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AJA Holds Midyear Meeting in Montana

Members of the American Judges Association and American Judges Foundation met in Billings, Mont., May 15–17, 2003, for the annual midyear conference of each organization. Judge Pedro R. Hernandez of the Yellowstone County Justice Court hosted the meeting. Vice President Mike McAdam presided over the business sessions of the AJA Board of Governors. President Francis Halligan presided over the Executive Committee meeting, but had to leave early to attend his son's college graduation.

Committees

Committees perform much of the association's work, and all interested members are invited to join in. They work on projects as varied as the membership of the association itself, including court security, highway safety, juvenile justice, judicial leadership for ethnic equality, judicial leadership to reduce substance abuse, alternative dispute resolution, and therapeutic jurisprudence. Much of



AJA's Montana host, Judge Pedro Hernandez, with Judge Jay Dilworth and his wife, Peggy Maines.

the business meeting of the Board of Governors was devoted to receiving committee reports.

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Spend the Fall in Montreal Come to AJA's 43rd Annual Conference!

The American Judges Association invites you to the fascinating, culturally rich city of Montreal for our 43rd Annual Educational Conference at the Hotel Omni Mont-Royal, September 14–19, 2003. The Omni is located in the heart of Montreal's "Golden Square Mile," which is an ideal location for enjoying all that the city has to offer.

AJA is offering its usual outstanding educational program, too.

- Chief Justice Michel Robert, of the Court of Appeal, Quebec, will deliver this year's Honorable Tom C. Clark Lecture—"Judicial Independence: An Ethical Perspective."
- Prof. Charles Whitebread, of the University of Southern California Law Center, will present his annual look at "Recent Decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court."
- Billy Cypress, chairman, and Michael Diaz, Esq., of the Miccosukee Tribe, will discuss "Native American-Aboriginal Law and Its Relation to U.S. State and Canadian Provincial Law and Justice." Judge Anthony Mandamin of the Provincial Court of Alberta will join this panel.

Other education topics include domestic violence, therapeutic jurisprudence, and what judges can do to reduce the incidence of impaired driving.

There will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy the lovely city of Montreal. "Don't miss" sites include the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, historic Old Montreal, and the Montreal Biodome. AJA will hold a golf tournament at the Hillsdale Golf and Country Club, and you can take a in a dinner cruise and murder mystery show on the St. Lawrence River.

We hope to see you this fall in Montreal! 

