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AJA's Midyear Meeting: "Understanding the Senior Moment"

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Improving how courts confront cases involving elder abuse and neglect was an important part of the agenda at the American Judges Association's 2008 midyear meeting in Amelia Island, Florida, May 1-3.

Kudos to our colleagues Judges Sheila Fell and Marjorie Carter of the Orange County (California) Superior Court for putting together a substantive, fast-paced, nuts-and-bolts program on strategies and best practices for judges to use in a wide-ranging number of matters involving elders who come before our courts as litigants or victims. The excellent panel of presenters featured Judges Fell and Carter and their faculty recruits:

- Detective Eddie Boatwright, of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Violence Program Office, who spoke about emerging trends, techniques, and methods now being used by law-enforcement personnel for responding in more appropriate (constructive) ways to reports by community members who express concerns that there may be elders who are being abused or neglected
- Lauchlin T. Waldoch, a Tallahassee lawyer with a specialty practice representing the needs of elders and their families, who spoke about the growing number of laws and regulations designed to protect elders or to assist in them in gaining access to needed services



Boardwalk to the beach, Amelia Island, Florida.

- Prof. Naushira Pandya of Nova Southwestern University of Ft. Lauderdale, a physician with wide-ranging experience in diagnosing and treating elders who are
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Annual Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the bylaws of the American Judges Association that the annual meeting will be held September 7-12 at the Westin Maui in Maui, Hawaii. The annual membership meeting will be held Thursday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the American Judges Foundation will be held Tuesday, September 9, at noon at the Westin Maui. bm

