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*Down on the Rio Grande*

## Section conference spans array of issues

More than 500 judges from across the state unanimously selected Justice Noah Kennedy as chairman of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas for the upcoming year.

Judge Peter S. Solito of Houston was elected chairman-elect and Justice William Kilgarlin, Judge Hector DePena, and Judge Joe B. Evins were elected to three-year terms on the executive committee.

The Section membership at the Friday morning business meeting also passed by voice votes resolutions:

- supporting the proposed Judicial Districts Board amendment to the state constitution; and

- encouraging the Legislature to increase district judges' salaries to 90 percent of the salaries of Supreme Court justices.

The Judicial Districts Board constitutional amendment, which was passed by voters as Proposition 13 on Nov. 5, will create a board charged with reapportionment of the state's judicial districts.

The chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court, the presiding judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals,



**EXECUTIVE IMPANELING:** Pausing from their post-conference meeting are new executive committee members: (l-r) Raul L. Longoria, immediate past-chairman; Vann Culp; Hector DePena; Peter S. Solito, chairman-elect; Clarence Guittard, secretary-treasurer; Thomas B. Thorpe; Rachel Littlejohn; Noah Kennedy, chairman; Harry Hopkins; Temple Driver; and J.W. Summers.

the nine presiding judges of the administrative judicial districts, the president of the Texas Judicial Council, and a member of the State Bar appointed by the Governor will sit on the board.

Section members also discussed the need to revise the Code of Judicial Conduct. At the 1984 Section meeting in Galveston, members adopted a resolution recommending that the Supreme Court appoint a committee to consider and recommend to the Supreme Court a set of

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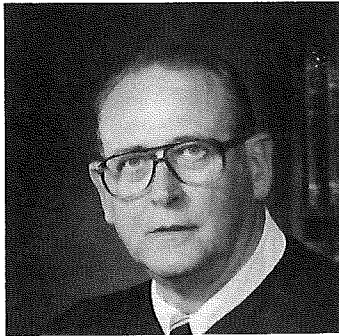
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# - LEADING REMARKS -



by Justice Noah Kennedy

*A new section chairman, like any person assuming the reins of any organization, is supposed to have some goals for the upcoming year. I have set my mind to this, and as I try to prioritize the needs of the Texas Judiciary, some thoughts occur.*

*Additional resources (spell that "money") are always a pressing need, especially among some of our brethren who are not treated as well by local governments as others of us are. However, with the Legislature not in session, let us put this matter on short-term hold and look at things more at hand.*

*Continuing legal education has been, and must continue to be, always on our minds. We have come a long way in this regard thanks to the leadership of judges like Tom Davis, Quentin Keith, Dick Countiss, and others.*

*I have certainly omitted something, but one need which, in my opinion, should be near the top of our list is the need to maintain, and to some extent improve, our image as a profession. Most often when we get a "black eye" in the press it isn't our collective fault, but rather it is the fault of one, or a small group, of us. I sometimes think judges are like airplanes -- let one plane crash anywhere in the country and it makes the newspapers. Likewise, let one judge, somewhere, render a less than Soloman-like decision and we are in that same newspaper. The fact that 100,000 planes took off and landed that day and that same number of well-reasoned judicial decisions were rendered isn't news worthy.*

*I don't know how to change any of this; it's just the way things are. If you have any ideas along this line, share them with me.*

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## SECTION

specific rules to become the Code of Judicial Conduct.

If violated, the Code of Judicial Conduct could be used as the basis for disciplinary action.

That resolution also called for the chair of the Judicial Section to appoint a committee to consider and recommend to the Section a set of ethical guidelines and standards to guide judges in their personal decisions. These guidelines would be known as the Canons of Judicial Ethics.

The Supreme Court Committee on the Code of Judicial Conduct, chaired by former Chief Justice Jack Pope (see box on page 7 for complete membership list), held its first organizational meeting at McAllen and tentatively set their next meeting for Jan. 17, 1986, in the State Bar Law Center in Austin.

Judge Pope said the Committee will hold several public hearings, including one at the State Bar Convention, in advance of the final report which is anticipated to be presented at the 1986 Judicial Section Conference.

The Special Study Committee on Judicial Ethics appointed by Chairman Longoria made its report and recommended that the Section adopt a set of proposed Canons of Judicial Ethics.

Members of the Section voted 2 to 1 to table the recommendation, to await the report of the Supreme Court Committee at the next Section meeting. ☺

**SUMMIT TALKS:** Chief Justice John Hill and Presiding Judge John Onion make one last review of their notes before addressing the general assembly on recent developments in the state's highest courts.

# Educational program covers new rules, decisions

Chief Justice John L. Hill, Jr., of the Texas Supreme Court and Presiding Judge John F. Onion, Jr., of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals began the Section's educational program with reports to the assembled judges on the current status of the judiciary and what appears to lie ahead.

Hill called on the general assembly to amplify their efforts to procure public support of the judicial system's needs, including increased salaries, adequate support personnel for

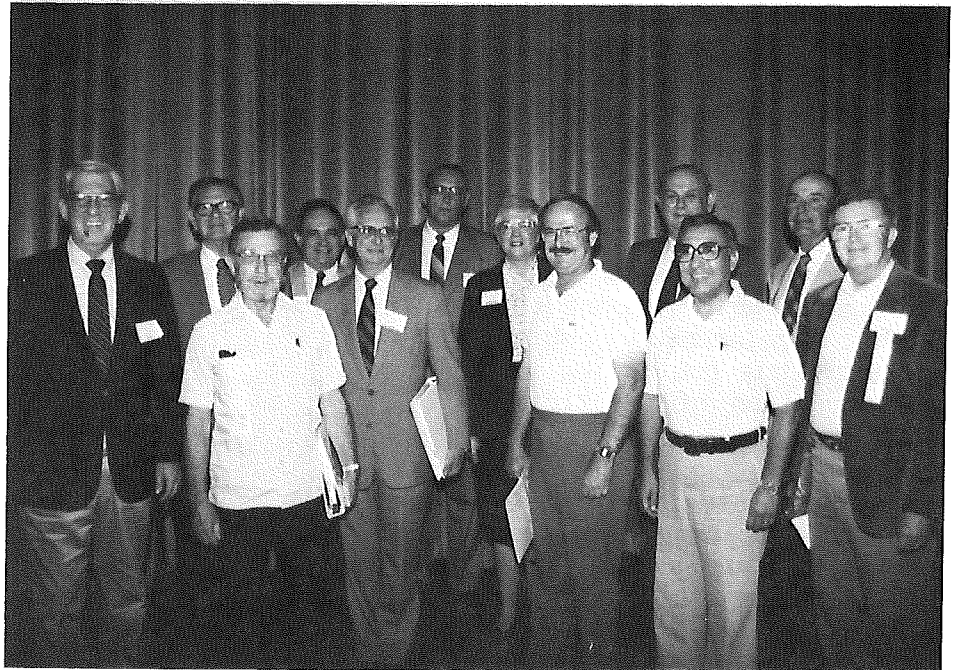
trial judges, and funds for computer-assisted transcription technology.

The Chief Justice also encouraged judges to use and support the creation of additional "alternative dispute resolution centers."

Presiding Judge Onion reviewed recently enacted legislation affecting criminal law and the Court of Criminal Appeals, and discussed his court's progress in promulgating rules of evidence.  
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**A NEW LOOK:** Meeting for the first time after their election at the McAllen conference with Executive Director Roy Rawls (far left) are new Texas Center Board of Directors: (l-r) Peter S. Solito, chairman-elect; Tom Cave; George Thurmond; Bob Dickenson; Noah Kennedy, chairman; Annette Stewart; Richard Countiss; Morris Hassell; Raul Rivera, treasurer; Paul Ferguson; and Lloyd Perkins.

**THE LINE UP:** It is a long walk to the end of a line of the newest members of the Judicial Section. The stroll was made by 88 judges who joined the judicial ranks since the last annual conference met. The new judges were recognized by District Judge Pat Lykos during the conference's opening session as well as 15 other judges who were elevated to new courts.



dence in criminal cases.

He said that the proposed rules, which are to be promulgated on Jan. 1, 1986, must have met with the judiciary's approval because he has received less than 10 responses from judges. All judges were requested to comment on the proposals before their enactment.

Calling it "unsafe at any speed" because of cited injustices brought about by the act, Judge Onion also urged the judges to support the repeal of the Texas Speedy Trial Act.

State Bar of Texas President Charles L. Smith of San Antonio urged the general assembly to support the Bar's referendum which would mandate continuing legal education of practicing attorneys.

Smith said the referendum was necessary to show the Legislature and the federal government that the State Bar was capable of self-regulation.

Smith also reported that the Bar now has twice as many lawyer disciplinary complaints as two years ago.

With over 150 lawsuits pending in the state, he urged judges to use a rule recently promulgated by the Supreme Court that allows preferential settings in lawyer discipline cases.

Judges attending the four-day conference, also heard a review and analysis of evidence from noted lecturer and legal analyst, Professor Charles R. Nesson of Harvard University Law School.

Nesson, who defended Daniel Elsborg during his Pentagon Papers trial, frequently appears on public and commercial television as

## LIMITING JUDICIAL LIABILITY?

### Group finds scarcity of options

The best chance for protection against suits under the federal civil rights statutes is to seek relief from Congress according to a report from a committee of judges appointed to examine judicial immunity.

The committee -- appointed last year and comprised of Justice John Boyd of Amarillo, Judge Charles Mathews of Austin, Judge James Clawson of Belton, Judge W. Ervin James of Houston, and Judge Melchor Chavez of Brownsville -- reported to conference participants that:

- ✓ two measures have been introduced in Congress that address judicial immunity; and
- ✓ while funds were unavailable this year, the Judicial Section should ask the Legislature to provide funds to either cover the expense of liability policies or to indemnify judges who get sued.

Relief is currently being sought through congressional action by amending Section 1988, excluding the judiciary in whole or part from award of attorney fees under two proposed measures -- H.R. 877 or H.R. 2170.

Introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives January 31, H.R. 877 would prohibit the award of attorney's fees against judges growing out of actions for injunctive relief.

H.R. 2170, introduced April 23, would amend the section of the Revised Statutes of the United States amended by the Civil Rights Attorneys' Fees Awards Act of 1976 to provide that attorneys fees may not be assessed under that section against members of the judiciary acting in judicial capacity. Ⓢ

a legal analyst because he is considered by many to be the nation's leading expert on evidence.

Nesson focused on the Texas rules of evidence and their recent revisions, along with the proposed rules of evidence in criminal cases.

Thursday afternoon, conference attendees divided into groups to allow judges of different jurisdictions to discuss issues of mutual concern.

Retired judges attended a program arranged by Senior Judge J. Neil Daniel of Abilene which included addresses by Court of Criminal Appeals Presiding Judge Onion;

Second Administrative District Judge Tom Stovall; and Fourth Administrative District Judge Joe Kelly.

Matters discussed included the revised statutes relating to judicial retirement, continuing judicial education of retired judges, and the effects of the Court Administration Act on retired judges.

Trial judges met with the nine presiding judges of the administrative judicial districts, Chief Justice Hill, Supreme Court Justice James Wallace, and Ernest Friesen, dean of the California Western School of Law in San Diego to discuss the

## **SAFETY IN NUMBERS**

### **Policy existance waivers as participation wanes**

A judicial liability policy issued at the request of the Judicial Section by the Texas Lawyer's Insurance Exchange may be discontinued if more judges don't participate in the program according to a report made by TLIE representatives at the McAllen conference.

Under the judicial liability policy, which is available only to Texas domiciled judges of courts of record, judges receive liability protection up to \$1 million for a \$400.00 per year premium.

The policy offers a two-prong insuring agreement:

- 1) to insure a judge for any alleged negligent acts in the administration and conduct of the court; and
- 2) to insure judges during the performance of mandatory or reasonably necessary administrative functions or duties such as their participation on Juvenile Commissions or Bail Bond Boards.

TLIE underwriter Sam Risinger told the general assembly at the conference that the liability policy has not been a success because of the small number of judges who have enlisted in the program.

A large number of participants in a program allows the insurer to operate a fiscally sound program that offers a policy with a low premium said Risinger.

TLIE records show that in 1984, only 88 judges were policy holders and there were 18 claims filed. Eighty-seven percent of the policies issued were paid for by the counties where the insured resides.

First available in fall of 1983, the policy was written by a committee of judges after a nationwide American Bar Association poll conducted that year showed 87% of all judges wanted a policy similar to what TLIE now offers.

At its September board of director's meeting, TLIE actuaries recommended that the program be discontinued because of its fiscally unsound nature, Risinger said.

However, at the request of a member of the board, District Judge Earl Stover, the board voted to continue offering the policy for another six months with the understanding that at the end of that time period, TLIE would review the status of the program to determine if participation level has increased enough to justify its continuation.

TLIE is a non-profit insurance company sponsored by State Bar of Texas Insurance Trust and operated for the benefit of the lawyers of the state of Texas. It is governed by a board of directors comprised of twelve licensed attorneys.

For more information about the policy contact Sam Risinger or a TLIE underwriter at: Texas Lawyers' Insurance Exchange, P.O. Box 13325, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, (512) 480-9074 or 1-800-252-9332.★

implementation of the newly-revised Court Administration Act.

Friesen, noted for his work on reducing court delay, has contracted with the Supreme Court to assist a task force charged with writing Texas rules of administration which the Supreme Court would promulgate.

Friesen outlined a five-point plan of court management techniques designed to reduce trial delay. His suggestions included short scheduling meetings and filing deadlines, requiring client signatures on continuance requests, and using "back-up judges" to insure things will occur when they are scheduled to occur.

During a question and answer period, Friesen said national figures show a general jurisdiction judge on an individual docket system hears 600 to 800 cases per year.

When asked if the new rules would include a local option for using central or individual docket systems, Justice Wallace said, "The goal is to work for individual dockets statewide."

Friesen is scheduled to make his proposals to the Supreme Court advisory committee by November 16. The new statute requires the Supreme Court to promulgate court administration rules by January 1, 1986.

Correspondence to the advisory committee should be mailed to the Office of Court Administration (P.O. Box 12066, Austin, Texas 78711) which will distribute copies of all letters to the committee.

During their breakout session, appellate judges discussed the uniform rules of appellate procedure, reap-

portionment of the supreme judicial districts, and the judicial budget board.

Assistant Dean and South Texas College of Law Professor T. Gerald Treece

**UNANIMOUS OPINION:** Justice Noah Kennedy of Corpus Christi and District Judge Wyatt H. Heard of Houston chat with Harvard Law School Professor Charles R. Nesson during a break in Nesson's day-long discussion on evidence. Kennedy, who chaired the conference program committee, and Heard, who served as a committee member, invited Nesson to address the general assembly at the urging of many judges who had attended other continuing legal education programs taught by Nesson.

**FAIR COMMENTS:** Out-going executive committee members and Center directors receive congratulatory remarks from Chief Justice John Hill (second from left) after being honored at the Chairman's Luncheon on Thursday. Pictured are: (l-r) Clarence Stevenson, Hill, Raul L. Longoria, Pat Lykos, Franklin Spears, B.B. Schraub, Barbara Culver, Neel Richardson, and Curt Steib.

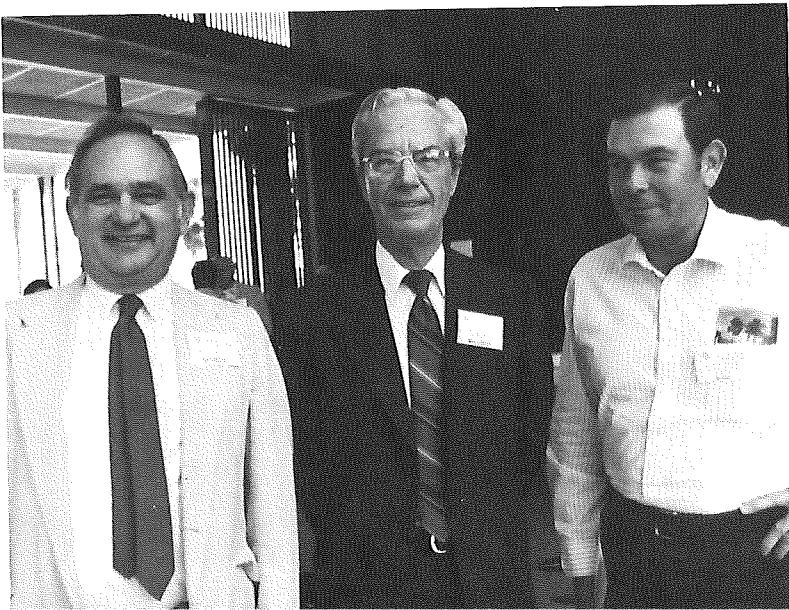
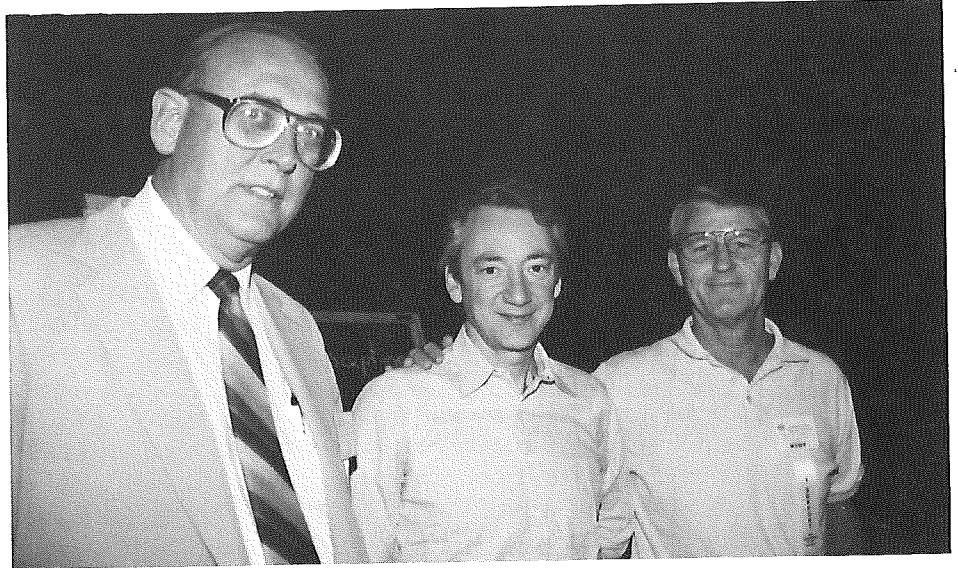
**DISCOVERY HEARINGS:** Houston District Judges Robert Baum and Sharolyn Wood compare notes with Dallas District Judges Dee Miller and Annette Stewart outside the convention hall during an afternoon break. Participants often remark on the conference's ability to offer judges the rare opportunity to exchange ideas with their counterparts in other regions of the state.

**STATE OF THE ART:** Presiding Judge George Thurmond of the 6th Administrative District (far left) shares tidbits of information on the nuances of the job with newly-appointed Presiding Judges Weldon Kirk of the 7th Administrative District and Ray Anderson of the 9th Administrative District. The judges of each administrative district met during the conference to discuss issues of local concern.

led a discussion on the inherent powers of the judiciary and how they effect relations with the Legislature.

Rounding out the pro-

gram, the executive director of the Office of Court Administration, Ray Judice, gave a demonstration of the courts of appeals' topical index system. ❁



# Other judicial groups induct new leaders

Two other judicial organizations held their annual business meetings and elections at the McAllen conference.

The membership of the Texas Center for the Judiciary elected five new officers and the Texas County Court at Law Judges Association choose four new leaders.

Justice Noah Kennedy was selected to serve as chairman of the Texas Center's Board of Directors and Judge Peter S. Solito of Houston will serve as Vice-Chairman. Judge Raul Rivera

of San Antonio was elected as secretary/treasurer.

The Center's membership also chose three new directors to serve three-year terms on the Center's board. They are: Judge Tom Cave of Fort Worth, Justice Bob Dickenson of Eastland, and Judge Annette Stewart of Dallas. Judge Raul L. Longoria, immediate past chairman, will serve as an ex-officio member to the board.

County Court at Law Judge Wayne Bachus of Belton was elected president of the 148-member County Court at

Law Judges Association.

Judges selected to serve on groups' executive committee include: Judge Cynthia Kent of Tyler, Tom C. Fuller of Dallas and William H. Brigham of Fort Worth.

The executive committee will meet in November in Dallas, Bachus said, to determine the needs and interests of the judges represented by the association.

Bachus succeeds Judge B.F. Coker, who retired as president when he was appointed to the 191st District bench. \*

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# In Memoriam:

## JUDGE HANS BROCKMOLLER



Hans Brockmoller, who served as a judge in El Paso for more than 20 years, died September 22. He was 73.

Judge Brockmoller received his B.A. from the College of Mines and Metallurgy in 1935 (now the University of Texas at El Paso), and his JD from the University of Texas School of Law in 1938.

He practiced law in El Paso until March 1942, when he entered the U.S. Navy. After a four-year stint, he returned to El Paso.

He served as Assistant City Attorney from 1947 to 1957, while also lecturing on business law at the University Texas at El Paso.

Appointed to the 120th District bench in 1957 by Gov. Price Daniel, Judge Brockmoller later served as the presiding judge of the El Paso district courts until his retirement in December 1978.

Judge Brockmoller authored a text and lectured on international law for the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island. He was active in the U.S. Naval Reserve until his retirement in 1972 as a Captain, Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Judge Brockmoller served on the Executive Committee of the Judicial Section of the State Bar for two terms.

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## JUDGE WILLIAM J. CRAIG

William J. Craig, who devoted many years to public service including seven as Gray County Judge, died August 28. He was 69.

Judge Craig was a graduate of the University of Texas Business School and Law School. After serving in the Navy during World War II, Craig practiced law in Pampa until 1955.

From 1946 to 1952, Judge Craig served in the Texas House of Representatives representing the 124th District of Texas. He was elected to serve as City Judge for the City of Pampa in 1954, and in 1959 became Gray County Judge.

Judge Craig also served as assistant Attorney General of Texas from 1967 to 1977 under Attorney Generals Martin and Hill.

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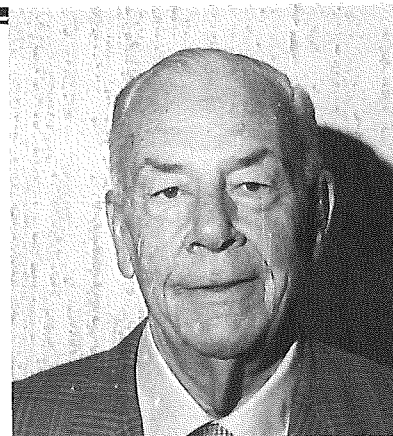
## JUDGE D. Y. McDANIEL

D. Y. McDaniel, who was a member of the Texas judiciary for 30 years, died in Waco September 13.

After receiving his A.B. and J.D. from Baylor University, Judge McDaniel served as Municipal Judge of Waco from 1930 to 1936. From 1937 to 1948, he served as County Judge of McLennan County. He was appointed to the 74th District Court bench in 1949, and served until his retirement on December 31, 1967.

Judge McDaniel was president of the County Judges and Commissioners Association, 1933-34, and lectured at Baylor Law School for four years immediately after World War II.

Many organizations recognized Judge McDaniel for his distinguished community service, including the Waco Junior Chamber of Commerce which awarded him the Good Government Award and the Waco-McLennan Bar Association which recognized him for service to the bench and bar.



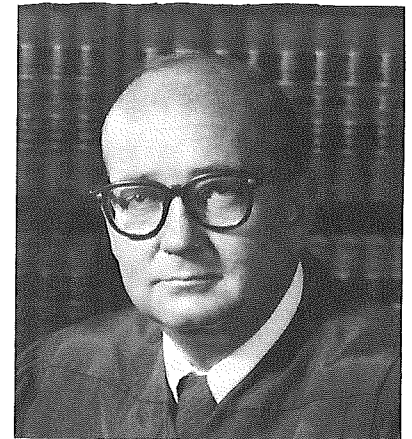
## JUDGE JACK TREADWAY

Judge Jack Treadway, who presided over the Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 4 for 15 years, died October 28. He was 61.

After graduating from the University of Houston Law School in 1951, Judge Treadway practiced criminal and civil law in Houston. He was elected Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 of Harris County in 1963 and served in that capacity until 1970.

Judge Treadway was appointed to the County Court at Law bench in 1970, and served on that bench until his death.

A former Director and officer of the Spring Branch Council for Exceptional Children, Judge Treadway was also a director of the Spring Branch Chamber of Commerce, the University of Houston Alumni Federation and a member of the American Judicature Society.



## ETHICS OPINIONS

### Opinion No. 80

*QUESTION: May a person who has been appointed as a Master of a District Court continue to serve as a member of a City planning and zoning board?*

*ANSWER:* Although a Master of a Court is not a judge, the compliance section of the Code of Judicial Conduct makes a master or a referee, who are permanently appointed by a district judge, subject to compliance with the provisions of the code.

Canon 5G, concerning extra-judicial appointments, states: "A judge should not accept appointment to a governmental committee, commission, or other position that is concerned with issues of fact or policy on matters other than the improvement of the Law, the Legal system or the Administration of Justice."

The committee is of the opinion that serving on a city planning and zoning

board, by a permanently appointed master, does not fall within any of the exceptions enumerated in Canon 5G and is prohibited by the code of judicial conduct.

### Opinion No. 81

*QUESTION: May a judge serve as chairman of the board of a title company, a private corporation?*

*ANSWER:* The Code of Judicial Conduct does not specifically prohibit a judge from serving as Chairman of the Board of a title company which is a private corporation. It does set forth guidelines that a judge should observe:

(1) A judge should conduct himself at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary (Canon 2A)  
(2) A judge should not lend the prestige of his office to advance the private

interests of others; nor should he convey or permit others to convey the impression that they are in a special position to influence him. (Canon 2B)

(3) A judge should regulate his extra-judicial activities to minimize the risk of conflict with his judicial activities, (Canon 5) and manage his investments and other financial interests to minimize the number of cases in which he is disqualified. (Canon 5C[3]) See, Canon 3C for judicial disqualifications.

The committee assumes that the judge would not permit his title to be used upon the company stationery or any other printed material of the title company.

If there is no conflict with the canons set out above, the Judicial Ethics Committee perceives no violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct. ●

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## MASTERING THE JUDICIAL PROCESS

Applications for admission to the Graduate Program for Judges at the University of Virginia School of Law are now being accepted for 1986 summer enrollment.

The program, designed primarily for appellate judges, earns graduates the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M) in the Judicial Process.

This graduate degree program, inaugurated in 1980, is the first and only such program in the country. The course of instruction occupies two successive summer terms of six weeks each at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Class enrollment is limited to 30 judges currently sitting.

Among the alumni of the two classes graduated from the program thus far, are two Texas justices -- U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals

Judge Thomas Reavley of Austin and Justice William J. Cornelius of the 6th Court of Appeals in Texarkana.

Supreme Court Justice Raul Gonzalez, 3rd Court of Appeals Justice Bob Gammage of Austin, and 4th Court of Appeals Justice Shirley Butts of San Antonio are currently enrolled in the program, and are scheduled to graduate in May, 1986.

The director of the program, Professor Daniel J. Meador, indicates that funds are available to cover expenses for each justice selected to attend the program. Information and application forms, which must be completed not later than January 31, 1986, may be obtained by writing or calling: Professor Daniel J. Meador; University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, Virginia, 22901; 804/924-3947.

## A MASTERY OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Dallas District Court Judge Craig Penfold is the 1985 recipient of the Charles O. Betts Award.

The award is a presentation made by the Texas Institute on Children and Youth to acknowledge the contribution of a "distinguished jurist in juvenile justice".

Penfold, who chairs the Texas Task Force on Permanency Planning for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, ac-

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BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Whom did you succeed in office?* \_\_\_\_\_

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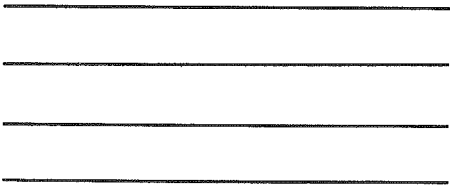
*Is your court a juvenile court?* Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are a retired or former judge please complete the following:*

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Former \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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# NEW JUDGES

JUDGE	COURT	CITY	SUCCEEDS	EFFECTIVE
Ray D. Anderson	Presiding Judge, 9th Admin. District	Brownfield	E. E. Jordan	10/1/85
Charles E. Blackley	County Ct. at Law	New Braunfels	Ron Zipp	9/1/85
B. F. Coker	191st District Court	Dallas	James Zimmerman	8/30/85
Claude Davis	County Ct. at Law	Bryan	Carolyn Ruffino	9/1/85
Bonnie Fitch	County Ct. at Law #13	Houston	NEWLY-CREATED	1/1/86
James Fitz-Gerald	County Ct. at Law	Midland	NEWLY-CREATED	10/1/85
Angel Z. Fraga	County Ct. at Law #14	Houston	NEWLY-CREATED	9/1/85
Weldon Kirk	Presiding Judge, 7th Admin. District	Sweetwater	Ray McKim	10/1/85
L. J. Krueger	County Ct. at Law	Liberty	NEWLY-CREATED	1/1/86
J. D. Langley	County Ct. at Law #2	Bryan	NEWLY-CREATED	1/1/86
Mason Martin	County Ct. at Law #3	Conroe	NEWLY-CREATED	1/1/86
Bill McCoy	358th District Court	Odessa	NEWLY-CREATED	9/1/85
William C. McCulloch	Probate Court #4	Houston	NEWLY-CREATED	9/1/85
Gladys Oakley	County Ct. at Law	Bellville	NEWLY-CREATED	1/1/86
Michael J. O'Neill	County Ct. at Law	Dallas	B. F. Coker	9/16/85
Stanton B. Pemberton	169th District Court	Belton	James F. Clawson	10/1/85
James B. Porter	County Ct. at Law	Rusk	NEWLY-CREATED	11/18/85
Robert Raesz	County Ct. at Law	Bastrop	NEWLY-CREATED	12/1/85
George W. Svanas	County Ct. at Law #2	Odessa	NEWLY-CREATED	10/1/85
Francis L. Williams	County Ct. at Law #4	Houston	Jack Treadway	11/18/85
James B. Zimmermann	5th Court of Appeals	Dallas	Spencer Carver	9/1/85

\* The above chart lists judges who have assumed the bench or have been appointed to a different court since the last publication of *In Chambers*.

cepted the award during the annual Institute on Children and Youth conference in Hunt, Texas.

Adding to a lengthy career history of active participation in numerous juvenile justice programs and committees, Judge Penfold will head the 1986 Metropolitan Court's Committee of the National Council. The Committee consist of 40 judges involved in the field of juvenile justice nationwide.

Judge Penfold was also

a recent special guest of President Reagan in the White House East Room for the opening of the National Center for Missing Children.

## RETIRED JURIST TO SIT ON BOARD

Retired Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Wendell A. Odom of Apple Springs has been named by the governor to serve as vice-chairman of the Texas

Board of Pardons and Parole. Odom, who assumed his new position in September, was first appointed to the parole board by Gov. Mark White in January, 1985.

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# JUDICIAL CALENDAR

## 1985 CONFERENCES

**Texas College for New Judges**  
December 1-6, 1985  
University Hotel  
Huntsville

## 1986 CONFERENCES

**Southeast Texas  
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February 12-14, 1986  
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**South Texas Judicial Conference**  
March 5-7, 1986  
Location: San Antonio

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March 19-21, 1986  
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Location: *to be announced*

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September 23-26, 1986  
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