

## Of Interest . . .

### AJA Member Sworn in as Administrative Law Judge



*Congratulations to James Faison (Camden, N.J.), who was sworn in as an administrative law judge on July 22, 2004. He served on AJA's Board of Governors, representing District III, from 1998 to 2002. Pictured left to right: Superior Court Judge Ronald Freeman (who administered the oath to James), Hon. Gwendolyn Faison (the mayor of Camden and James's mother), James Faison, and Judges Teofilo Montanez and James Vogdes (who served with James on the Camden Municipal Court).*

### Latest from the Survey of Judicial Salaries

Judges of all levels and state court administrators saw their salaries rise around 3 percent annually from 1992 to 2003, according to the semiannual *Survey of Judicial Salaries* compiled by the Knowledge and Information Services (KIS) of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). The current *Survey* (vol. 28, no. 2) reports salaries as of October 1, 2003.

Salary ranges were as follows:

- Chief justices/judges, highest courts: \$95,000-\$191,483 (mean \$130,221, median \$125,485)
- Associate justices, courts of last resort: \$95,000-\$175,575 (mean \$125,292, median \$122,418)
- Judges, intermediate appellate courts: \$91,469-\$164,604 (mean \$121,697, median \$117,000)
- Judges, general jurisdiction trial courts: \$86,896-\$154,700 (mean \$112,724, median \$109,810)
- State court administrators: \$83,748-\$175,728 (mean \$112,306; median \$108,288)

The *Survey* also breaks down salaries by state and region and features a special section on the use of senior and retired judges.

The *Survey of Judicial Salaries* is available on the Web at [www.ncsconline.org](http://www.ncsconline.org). Hard copies can be obtained by calling KIS at (800) 616-6164.

### High-Profile Case Transcripts Available Online

Courts, litigants, attorneys, and other interested parties can now search and purchase online copies of transcripts from numerous notorious trials via

Exemplaris, a Web-hosted transcript repository from RealLegal LLC. The repository currently includes transcripts from *United States of America v. Martha Stewart*, *People of the State of California v. Scott Lee Peterson*, and *People of the State of Colorado v. Kobe Bean Bryant*.

Transcripts to these and other trials are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Users can receive electronic transcripts without the wait times associated with paper transcripts. All that is necessary is an e-mail address and a credit card. The database is located at [www.exemplaris.com](http://www.exemplaris.com).

### New Database Focuses on Genetic Policy and Laws

The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) in Bethesda, Md., has unveiled a new Web-based resource that provides free access to information on laws and policies related to a wide variety of genetic issues. The NHGRI Policy and Legislation Database is located on the Web at <http://www.genome.gov/LegislativeDatabase>.

This new resource focuses on the following subject areas: genetic testing and counseling, insurance and employment discrimination, newborn screening, privacy of genetic information and confidentiality, informed consent, and commercialization and patenting. This database will be updated regularly and contains links to full-text copies of federal and state laws/statutes; federal legislative materials; and federal administrative and executive materials, including regulations, institutional policies, and executive orders.

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