

# Judicial Salaries, Court Trends, and Dispute Resolution Are Subjects of New NCSC Publications

**T**he National Center for State Courts provides the latest data on judicial salaries, discusses societal trends that affect courts, and examines the workings of dispute resolution programs in three recent publications: the *Survey of Judicial Salaries*, *Future Trends in State Courts 2005*, and the *Justice System Journal*.

Salaries of state general jurisdiction judges increased by 3.1 percent from 1997 to 2005, according to the latest *Survey of Judicial Salaries* (vol. 30, no. 1) by NCSC's Knowledge and Information Services (KIS). The *Survey* also reports the salaries of state chief justices, intermediate appellate court judges, and state court administrators as of April 1, 2005. Other features of the new *Survey* are cost-of-living-adjusted salaries and a look at retirement pension plans for general jurisdiction judges. For more information, contact Chantal Bromage (cbromage@ncsc.dni.us) or go to NCSC's Web site (www.ncsconline.org), then click on "Information."

Trends in judicial salaries also play a part in *Future Trends in State Courts 2005*, the latest entry in NCSC's long-running "Report on Trends in State Courts" series. *Future Trends*, which is also produced by Knowledge and

Information Services, presents an Environmental Scan that reviews global issues to answer two questions: How do these issues affect courts? What do courts need to do now to plan for the future? Trends Articles build on subjects briefly touched on in the Scan, providing a more in-depth look at issues that affect courts nationwide. This year's edition also provides an index to help readers and researchers. For more information on *Future Trends*, contact NCSC's Knowledge and Information Services at (800) 616-6164, or go online to [http://www.ncsconline.org/D\\_KIS/Trends/index.html](http://www.ncsconline.org/D_KIS/Trends/index.html).

"Making Dispute Resolution Work" is the topic of a special issue of NCSC's *Justice System Journal* (vol. 26, no. 3). Articles in this issue examine a variety of aspects related to the functioning of dispute resolution programs. Contributors include not only academics, but also professionals responsible for administering dispute resolution programs and a federal magistrate judge. Programs in Virginia, the Eastern District of New York, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals are described, as well. For more information on the *Justice System Journal*, go to [www.ncsconline.org](http://www.ncsconline.org), then click on "Justice Sys. Journal" under "NCSC Products." 

## AJA Honors Student Writers

**T**he American Judges Association announced the winners of its 2005 Law Student Essay Competition at the annual conference in Anchorage, Alaska, in September. Congratulations to . . .

- **1st Place (\$3,000):** Dennis Yai, Fordham University School of Law ("De Minimus Intrusion or Dangerous Invasion: Does Compulsory DNA Testing upon Arrest Violate the Fourth Amendment?")
- **2nd Place (\$1,500):** Ryan Farley, Washburn University School of Law ("Eroding Fourth Amendment Protections at the Border: An Analysis of *United States v. Cortez-Rocha*")
- **3rd Place (\$1,000):** Michael Abdelkerim, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Ontario ("Section 273.65 of the *National Defence Act*: Inappropriate and Unconstitutional") 