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NCSC Holds CTC7 in Baltimore

The American Judges Association was one of the key sponsors of the Seventh Court Technology Conference (CTC7), which was held at the Baltimore Convention Center, August 14-16, 2001. The National Center for State Courts, in cooperation with sponsoring organizations like AJA, hosts this event biannually. CTCs provide an opportunity for judges and court personnel from across the world to interact and learn about the latest advances in technology to enhance the administration of justice.

Baltimore provided a warm and friendly backdrop for the event. The convention center facilities were conveniently located in the Inner Harbor area of a city that provided wonderful hotel accommodations, excellent restaurants, museums, shopping, music, professional sports, and much more.

More than 3,000 people attended the event. They assembled each day to hear an

address from a keynote speaker. Rick Barrera, a well-known author and consultant, applied his "warp speed" philosophies to changes in the world of technology and challenged

those in the justice system to meet the expectations of the public by using technology to deliver services quickly and efficiently. Dr. Cherie Carter-Scott, an author, talk-show host, and teacher/trainer, discussed the challenges of adapting to change. Certainly, her words were appropriate in a conference on technology. Finally, Dr. Charles Ogletree, professor of law at Harvard Law School, discussed the challenges our legal system faces in attempting to deliver equal treatment to all citizens. The issues surrounding the digital divide are problems that cannot be ignored.

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AJA Member Becomes Chair of NJC Board of Trustees

The National Judicial College (NJC) in Reno, Nev., has named Chief Judge Janet Berry, Second Judicial District Court in Reno, as chair of the NJC Board of Trustees. She is the first Nevadan to be elected to the position of chair.

Chief Judge Berry will be primarily responsible for assisting NJC in determining its future and establishing both financial and educational parameters that will challenge and allow the college to maintain its goal of high-quality judicial education.

"The face of America's judiciary is changing. The National Judicial College continues to set new standards as the academic leader in judicial education," stated Chief Judge Berry. "Our board is excited about the college's future. As chair, I look forward to addressing the educational

needs of today's dynamic judges."

Chief Judge Berry is an innovator with more than 20 years experience in the law and judiciary. She has an impressive background that includes employment with the Nevada Supreme Court, the Reno Municipal Court, and the Second Judicial District Court.

A graduate of California State University, Sacramento, Chief Judge Berry completed her bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. She received her juris doctor from Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, and her masters of judicial studies from NJC. ■

