

Relation to U.S. State and Canadian Provincial Law; and the always popular annual lecture by Professor Charles H. Whitebread II on Recent Decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. Each session provided ample and enlightening exchanges between the participants.

## AJA/AJF Business Meetings

The conference featured opportunities for the American Judges Foundation members to meet, as well. The foundation awarded scholarships to law students whose prize-winning essays will be featured in upcoming issues of *Court Review*. The foundation raised over \$3,000 in its annual silent auction to further its goals of providing scholarships and underwriting the cost of Professor Whitebread's book, which was provided to each AJA member who attended the conference.

The AJA General Assembly and Board of Governors met as well to conduct the business of the association. Judge Halligan, who served AJA with distinction as president during the preceding year, relinquished his role to Judge Mike McAdam. Other officers elected were Judge Gayle Nachtigal, president-elect; Judge Mike Cicconetti, vice president; Judge Steve Leben, secretary; and Judge Harold Froehlich, treasurer. (Note: AJA combined the first and second vice president positions into one vice president last year, so Judge Leben is serving his second year as secretary.)

The AJA continues to thrive, and President McAdam made it clear that his goal is to promote AJA to our colleagues to continue the growth of this organization that offers so much for its members.

## Social Events

Despite the heavy agenda of educational topics, there were opportunities to enjoy the amenities of

Montreal. AJA members were treated to a dinner cruise, which incorporated an evening of mystery theatre,

on the St. Lawrence River. Additionally, at the installation banquet, President Mike McAdam expressed his appreciation for a gala affair that all enjoyed.

We appreciate all the hospitality extended to us by Judge Morton Minc and his community of Montreal. We extend a hearty *Merci!* We look forward to reconvening January 30–February 4, 2004, for the midyear meeting in Savannah, Georgia, at the Hyatt Savannah. We hope you will attend. 



*Billy Cypress, chief appellate officer and chairman of the Miccosukee Nation, addresses AJA.*



*A police officer confronts some "suspicious characters" during the mystery theatre dinner cruise.*



*Above: Judge Morton Minc, our conference host, with Justice Rosalie Abella of the Ontario Court of Appeal. Left: Judge Steve Leben discusses therapeutic jurisprudence.*