

Harvard Offers Community Problem-solving Programs

Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government is offering programs to help communities solve problems connected with drugs, crime, and youth violence.

These programs will help participants to work together across disciplines to address these problems and to sustain long-term efforts. More specifically, these programs will allow participants to obtain a state-of-the-art view of "what works" in controlling drugs, drug-related crime, and youth violence; learn the most effective analytical techniques for defining problems and setting goals; develop effective strategies appropriate to their communities; understand and overcome the challenges involved in collaborative efforts; and cement working partnerships across agency boundaries. Participants will also be able to build a network of colleagues in other cities who are facing similar challenges.

The Kennedy School's first such program, "Merging Perspectives on Drugs and Crime," was held from July 16 to 28, 2000, and was designed to help community leaders from all related agencies and disciplines to address drugs and crime. "Community Problem-solving Approaches to Drugs and Crime"

(January 14-19, 2001, with a follow-up session July 5-8, 2001) and "Community Problem-solving Approaches to Youth Violence" (January 28-February 2, 2001, with a follow-up session September 6-9, 2001) are designed for community teams.

For a program brochure and application materials, send an e-mail to Isadora_de_los_Reyes/FS/KSG@ksg.harvard.edu or contact Kennedy School Executive Program Enrollment Services at (617) 496-0484. For more information, contact Will Brownsberger, faculty program director, at (617) 489-2612 or e-mail wbrownsb@bellatlantic.net. 

NJC Offers Discounts to AJA Members

The National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, is offering a 25 percent discount to members of the American Judges Association. This discount can be applied to any nonscholarship course offered by NJC.

NJC hopes that this discount will encourage more judges to attend a course for the first time and more NJC alumni to further improve their judicial skills, productivity, and expertise. For more information, call (800) 25-JUDGE or (702) 784-6747. 

IN MEMORIAM

Seymore H. Brown

Seymore H. Brown, chief judge of the Las Vegas Municipal Court and member of the American Judges Association, died of a liver ailment on June 16, 2000, just two weeks after retiring from his 27-year career on the Las Vegas bench. He was 70 years old.

Mayor Oscar Goodman and the Las Vegas City Council had declared June 7, 2000, to be a special day in his honor.

"He virtually created our muni court system as we know it today," said Mayor Goodman, "and it has become one of the best in the country. We thank him and we will miss him."

During his tenure, Judge Brown brought about several innovations to jail sentencing. He started municipal court branch offices, where offenders could pay their fines closer to their neighborhoods instead of having to go to city hall. His court-mandated house arrest program,

the first in southern Nevada, saved the city an estimated \$4 million during its first six years. He was among the first judges in the nation to establish a computerized courtroom, and he initiated video arraignments and proceedings. His programs have been used as models in the United States and other countries.

His contributions to judicial administration have been recognized in Nevada and nationwide. He was voted Judge of the Year by the Nevada Judges Association in 1990 and received the National Association for Court Management's Justice Achievement Award in 1988.

He led a colorful career off the bench, as well. Judge Brown played small roles in a number of films and made brief appearances on the television series *Vega\$*.

He joined the city of Las Vegas's police force in 1959 and was elected to his first judicial position in 1973. He was the last nonlawyer to serve as a Las Vegas Municipal Court judge. 