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Galveston To Host Judicial Section Annual Conference

Judge Joe B. Evins, Chairman of the Judicial Section, has called for the Annual Conference of the Judicial Section of the State Bar of Texas to be held in Galveston, September 24-27, 1991.

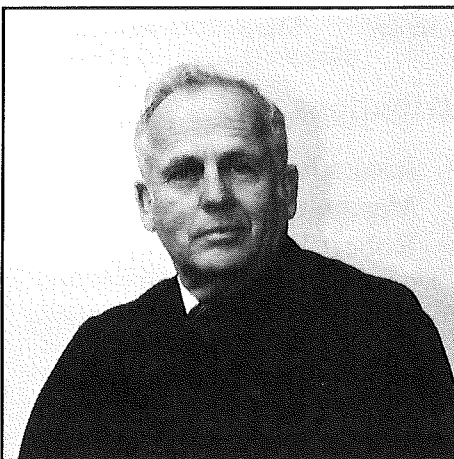
The conference will commence with registration on Tuesday. Golf and bridge will be held on Tuesday afternoon.

The educational program for trial judges will begin Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and will be held at the Moody Civic Center, located at 2100 Seawall Boulevard. The Wednesday program will be a general session sponsored by the Texas Bar Foundation and will include a report from the Supreme Court, a report from the Court of Criminal Appeals, an update on local rules, a report on the Judicial Conduct Commission, an introduction to a new courtroom television network, and an in-depth presentation on courtroom communication for judges.

Thursday morning's educational program for trial judges will be a general session on "Managing Trials Effectively." The program on Thursday afternoon will consist of three concurrent breakout sessions and will provide trial judges with a choice of topics in criminal law, civil law and family/juvenile law.

A separate program for appellate judges will be held on Wednesday and Thursday at the Flagship Hotel. The program, "The Decision Making Process," will be presented by faculty from the National Judicial College.

A meeting for retired and former



Chairman Joe B. Evins

judges will be held Thursday afternoon in the Hotel Galvez.

The business meetings of the Judicial Section and the Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc., will take place at the Moody Civic Center on Friday morning.

The trial judges' program will provide up to 10.00 hours of continuing judicial education, and the appellate judges' program will provide up to 12.00 hours of continuing judicial education.

Social activities during the conference will include golf and bridge on Tuesday afternoon; a welcome reception on Tuesday evening; the Inspirational Breakfast on Wednesday morning; tennis on Wednesday evening; and a reception and dinner/dance on Thursday evening.

The Spouses Program will be held
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Nominating Committee Announces Slate of Officers

The Nominating Committee has released its list of nominees for officers of the Texas Center for the Judiciary and for the Judicial Section. Those nominated to be officers of the Texas Center are:

Chairman:

Justice Linda B. Thomas
5th Court of Appeals, Dallas

Vice-Chairman:

Judge Weldon Kirk
32nd District Court, Sweetwater

Secretary-Treasurer:

Judge Raul Rivera
288th District Court, San Antonio

Board of Directors:

Judge Fortunato P. Benavides
Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin

Judge Mickey R. Pennington
38th District Court, Uvalde

Judge Gus J. Strauss
2nd 5th District Court, Hallettsville.

The nominees for the Judicial Section are:

Chairman:

Justice Linda B. Thomas
5th Court of Appeals, Dallas

Vice-Chairman:

Judge Weldon Kirk
32nd District Court, Sweetwater

Executive Committee:

Place 1:

Judge Bill M. White
Court of Criminal Appeals, Austin

Place 5:

Judge J. Michael Bradford
58th District Court, Beaumont

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Appointments to Board of Criminal Justice and Judicial Advisory Council

The Honorable Clarence N. Stevenson, Judge of the 24th District Court in Victoria, has been appointed by Governor Ann Richards to the Board of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Judge Stevenson was formerly Chairman of the Judicial Advisory Council to the Community Justice Assistance Division of the TDCJ.

Chief Justice Thomas R. Phillips of the Supreme Court of Texas and Presiding Judge Michael J. McCormick of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals have jointly appointed the Honorable Larry J. Gist, Judge of the Criminal District Court in Beaumont, to be the new Chairman of the Judicial Advisory Council, succeeding Judge Stevenson. Judge Gist is presently a member of the Council. In addition, Chief Justice Phillips has appointed the Honorable Ronald M. Yeager, Judge of the 36th District Court in Sinton, as the newest member of the Judicial Advisory Council.

Contributions to the Texas Center

Since the May 1991 Issue of In Chambers

Robert F. Barnes
Robert C. Cheshire

Joe D. Clayton
Garvin H. Germany

Jan E. Hemphill
Margaret G. Mirabal

Memorial Contributions

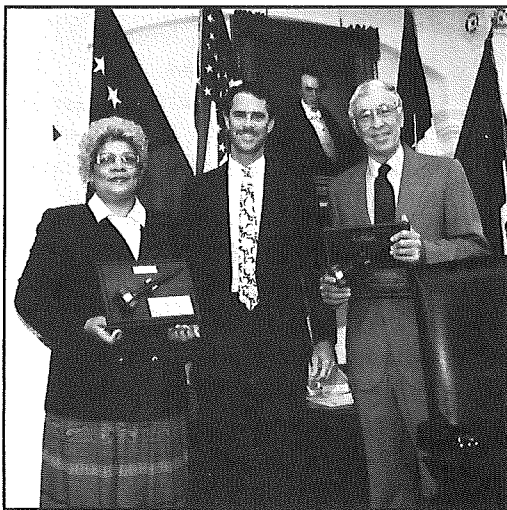
Justice James K. Allen Memorial
Leonard E. Hoffman

Judge Howard C. Davison Memorial
Robert W. Calvert

Judge Al Klein Memorial
Jack Pope

Justice James Norvell Memorial
Robert W. Calvert

Mrs. James C. (Isabel) Onion Memorial
John & Nancy Onion



Judge David L. Hodges of Waco, President of the Texas Association of County

Courts at Law, presents plaques of appreciation to Senator Temple Dickson of Sweetwater and Representative Senfronia Thompson of Houston for their efforts in passing House Bill 66.

The bill, which was sponsored by Representative Thompson in the House and carried by Senator Dickson in the Senate, provides for uniform jurisdiction for county courts at law (maximum civil jurisdiction of \$100,000, worker's compensation appeals and probate), creates a uniform salary structure funded by a court cost increase, and authorizes the creation of multi-county statutory county courts.

New Judges

John Robert Adamson
2nd District Court, Rusk
Succeeding Morris W. Hassell

Carolyn Clause Garcia
151st District Court, Houston
Succeeding Alice Oliver Trevathan

John H. Kyles
208th District Court, Houston
Succeeding Thomas H. Routt

Eileen Frances O'Neill
190th District Court
Houston
Succeeding Wyatt H. Heard

Alice Oliver Trevathan
Chief Justice, 1st Court of Appeals
Succeeding Frank G. Evans, III

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on Wednesday and will be organized by the Galveston Historical Foundation. The program will include a driving tour of Galveston, tours of the Galveston County Historical Museum and the Texas Seaport Museum, a "bird's eye view" of the island from the American National Observation Area and lunch at Ashton Villa. Spouses will have a free day on Thursday to take in the shopping and all the other attractions in Galveston.

If you need additional information concerning the conference please call the Texas Center at (512) 463-1530 or 1-800-252-9232.

Judicial Calendar

**Institute for Appellate
Court Attorneys**
September 11-13, 1991
Crest Hotel, Austin

**Judicial Section
Annual Conference**
September 24-27, 1991
Moody Civic Center, Galveston

**Texas Association for
Court Administration
Annual Conference**
October 15-18, 1991
Radisson Plaza Hotel, Austin

Juvenile Justice Seminar
November 6-8, 1991
Red Lion Hotel, Austin

**Constitutional County Judges'
Education Course**
November 19-22, 1991
Hotel to be announced, Austin

Texas College for New Judges
December 8-13, 1991
University Hotel, Huntsville

**Southeast Texas
Judicial Conference**
February 19-21, 1992
University Hotel, Huntsville

**South Texas
Judicial Conference**
March 11-13, 1992
Sheraton Fiesta Hotel, San Antonio

**Central Texas
Judicial Conference**
March 25-27, 1992
Wyndham Southpark Hotel, Austin

**Northeast Texas
Judicial Conference**
April 8-10, 1992
Marshall Civic Center, Marshall

**West Texas
Judicial Conference**
April 22-24, 1992
Holiday Inn Centre, Odessa

**Constitutional County Judges'
Education Course**
April 28-May 1, 1992
Plaza Hotel, Lubbock

Criminal Justice Conference
May 13-15, 1992
Sheraton Mockingbird Hotel, Dallas

**Trial Court Management
Seminar**
June 15-19, 1992
University Hotel, Huntsville

**Institute for Appellate Court
Attorneys**
September 9-11, 1992
Hotel to be announced, Austin

**Judicial Section
Annual Conference**
September 22-25, 1992
El Paso Convention Center, El Paso

**Texas Association for
Court Administration
Annual Conference**
Date to be Announced
Hotel to be Announced, Austin

Juvenile Justice Seminar
November 4-6, 1992
Hotel to be Announced, Austin

Texas College for New Judges
December 6-11, 1992
University Hotel, Huntsville

Traveling to Galveston?

For those who are going to attend the Judicial Section Annual Conference in Galveston, the following information may be helpful.

Persons flying into Houston Airports

Galveston Limousine Service offers daily service from Houston Hobby Airport from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight, and from Houston Intercontinental Airport from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person, one-way, from Hobby, and \$18.00 per person, one-way, from Intercontinental (not including gratuity). Advance reservation forms were mailed with confirmation letters for those judges who registered for the annual conference, or you can call Galveston Limousine Service at (409) 765-5288 to make your reservations for transportation to Galveston Island.

For transportation by limousine service to the airports after the conference, arrangements should be made well in advance of departure.

Taxicab service is available and the cost from the airports to the hotels is approximately \$60-80 one-way (not including gratuity).

Parking In Galveston

Complimentary parking is available at the Moody Civic Center parking garage for conference participants. The parking garage is located behind the civic center (next door to the Galvez). For appellate judges attending the program at the Flagship Hotel, complimentary parking is available to conference attendees in the hotel's parking lot; overnight parking is limited to hotel guests. Complimentary self-parking is available at the Galvez Hotel for hotel guests.

In Memoriam

Judge David Hunter Brown

Judge David Hunter Brown of Sherman died March 9, 1991. He was 70 years old. Brown received his J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1946, at which time he began practicing as an associate with the law firm of Freeman, Wolfe & Keith. In 1949, he started his own general civil law firm and practiced until 1964 when he was elected judge of the 59th District Court. He remained on that bench until 1975 when he resigned from the bench and resumed private practice. Brown was active in local politics and served as a city councilman, school board trustee, and president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Al J. Klein

Judge Al J. Klein of San Antonio died June 4, 1991. He was 83 years old. He received his undergraduate degree and LL.B. from the University of Texas. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1930. Klein served as tax attorney for the city of San Antonio from 1933 until 1939. In 1977, he was appointed judge of the 224th District Court, and subsequently elected to that bench. He served on the bench until 1982.

Judge Charles D. Mathews

Judge Charles D. Mathews of Austin died August 4, 1991. He was 78 years old. Mathews graduated with honors from the University of Texas School of Law in 1937. After graduation, he was appointed legal examiner of the Motor Transportation Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. During his legal career, Mathews was a first assistant attorney general and a partner in the law firm of Looney, Clark, Morehead and Mathews. In 1969, he was appointed by Governor Preston Smith to the State Board of Insurance for two years. In 1971, Mathews became judge of the 200th District Court in Austin and served on the bench until 1983.

Judge Adrian A. Spears

Judge Adrian A. Spears of San Antonio died May 9, 1991. He was 80 years old. He received his LL.B. from the University of South Carolina. He was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1937. Spears practiced law with Conger, Low, Baskin & Spears. Spears was a United States district judge of the western district of Texas for 22 years and served 17 of those years as chief judge. He served as president of the 5th Circuit District Judges

Association, as a member of the board of directors of the Federal Judicial Center, and as President of the San Antonio Bar Association.

Nominees from page 1

Place 8:

Judge John L. Fashing

County Court at Law #2, El Paso

Place 10:

Judge Dan Gibbs

Senior District Judge, Dallas.

The election of officers will be held on Friday morning, September 27, at the Moody Civic Center in Galveston during the Judicial Section Annual Conference.

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