

IN MEMORIAM

Judge Walter A. Carr


Judge Walter A. Carr (Texas) died of complications related to diabetes on January 23, 2004. He was a member of the AJA Board of Governors, representing District VIII from 1973 to 1979.

AJA expresses condolences to his wife, Edie, who currently resides in Nassau Bay, Texas.

Justice Florence K. Murray


Justice Florence K. Murray, Rhode Island Supreme Court, died on March 28, 2004. She was the first woman to serve in the Rhode Island Senate, as well as the first woman to serve as a justice and chief judge of the Rhode Island Superior Court. She was also responsible for the creation of the Rhode Island Family Court.

John A. Mutter, associate justice of the Rhode Island Family Court remembers: "In February of 1957, a young man was sworn in as an attorney in the Rhode Island bar. This young, inexperienced attorney found his way to the courthouse to present his first divorce case. He did not know where to stand in the courtroom, nor where to sit, nor indeed what questions to ask. . . . [I]n nervous tones [he] presented his problems to the Judge, who invited him to sit down and relax. She assured him that she, too, was inexperienced but that together they would get through the case. They did! I was that young attorney and Florence Murray was that Judge. I have loved her ever since."

Justice Murray was also the widow of former U.S. Attorney General Paul Murray. 

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clerks, judges, spouses, and guests enjoyed a hard-fought, exciting game, plenty of good food, and the viewing benefit of a gigantic TV screen, reminiscent of the sports palaces in Las Vegas. However, whether the enhanced viewing afforded by the huge TV screen was beneficial during the half-time show remains the subject of some controversy and discussion. NACM also put on a first-class vendor show with many prizes awarded to those present at the vendors' reception. The conference concluded on a crisp, late winter's evening with a river-boat cruise and dinner on the Savannah River, generously sponsored by the Facility Group.

Finally, I want to thank NACM President Larry Myers, a fellow Missourian, for the leadership and energy he demonstrated in making this joint conference a tremendous success. Especially appreciated was the friendship extended to me by Larry and his wife, Bobbi, and the other NACM officers. I would be remiss if I did not thank AJA Past President Terry Elliott, who served as the AJA liaison on this project going back several years. This was a truly significant and successful midyear conference for AJA. 

AMERICAN JUDGES ASSOCIATION Future Conferences

2004 Annual Conference

San Francisco, California
October 24-29, 2004
Grand Hyatt
\$159 single or double

2005 Midyear Meeting

Sanibel Island, Florida
Sundial Beach Resort
May 12-14, 2005
\$125 single or double

2005 Annual Conference

Anchorage, Alaska
September 18-23, 2005
Hotel Captain Cook
\$135 single or double