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AJA Meets in the Great Northwest

The American Judges Association (AJA) held its 2007 annual educational conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, September 25-30, at the Sheraton Wall Centre. This joint conference of AJA, the Canadian Association of Provincial Court Judges (CAPCJ), and the British Columbia Provincial Court Judges Association (BCPCJA) carried the theme “Judicial Excellence—L’Excellence Judiciaire” and was the largest gathering of judges ever held in North America.

The opening plenary session of the joint conference featured a dialogue between Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg



Justice Ian Binnie



AJA, CAPCJ, and BCPCJA members enjoy a reception at the Supreme Court of Canada.


of the Supreme Court of the United States and Justice Ian Binnie of the Supreme Court of Canada, with Justice Lynn Smith of the Supreme Court of British Columbia acting as moderator. Topics included judicial independence and impartiality.

Judges from Canada and the United States enjoyed a wide variety of joint educational sessions. Topics included a practical approach to problem-solving courts, domestic violence cases, collateral issues in high-profile trials, and a comparison of how the U.S. and Canadian
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AJA Invites You to Beautiful Amelia Island for the 2008 Midyear Meeting

Come to the Amelia Island Plantation on Amelia Island, Florida (just north of Jacksonville) for the 2008 Midyear Meeting of the American Judges Association, May 1-3. Amelia Island Plantation is Florida’s premier AAA-Four Diamond island resort.

AJA’s midyear meeting will include an afternoon of educational programming (the tentative topic is mental-health challenges for the courts), plus business meetings for the Executive Committee and Board of Governors.

For more information visit AJA’s Web site at <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us>, e-mail aja@ncsc.dni.us or call 1-800-616-6165. We hope to see you in Florida this spring! 



The Amelia Inn at Amelia Island Plantation