

# National Center for State Courts Information Service

*What salaries and benefits do judges receive in other states?*

*What can be done to improve court-community relations?*

*What qualification standards should apply to mediators?*

*What can a court do to improve the management of its jury system?*

*How do states finance their trial courts?*

*How can one measure court performance?*

These are examples of some of the more than 2,000 requests for information to which the Information Service (IS), a department of the National Center for State Courts' Institute for Court Management, responds each year. IS is funded by assessments from the fifty states, a grant from the State Justice Institute, and individual contributions. IS staff handle requests in more than sixty-five subject categories and help coordinate service provided by other NCSC units.

To better serve its constituents, the IS has assembled a multi-disciplinary staff with diverse backgrounds. Professional staff hold advanced degrees in subjects including law, political science, public administration, and library sciences. Administrative staff are trained to take information requests, ascertain their basic subject matter, and assign them to appropriate professionals.

In the twenty-eight years since the National Center was founded, the IS has developed a unique repository of original research findings and materials related to judicial administration that

have been gathered from more than 350 journals and periodicals.

The Information Service offers its basic services at no cost to state court constituents and members of the National Center Friends of the Court program. Copying or mailing charges may be assessed for special requests. To contact the Information Service, call, write, e-mail, or fax:

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For detailed requests, transmission by fax is encouraged. Many IS resources are available on the National Center's Web site at <http://www.ncsc.dni.us>, as is an on-line request form. 

## "Cleveland Rocks", *continued*

Our members have not just been receiving awards. Judge **Timothy Slavin**, also of Illinois and president of the Illinois Judges Association, has been involved with starting a "Judges in the Classroom" program, in cooperation with the American Judicature Society. Judge **Samuel Levine** of New York was recently invited to participate in the White House Conference on Mental Health. Judge Levine has long been involved in issues concerning access to justice and the protection of rights for all people. Finally, **Belvin Perry**, chief judge of the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has led the way for the creation of "Courtroom 23" in Orlando. "Courtroom 23" is touted as the "most technologically advanced state court facility in the United States."

I will close with my usual request for information about your recognitions, interesting activities, etc. My e-mail address is [Dahlsj@co.clark.nv.us](mailto:Dahlsj@co.clark.nv.us). My fax number is (702) 455-7831. My mailing address is Clark County Justice Court, 2428 Martin

Luther King Blvd., North Las Vegas, NV 89030. I look forward to hearing from you or your bailiff. 

## Official 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 October 10-15, 1999, at the Downtown Marriott in Cleveland, Ohio. The annual membership meeting will be held Thursday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the American Judges Foundation will be held Tuesday, October 12, at 12:00 noon, at the Downtown Marriott in Cleveland, Ohio. 