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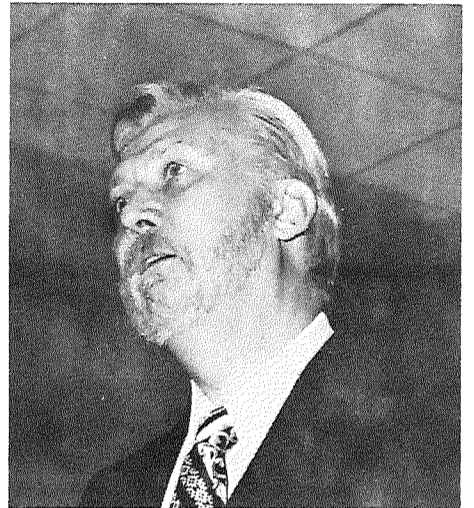


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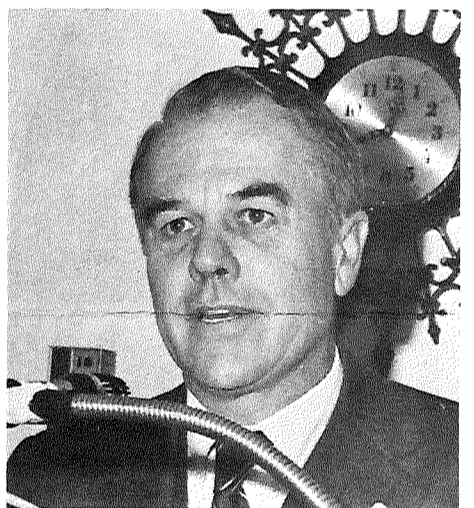
Texas College of the Judiciary



Honored for his work as director of the first Texas College of the Judiciary is Judge Tom G. Davis, left. Houston District Judge Lewis Dickson, College Committee chairman, presents the award.



ERNST JOHN WATTS



LLOYD LOCHRIDGE

FIRST COLLEGE CALLED 'MILESTONE'

"A milestone in judicial education in Texas" was reached December 1-6 in Austin as the first annual Texas College of the Judiciary offered some 60 district, county court-at-law and juvenile court judges a chance to learn from the courtroom experience of 30 veteran Texas judges.

"This first annual College represents the attainment of a goal for the Texas Center and a milestone in judicial education in Texas," Jack H. Dillard, executive director of the Texas Center for the Judiciary, said.

The school, held at the Ramada Inn, was sponsored by the Center, with Tom G. Davis, commissioner of the Court of Criminal Appeals, serving as College Director.

Ernst John Watts, dean of the National College of the State Judiciary at the University of Nevada, said the Texas judiciary has struck a blow for public respect for the judicial system by establishment of the College.

Speaking at a Thursday evening banquet, Judge Watts said attorneys and judges have taken a beat-

ing in the wake of Watergate, but conferences such as the College can serve to restore the public's faith in the judicial system.

The school was designed to acquaint new judges—those who have been on the bench since January, 1973 or will take office in January, 1975—with basic court procedure, as well as providing discussions on such topics as the Code of Judicial Conduct and judicial ethics.

The 30-member faculty was composed of appellate and district-level judges with an average of 13 years served on the bench.

In addition to the morning and afternoon classroom sessions, the attending judges heard speakers at daily noon luncheons, including Lloyd Lochridge, president of the State Bar, Chief Justice Joe Greenhill, Supreme Court of Texas, Presiding Judge John F. Onion Jr., Court of Criminal Appeals, Sam Johnson, Supreme Court associate justice, and Warren Cunningham, Houston district judge.

Lochridge, an Austin lawyer, said the State Bar will give first

priority to supporting a new judiciary article for the Texas Constitution.

The bar also supports, Lochridge said, a strong central appellate court administration under the chief justice of the Supreme Court, a two-tier system of district and county courts and a requirement that all judges of such courts be licensed lawyers.

"As the trial judge you must be in the very forefront of our judicial process," he said. "The curriculum of this ongoing Texas College of the Judiciary—and your presence here and the participation of your faculty of experienced trial and appellate judges—clearly shows that you are addressing yourselves both to competency as you prepare

yourselves for the bench, and also to integrity as you study the Code of Judicial Conduct and give detailed attention to judicial ethics."

Chief Justice Greenhill echoed Lochridge's plea for a central appellate court saying that the judicial branch needs one chief justice to head that branch of state government.

Speaking at a Tuesday luncheon, Greenhill introduced members of the Texas Supreme Court, honored guests at the affair, and explained each member's duties on the high court.

Presiding Judge John F. Onion Jr., Court of Criminal Appeals, introduced members of his court at a Wednesday luncheon.

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Juvenile Court Judges Get Master Plan Preview

More than 40 Texas judges with juvenile jurisdiction meeting in Brownwood, November 11-13, heard goals of the Texas Youth Council Master Plan outlined by David H. Bland, program director of Carkhuff Associates, Inc., Amherst, Mass.

Speaking at the Juvenile Justice Seminar at the Brownwood Holiday Inn, Bland, a member of the consulting firm employed by the Master Plan Advisory Council, told the judges the plan "will be only as good as the implementation in the local communities."

Bland said the \$90 million plan, double the present cost of juvenile corrections in Texas, should be considered "an integrated whole" and in its "totality."

The plan was requested by executive order of Governor Briscoe in early 1974 to standardize juvenile facilities across Texas. It will be submitted to the Texas Legislature in 1975.

Other program highlights included a discussion by Robert Dawson, University of Texas law professor, of Title III of the Family Code, Court decisions under Title III and proposed legislative

changes. A leading Texas authority on juvenile law, Dawson is one of the principal authors of Title III.

Noah Weinstein, Missouri Circuit Court judge, frequent lecturer at the National College of Juvenile Justice in Reno, Nevada, and a leading national authority on juvenile law, discussed federal decisions and national trends in juvenile law.

A panel composed of Texas Youth Council members discussed current Texas Youth Council programs.

Also included on the seminar program was a tour of the Brownwood State Home and School, considered a potential model for future TYC regional facilities.

James M. Farris, Houston Juvenile Court Judge and chairman of the Juvenile Court Judges Continuing Legal Education Committee, presided over the three-day meeting.

The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Center for the Judiciary, under the auspices of the Texas Juvenile Court Judges Continuing Legal Education Committee, Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, and in cooperation with the Texas Youth Council.

Master Plan Goals

Recommendations of the Master Plan Advisory Council in Response to the Texas Youth Council Master Plan Recommendations presented to the Advisory Council by Carkhuff Associates on September 22-24, 1974.

Goal I: To establish Youth Resource Development (YRD) diversion programs in the communities of Texas.

Goal II: To establish a comprehensive YRD program at the State Homes for dependent and neglected children.

Goal III: To establish a YRD intervention program in conjunction with each county probation department.

Goal IV: To establish a subsidy system by which the county probation departments can purchase foster care and other residential services for youth on probation.

Goal V: To establish a short-term, intensive YRD program in an existing Texas Youth Council residential center.

Goal VI: To establish a YRD pro-

gram for exceptional delinquent youth in an existing Texas Youth Council residential center.

Goal VII: To establish a maximum to medium supervision YRD Center for delinquent youth.

Goal VIII: To establish a pre-release and career planning YRD Center for delinquent youth.

Goal IX: To establish a subsidy system by which the Texas Youth Council parole officers can purchase foster care and other residential services for parolees.

Goal X: To establish a YRD follow-up program implemented by Texas Youth Council parole officers and designed to facilitate the re-entry of youth into their home communities.

Goal XI: To utilize YRD agents to facilitate the reintegration of parolees into their home communities and to divert parolees from recidivism.

Goal XII: To develop an organizational structure and support system which will facilitate the delivery of YRD across Texas.

Martin, Garrett, Logue Named to Juvenile Court Committee

Three appointments filling vacancies on the Juvenile Court Judges Continuing Legal Education Committee have been made by Judge Joe Kelly, Victoria district judge and Judicial Section chairman.

Appointees to the committee are William C. Martin III, Longview Domestic Relations Court judge, and Jerry Garrett, Victoria County Court-at-Law judge. Also, Bill Logue, Waco district judge, was reappointed.

Other committee members include: County Judges Barbara Culver, Midland, and Woody Pond, Canyon; District Judges M. C. Ledbetter, Morton, and J. W. Summers, Rusk; and Lewis F. Russell, Dallas Juvenile Court judge.



Juvenile Court Judges CLE Committee members meeting at a planning session for the Brownwood Seminar are: standing, left to right, Jack H. Dillard, TCJ executive director, Austin; Willis Whatley, Austin; Judge M. C. Ledbetter, Morton; Shack Nail, TCJ associate director, Austin; and Judge Bill Logue, Waco. Seated, left to right, are: Judges Truman Roberts of Austin, Jim Farris of Beaumont and Woody Pond of Canyon.

New Judges Assume Bench

Judges who have taken office since October are:

October 7, 1974

District Judges

John Louis Shook, 191st, Dallas

Leslie L. Thomas, 46th, Crowell

January, 1975

District Judges

Thomas Bartlett, 82nd, Marlin

Tom Cave, 213th, Fort Worth

Jerry Dellana, 201st, Austin

George E. Dowlen, 181st, Amarillo

H. F. Garcia, 45th, San Antonio

Larry Gist, Criminal District,

Beaumont

Milton Hartsfield, 40th, Waxahatchie

Hal M. Lattimore, 96th, Fort Worth

W. Rachel Littlejohn, 156th, Beeville

Virgil E. Mulanax, 115th, Gilmer

Bryan Poff, 47th, Canyon

Fred C. Shannon, 131st, San Antonio

Ken G. Spencer, 109th, Crane

Curtis Steib, 119th, San Angelo

Filemon B. Vela, 107th, Brownsville

James P. Wallace, 215th, Houston

County Court-at-Law

John W. Bell, #2, San Antonio

Max L. Bennett, Corpus Christi

Bill Coker, #1, Dallas

Jim Dear, Austin

John L. Fashing, #2, El Paso

Carol R. Haberman, #4, San Antonio

Naomi Harney, Amarillo

Brock Jones, #1, Austin

A. R. Mason, #2, Angleton

Thomas B. Price, #5, Dallas

Rose Spector, #5, San Antonio

Carolyn H. Spears, #1, San Antonio

Hugo Touchy, Houston

Raymond A. Wietzel, #3, San Antonio

Domestic Relations

Herman Mead, Houston

ETHICS COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

Judicial Section Chairman Joe Kelly, at the request of the Supreme Court of Texas, has appointed a seven-member Ethics Committee to answer judges' questions regarding the recently adopted Code of Judicial Conduct.

Judge Kelly, Victoria district judge, selected the following as committee members: Warren Cunningham, Houston district judge, chairman; William R. Shaver, Lubbock district judge; Donald Carroll Jr., Tyler district judge; Jerome V. Chamberlain, Dallas criminal district judge; Darrell Hester, Brownsville district judge; Austin McCloud, chief justice, Eastland Court of Civil Appeals; and, Quentin Keith, justice, Beaumont Court of Civil Appeals.

Any questions regarding the applicability of the Code should be addressed to the Texas Center for the Judiciary, P. O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas

78711, Attention: Ethics Committee. Questions will be forwarded to Chairman Cunningham and committee members.

GEEOO Workshops Set for Six Texas Cities

The Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office and the Governor's Equal Employment Opportunity Office (GEEOO) are sponsoring six workshops on equal employment opportunity in criminal justice system agencies during 1975.

The two-day workshops, to be held in six Texas cities, begin in Corpus Christi January 29 and 30. Houston hosts a workshop February 26 and 27.

For more information, contact Steve Clyburn, Governor's Equal Employment Opportunity Office, P. O. Box 12428, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78751, phone (512) 475-6507.

THE GRADUATING CLASS



New Judges Receive Instruction

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In remarks to the "student" judges, Onion said the public should not be deceived into thinking that judicial reform will not necessitate creation of new courts.

Texas Supreme Court Justice Sam Johnson outlined the new Code of Judicial Conduct at Thursday's luncheon.

Canon 7 of the new code, which Johnson labeled "one of the most sweeping" judicial requirements, proved also to be one of the most controversial, prompting inquiries from the judges on the procedure for changing the code.

Among the requirements of

Canon 7 is the prohibition of soliciting funds for or paying an assessment to or making a contribution to a political organization or candidate, attending political gatherings, or purchasing tickets for political party dinners or other functions except at gatherings where a judge is appearing on his own behalf.

The impetus for repeal of some of the sections that judges feel unfair, Johnson explained, would probably have to come through the State Bar's Judicial Section, not the Legislature. The Texas Supreme Court has the inherent power to change the code, Johnson added.

Closing out the week's luncheon speakers was Houston District Judge Warren Cunningham, who also spoke on the Code of Judicial Conduct and judicial ethics.

Cunningham told the judges that the canons of the new code will be enforced by the Judicial Qualifications Commission, created by the Texas Legislature in 1965 and in operation since 1967.

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Truman Roberts, chairman of the Judicial Section's Continuing Legal Education Committee, governing body of the College, said the school was planned with three objectives in mind:

- to pattern a state judiciary school after the national ones, but with specific subjects of interest to Texas judges instead of the

broader subjects presented at national seminars;

- to prepare a "benchbook" of courtroom procedures for judges; and,
- to provide a week-long school for Texas judges taught by Texas judges.

Roberts said next year the same type of conference for the more experienced judges—a type of "refresher course"—would be held. It could include a three-day course on evidence, he added.

Serving as the "textbook" of the College was the Benchbook for Texas Trial Judges, Parts I and II, a guide to court procedures written by District Judge Perry Pickett of Midland and San Antonio Court of Civil Appeals Chief Justice Charles W. Barrow. Faculty lecture topics were selected from the Benchbook.

In closing ceremonies, attending judges and faculty members were presented certificates.

Comments received concerning the College include those of Chief Justice Greenhill, who, speaking of Judge Davis, said, "It was obvious that you had done a mountain of work in preparing for the College for Texas Judges. Your program was an excellent one . . . (and) we are proud of you and your work."

Lubbock District Judge Robert C. Wright, a faculty member, called the College a "tremendous success," while Dallas District Judge Richard Mays, a "student" of the first

College, said, "I can see great benefits accruing to young judges throughout the State who attended the College and will attend in the future."

Quentin Keith, Beaumont Court of Civil Appeals justice and faculty member, wrote: "I feel that the practical nature of the course of instruction given to the new judges of Texas will be of lasting value to the Bench and the Bar generally, not just to those who were fortunate to be in attendance.

"It goes without saying that Judge Tom Davis' outstanding service as Dean of the College was one of the prime factors in the success of the venture."

In Memoriam

Davidson. Judge Lloyd W. Davidson, a former judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, died November 10 in Austin. He was 84.

Sullivan. Rex E. Sullivan Jr., district judge of the 46th District since Sept. 15, 1971, died September 23 in Vernon. He was 50.

Wheeler. Judge Charles A. Wheeler, a former editor of opinions of the Court of Criminal Appeals and former judge of the 53rd Judicial District, died October 12 in Austin. He was 95.

JUDICIAL CALENDAR

January 18

Continuing Legal Education Committee, Judicial Section, State Bar, Meeting
Texas Center for the Judiciary
Austin, Texas

January 31

Judicial Manpower and Resource Allocation Commission Meeting
Texas Center for the Judiciary
Austin, Texas

March 13-16

Mid-Winter Conference
Fourth and Thirteenth Supreme Judicial Districts
Kerrville, Texas

May 7-9

Sixth Annual Criminal Justice Conference
Huntsville, Texas

JUDICIAL NOTICES

• TCJ in New Headquarters •

The Texas Center for the Judiciary, sponsored by the State Bar, has relocated its headquarters on the fourth floor of the American Bank Tower, 6th and Colorado.

The phone number (478-9857) and post office box (Box 12487, Capitol Station) remain the same.

The Center, along with the State Bar offices, will be temporarily housed in the American Bank Tower while the new six-story Texas Law Center is being built.

Presently under construction on the site of the old State Bar facilities at 15th and Colorado, the Law Center will be dedicated July 4, 1976.

• Texas Tech Honors Denton •

James G. Denton, Texas Supreme Court justice, was honored as a distinguished alumnus of Texas Tech University in October.

A 1938 Texas Tech graduate with a B.S. degree, Judge Denton is immediate past chairman of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, and has served on the Supreme Court since 1971.

He received his law degree from the University of Texas in 1941.

Before assuming the high court bench, Judge Denton was Lubbock County Court-at-Law judge, 1950-52; Lubbock district judge, 1953-59; and Amarillo Court of Civil Appeals chief justice, 1959-70.

• Judicial Publications Available •

The Texas Center for the Judiciary has available several publications of interest to judges.

Upon request, the Center will furnish free to judges the publications listed below:

- Benchbook for Texas Trial Judges, Parts I and II;
- County and District Clerks' Manual;
- Manual for Texas Juvenile Court Judges; and,
- Code of Judicial Conduct.

Requests should be sent to the Texas Center for the Judiciary, P. O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

• Benchbook, I and II, Completed •

Part Two of the Benchbook for Texas Trial Judges has been completed and will be mailed to members of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, by the Texas Center for the Judiciary.

Outlining trial procedure in civil cases, Part Two was written by Chief Justice Charles Barrow, 4th Court of Civil Appeals in San Antonio, and Midland District Judge Perry Pickett. Benchbook coordinator and research assistant is Mike Matetich, a University of Texas law graduate.

Part One, also authored by Judges Barrow and Pickett, deals with trial procedure in criminal cases. It was published April 25, 1974 by the Texas Center.

Judges not receiving Parts One and Two should contact the Texas Center.

• Russell, Periman On Committees •

Two Texas judges have drawn national appointments.

Lewis F. Russell, Dallas Juvenile Court judge, was named to the board of trustees of the National Juvenile Court Foundation, Inc.

Carl C. Periman, Amarillo Court of Domestic Relations judge, was selected as a member of the executive committee, National Council of Juvenile Court Judges.

• Bullock Seeks Suggestions •

Comptroller Bob Bullock, who took office January 1, is inviting all district judges and district attorneys to offer suggestions and evaluations on the work of the Judiciary Section of the Comptroller's Department.

The new Comptroller wants to know from the people most directly affected how the Judiciary Section might improve its handling of payrolls, travel and expense claims, witness fees and all other paperwork.

Responses should be addressed to Bob Bullock, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78774, Attention: Judiciary Section.

JUDICIAL SECTION MEETS; 1974-75 OFFICERS ELECTED

Some 300 judges from across Texas attended the annual conference of the Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas, held in Brownsville, September 25-27.

With James G. Denton, Texas Supreme Court justice and 1974 section chairman, presiding, the conferees met in four business sessions to hear a variety of speakers and panel discussions.

Judicial Section

The final session saw election of officers for 1974-75. The new officers of the Judicial Section are: chairman, Joe E. Kelly, Victoria district judge; vice chairman, Wendell A. Odom, Court of Criminal Appeals judge, Austin; and secretary-treasurer, Paul W. Nye, Corpus Christi Court of Civil Appeals chief justice.

Appellate Division

New officers of the Appellate Division, Judicial Section, also were elected at the conference. The new chairman is James A. Ellis, Amarillo Court of Civil Appeals chief justice. Vice chairman is Carl E. F. Dally, Court of Criminal Appeals commissioner, Austin. Bill J. Cornelius, Texarkana Court of Civil Appeals justice, was elected secretary-treasurer.

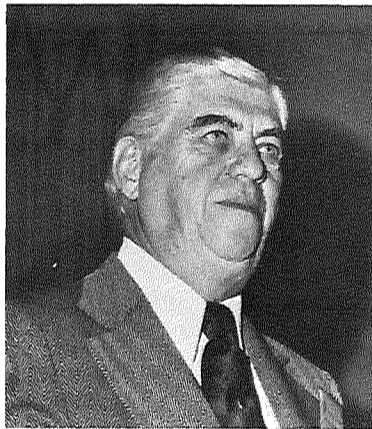
Executive Committee

Members of the 1974-75 Executive Committee of the Judicial Section elected at Brownsville include: James F. Clawson, Belton district judge; Don M. Dean, Amarillo district judge; Hector DePena, Corpus Christi district judge; Andrew L. Jefferson, Houston district judge; R. Wayne Lawrence, Palestine district judge; Marylou Robinson, Amarillo Court of Civil Appeals justice; Claude Williams, Dallas Court of Civil Appeals justice; and James G. Denton, Texas Supreme Court justice and immediate past chairman of the Judicial Section.

Legislative Committee

Judge Kelly appointed six new members to the nine-member Legislative Committee. They are: Galloway Calhoun Jr., Tyler district judge; Ross E. Doughty Jr., Uvalde district judge; F. Lee Duggan Jr., Houston district judge; Harry Hopkins, Weatherford district judge; Tom King, Dallas County Court-at-Law judge; and B. B. Schraub, Seguin district judge. Other members are: Marvin F. London, Montague district judge; Ardell M. Young, Fort Worth district judge; and Jose R. Alamia, Edinburg district judge.

In other business, Waco was selected as the site of the 1975 Judicial Section conference.



JOE KELLY



JAMES G. DENTON



WENDELL A. ODOM



PAUL W. NYE



New officers of the Judicial Section's Appellate Division are: left to right, Bill J. Cornelius, secretary-treasurer; James A. Ellis, chairman; and Carl E. F. Dally, vice chairman.