Conduct does not prohibit a judge's spouse from serving as a director on the board of a publicly owned corporation. The committee suggests, however, that a spouse should serve under his or her own name. The judge is disqualified any proceeding involving the company. [Canon 3C(1)(c)]



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## SEMINARS

problem must be done on a local level," said John McKay, alcohol program manager for the highway department. "And a judge represents the justice system of the county and the state.

"The seminars will cover the whole gambit -- enforcement, prosecution, adjudication, treatment, rehabilitation, and public information education. We think they are one way to reach public officials that are key elements in the solution," McKay added.

The highway department contracted with the Center to sponsor the Center's seminars because its other seminars have a high attendance record, McKay said. The Department offered a one-day seminar on DWI in five cities last year, but was disappointed with the low turnout attracted.

Supreme Court Justice William W. Kilgarlin, who will lecture on sanctions (including contempt) at the conferences, said the Center's seminars will afford trial judges with two opportunities.

"First, they will enable judges to familiarize themselves with certain segments of the rules on civil procedures, and secondly, they will gain insights in how to implement these rules," said Kilgarlin.

"These rules are more than just a codification. They represent some broad and far-reaching changes particularly in the areas of discovery and sanction for discovery abuse.

"Furthermore, the Supreme Court will approve this course of study, and attending one of these regional conferences will afford each judge an opportunity to

satisfy his or her mandatory judicial education requirements," he said.

Other Supreme Court judges on the faculty are Justice James P. Wallace, speaking on venue, and Justice Charles W. Barrow, who will lecture on discovery.

Former Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Carl E. F. Dally (now an assistant state's attorney) will present a paper on the scope of the new DWI law. County Court at Law Judge J. Q. Warnick, Jr. of Lubbock will speak on the state's pleadings and the court's charge. Calvin Hartmann, assistant district attorney Harris County, and Randy Schaffer, Houston attorney, Schaffer, Lambright, and Odom, will discuss the constitutional issues in the DWI statute.

County Court-at-Law Judge Robert Blackmon of Corpus Christi will present a paper on DWI sentencing, and Criminal District Court Judge Larry J. Gist of Beaumont will round out the DWI program with a discussion on the role of the judge in a DWI trial.

The Texas Center is currently preparing a DWI Judicial Alternatives Manual to distribute in conjunction with the lectures. Invitations will be mailed to eligible judges approximately one month prior to the seminar in their region. For seminar dates and locations, see the JUDICIAL CALENDAR, p. 20.

Justice Richard N. Countiss, 7th Court of Appeals, Amarillo, is dean of the regional College.

Associate Deans are: District Judge Jack Blackmon of Corpus Christi; District Judge Pete Solito of Houston; District Judge Sam Houston of Lewisville; Justice Annette Stewart of Dallas; and District Judge Bob Wright of Lubbock. ●

## Texas judges to see foreign counterparts

Judge James F. Clawson, Jr., immediate past chairman of the Judicial Section, will lead a delegation of Texas judges and lawyers on a goodwill mission around the world next spring.

People to People International, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement of international relations through travel, selected Judge Clawson to lead the inspection mission that will visit China, Russia and Finland.

The delegation will depart April 23 from San Francisco, and travelers are scheduled to take in numerous visitations with professional counterparts as well as participate in meetings and interviews with representatives of the United States and foreign governments.

The three-week trip will take the U.S. citizens to the Peoples Republic of China; Moscow and Leningrad in Russia; and Helsinki, Finland.

Membership in the People to People delegation is limited to official and personal invitation only.

The entire mission is sponsored and organized by the national office of the People to People travel program, which has headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. Its purpose is to promote understanding and goodwill, to tell the story of democracy during face to face visitations and to improve relations and feelings toward the American people, a spokeswoman said.

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**NEW COMMISSIONER**

Judge F. P. Benavides of Edinburg, 92nd District Court, has been appointed by Governor Mark White to sit on the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission.

Judge Benavides replaces Judge Robert Baum and will serve on the commission

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"We chose Judge Clawson because we feel he will be able to find people who represent our country well," said Irene Herbert of People to People, International.

Delegates will pay their own expenses and will be limited to the first 38 people registered. Invitations will be mailed in January, 1984. Anyone desiring information earlier should call Judge Clawson at (817) 939-3521 or (817) 773-6778.



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until Aug. 31, 1989. As a member of the Hidalgo County Juvenile Board, Judge Benavides directly supervises the administration and programs for the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Department including the operation of the Juvenile Detention Center and the Youth Village.

**STEPPING DOWN FROM THE BENCH**

Chief Justice John C. Phillips announced in October that he will not seek re-election to the 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin when his term expires Dec. 31, 1984. Chief Justice Phillips has been on the court since 1963 and has served as chief justice since 1967.

Before his election to the Court of Appeals in 1962, the chief justice practiced law in Austin. He is a former FBI agent and a former trust examiner for the Texas Railroad Commissioner.

Associate Justice W. A. Hughes, Jr. of the 2nd Court of Appeals in Fort Worth has announced that he too will step down next year, after 27 years on the bench.

Justice Hughes received his law degree from Baylor University. He began his long judicial career on Jan. 1, 1957, when he took office as judge of the 43rd District Court, which then covered parts of Parker, Jack and Wise counties. In 1971, he took charge of the newly created 235th District Court for Cooke, Wise and Jack counties. He was appointed to the appeals court in 1976 by then-Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

**...AND STEPPING UP**

**Marilyn Aboussie** was appointed judge of the newly-created 340th District Court in Tom Green County Sept. 1.

**Jose J. Baca** assumed the judgeship of the new 346th District Court in El Paso County Sept. 1.

**Mary Bacon** was appointed to the newly-created 338th District Court in Harris County Sept. 1.

**E. Paul Banner** is now judge of the 196th District Court of Hunt County. Gov. Mark White appointed Banner, to the bench following the resignation of District Judge William C. "Bill" Parker of Greenville, Oct. 1.

**Robert N. Burdette** was appointed to the newly-created 337th District Court bench in Harris County Aug. 2 by Governor White.

**Joe Bruce Cunningham** sits on the new 342nd District Court bench in Tarrant County. His gubernatorial appointment was on Sept. 1.

**Paul R. Davis, Jr.** was appointed Sept. 14 as judge of the 200th District Court in Travis County. Judge Davis replaces retiring Judge Charles D. Mathews.

**Juan Francisco Gallardo** was named to the new 345th District Court bench in Travis County Sept. 14.

**District Judge John Hill** was appointed to the newly created judgeship on the 2nd Court of Appeals in

Fort Worth. Judge Hill became the seventh judge on the court which has been expanded twice in the last two years.

**Dean Huckabee** was named to the 247th District Court in Harris County to replace Judge Bruce Wettman, who resigned Oct. 31.

**Ray F. Grisham** was appointed to the new 336th District Court bench in Fannin and Grayson counties. A Court Master in Grayson County since 1981, Judge Grisham assumed the bench Sept. 1.

**Joe F. Grubbs** assumed the judicial duties of the newly-created County Court at Law in Ellis County Sept. 1.

**James D. McNicholas**, who was appointed justice of the 9th Court of Appeals in Jefferson County Oct. 4, replaces resigning Justice Harold R. Clayton of Beaumont.

**Mickey R. Pennington** was appointed to the 38th District Court in Uvalde, Medina and Real Counties Nov. 7. Judge Pennington replaces Judge Jack Woodley who died in office. See *In Memoriam*.

**Jorge C. Rangel** sits on the newly-created 347th District Court in Nueces County following a Sept. 16 gubernatorial appointment.

**Alonzo T. Rodriguez** assumed the new judgeship of the 343rd District Court in Aransas, Bee, Live Oak, McMullen and San Patricio Counties Sept. 1.

**Elma Teresa Salinas** became the first Mexican-American woman in Texas to assume a district bench when she was appointed to the

341st District Court in Webb County on Sept. 1.

**Lupe Salinas** was appointed to the new 339th District Court in Harris County and assumed his judicial duties Sept. 1.

**Michael D. Schattman** now serves on the newly-created 348th District Court in Tarrant County. Judge Schattman was a County Court-at-Law judge in Fort Worth.

**District Judge Thomas J. Stovall, Jr.** is the new presiding judge of the 2nd Administrative Judicial District. Judge Stovall replaces Judge Max M. Rogers who resigned Nov. 4. Judge Stovall has been judge of the 129th District Court since 1958.

**Frank W. Sullivan, III**, replaces Judge John Hill, who now sits on the 2nd Court of Appeals, on the 322nd District Court bench in Tarrant County.

**Judge Hugo Touchy**, judge of the Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 3, was named to replace Judge Thomas Stovall in the 129th District Court. Judge Stovall now presides over the 2nd Administrative Judicial District.

**Juan Velasquez III** became judge of Victoria County Court at Law #2 Sept. 1.

Andrew L. Vogel, appointed Sept. 6 to County Court at Law #2 in Tarrant County, replaces Judge Michael Schattman, who now sits on the 348th District Court.

**Carroll E. Wilborn, Jr.** was appointed to the new 344th District Court in Chambers County and assumed the bench Sept. 1.

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**JUDICIAL CALENDAR**



**1984 CONFERENCES**

**South Texas Judicial Conference**

January 25-27, 1984  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**Criminal Justice Conference**

May 9-11, 1984  
Huntsville, Texas

**Southeast Texas Judicial  
Conference**

February 15-17, 1984  
Huntsville, Texas

**Court Management Seminar**

June 18-22, 1984  
Huntsville, Texas

**Central Texas Judicial Conference**

March 7-9, 1984  
Wichita Falls, Texas

**Annual Judicial**

**Section Conference**  
September 25-29, 1984  
Galveston, Texas

**Northeast Texas Judicial  
Conference**

March 28-30, 1984  
Longview, Texas

**Texas Association of  
Court Administration**

October 23-26, 1984  
Austin, Texas

**West Texas Judicial Conference**

April 18-20, 1984  
Amarillo, Texas

**Juvenile Justice Seminar**

November 9-11, 1984  
Austin, Texas

**Texas College for New Judges**

November 25-30, 1984  
Huntsville, Texas

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*It was the first time in Texas history that the Governor hosted a statewide conference to meet with leaders of the judiciary and the legislature. "I've been in the judiciary for 20 years, and this is the first time I've felt comfortable with a dialogue between the three equal branches of government," Chief Justice Charles Reynolds of Amarillo told Gov. Mark White. The Governor responded: "This conference should provide a starting point for true judicial reform." Conference results in the next, In Chambers.*

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