

AJA National Forum on Judicial Independence—Monday, October 25 at the American Judges Association 44th Annual Educational Conference

October 24-29, 2004

San Francisco • Grand Hyatt on Union Square

Judicial independence is fundamental to justice but increasingly under threat. The public must believe that judges are making decisions free of external political pressure and influence, if they are to believe that justice is being done. Come together with your peers and see what you can do to ensure *your* independence as a judge at the American Judges Association's *National Forum on Judicial Independence* at AJA's 44th Annual Educational Conference in San Francisco, October 25, 2004.

Invited experts and AJA members will discuss these and other topics related to the situations faced by trial court judges:

- Is Judicial Independence a Casualty in State and Local Budget Battles?
- Problem-Solving Courts: Do They Create Judicial Independence Problems or Opportunities or Both?
- Balancing Act: Can Judicial Independence Coexist with Court Accountability?

Forum participants will include judicial elections expert Prof. Roy Schotland (Georgetown University Law Center); public opinion pollster John Russonello; distinguished legal scholar Prof. Malcolm Feeley (University of California at Berkeley); Chief Justice Ronnie White of Missouri; President of the National Center for State Courts Mary Campbell McQueen; and AJA members Kevin Burke, Bobby DeLaughter, and Jeff Rosinek.

This in addition to AJA's outstanding educational program and the beauty of San Francisco. If you



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