

# New NCSC Resources for Fall 2008

**T**he National Center for State Courts has developed a new Web site, educational program, and publications on court budgets, election laws, drug-court performance measurement, trends in state courts, and capital punishment.

The new Budget Resource Center provides access to all the pertinent information NCSC has on court budgets—what courts need to weather current and future budget crises—in one central location. Items include Court Executive Development Program papers, *Future Trends* articles, and links to court-budget Web sites. The Budget Resource Center is a project of NCSC's Knowledge and Information Services Office and can be found online at <http://www.ncsconline.org/wc/budget/home.asp>.

NCSC and the College of William & Mary Law School have developed an educational program to help improve judges' understanding of election-law cases—*Election Controversies: The Basics of Election-Related Litigation*. This program, which is available free of charge on DVD, includes lectures, an election-law manual, articles, and a glossary of terms. You can review all the materials at [www.electionlawissues.org](http://www.electionlawissues.org). To order a free copy of the DVD, go to [http://www.ncsconline.org/D\\_ICM/freeresources/index.asp#dvd](http://www.ncsconline.org/D_ICM/freeresources/index.asp#dvd).

Measuring the performance of drug courts, and helping drug courts compete with the existing priorities of the judicial system for limited resources, is the topic of NCSC's newest *Statewide Technical Assistance Bulletin* (vol. 6, July 2008). *Performance Measurement of Drug Courts: The State of the Art*, which was funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, brings courts up-to-date on NCSC's development of statewide performance measure-

ment systems for the drug courts of several states. The bulletin is available online at [www.ncsconline.org](http://www.ncsconline.org).

*Future Trends in State Courts 2008* marks the 20th anniversary of NCSC's "Report on Trends in State Courts" series with a special perspective on six important facets of court operations: Jury Systems, Caseflow Management, Judicial Selection, Judicial Compensation, State Budgets, and Technology. Trends articles take "A Closer Look" at five important, court-related topics: Technology, Access to Justice, Financial Issues, Problem-Solving Issues, and Judicial Administration. Articles were contributed not only by NCSC staff, but also by consultants and state court officials at all levels. Call NCSC's Knowledge and Information Services at (800) 616-6164 to obtain copies of *Future Trends in State Courts 2008*. The new *Future Trends*, as well as past entries in the series, can be viewed online at [www.ncsconline.org](http://www.ncsconline.org).

The current issue of NCSC's *Justice System Journal* (vol. 29, no. 3) examines "Court-Related Aspects of Capital Punishment." Articles are grouped into four sections: The Law and Courts, Lawyers, Jurors, and Efforts at System Reform. Topics include the U.S. Supreme Court's death penalty jurisprudence, the private bar's efforts to secure representation for those facing execution, stress and capital jurors, and capital-punishment reform in New Jersey and Illinois. *JSJ* is published three times per year; rates are \$40/1 year, \$70/two years (international subscribers, except Canada, should add \$30 for delivery via air mail PMT). For more information and to subscribe, go online to [www.ncsconline.org/D\\_Comm/Services/Submissions/JSJ1.htm](http://www.ncsconline.org/D_Comm/Services/Submissions/JSJ1.htm). 

## AJA Members in the NEWS

**A**JA Board member **Judge John E. Conery** was elected president of the Louisiana District Judges Association at the organization's annual conference on October 6, 2008. The president is elected for a one-year term beginning October 1, 2008.

Judge Conery serves the 16th Judicial District, Parishes of St. Mary, Iberia, and St. Martin, and was also elected chief judge of the judicial district court. Before his election to the bench in 1995, he practiced law for 25 years. Judge Conery graduated cum laude from Loyola Law School in 1970, where he served on the law review and as president of the student bar association.

AJA honored Judge Conery with the Judge Bob Jones Memorial Award for excellence in judicial education in 2006.

Former AJA president (1996-97) **Circuit Judge Jeffrey Rosinek** retired from the bench of the Miami-Dade Drug Court, the nation's first such court, in August 2008. Judge Rosinek served there for 10 of his 22 years on the bench.

Thousands of defendants have graduated from the Miami-Dade Drug Court and become productive members of society. On the day of Judge Rosinek's retirement, he graduated 93 drug-court defendants, and County Mayor Carlos Alvarez presented him with a plaque with proclaiming that it was "Jeff Rosinek Day." 