


# AJA Members in the NEWS


## Judge Makes “Hall of Fame”

**K**evin Burke, chief district judge of Hennepin County, Minn., made “Minnesota’s Legal Hall of Fame,” but don’t look for a plaque or statue in an impressive building to commemorate the occasion. He was featured in an article in *Law and Politics* magazine (August-September 2007) that honored 100 of the state’s brightest legal lights. In particular, the magazine cited his roles in “promoting community outreach by judges” and in creating the Hennepin County Drug Court, the state’s first

drug court and the first “in the country to focus on all felony-level drug cases.” Judge Burke is in very good company, as other members of the Hall of Fame include Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger and former Chief Justice Kathleen Blatz of the Minnesota Supreme Court. 



### AJA Meets in the Great Northwest, *continued*

media cover the courts. Presenters included Prof. Charles Whitebread (who gave his annual review of recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions); Judge Charles D. Gill of the Connecticut Superior Court and Prof. Roy A. Schotland of Georgetown University Law School on the First Amendment and the judicial selection process; Chief Judge Hugh Stansfield of the Provincial Court of British Columbia and Julius Lang of the Center for Court Innovation on problem-solving v. conventional courts; and Judge Susan Antifaev of the Provincial Court of British Columbia and Judge Chuck Weller of the Washoe County (Nevada) Family Court on judges’ responses to the media. 



*New AJA president Judge Eileen Olds (Virginia), with (l. to r.) Judge Michael Cicconetti (AJA past president, Ohio); Judge Michael McAdam (AJA past president, Kansas); and Judge Larry Allen (AJA Board of Governors, District 9, Ohio).*

## AJA Elects New Officers for 2007-08

**A**JA also installed new officers at the annual conference in Vancouver. Virginia trial court judge Eileen A. Olds was installed at

the inaugural banquet on September 29, 2007. She became AJA’s 46th president. Officers for 2007-08 are:

- President:* Eileen A. Olds (eaolds@courts.state.va.us)
- President-elect:* Tam Nomoto Schumann (tnomoto@occourts.org)
- Vice President:* James McKay (jfm@4thcir-app.state.la.us)
- Secretary:* Mary A. Celeste (mceleste@ci.denver.co.us)
- Treasurer:* Harold Froehlich (Harold.Froelich@wicourts.gov)
- Immediate Past President:* Steve Leben (sleben@ix.netcom.com)

Also elected were Lynda Howell, parliamentarian, and Jay Dilworth, Libby Hines, and Jerrauld Jones, executive board members. 