



# COURT NEWS

Newsletter of the Alabama Judicial System

August, 1984

## FY 1984-85

## FINANCIAL OPERATING PLAN ANNOUNCED

"The Alabama Legislature appropriated \$47,800,000 to the Unified Judicial System for the upcoming 1984-85 fiscal year," said Allen Tapley, Administrative Director of Courts. "This budget, however, includes only a slight increase over the previous fiscal year. As a result, this year it will again be necessary that we operate financially in a manner similar to FY 1983-84," said Tapley.

"I would like to commend each court official and employee for the excellent manner in which you have responded to the restrictive financial situation which we have encountered for the past two fiscal years. Your efficiency in operating your office and reducing costs has enabled us to provide merit raises and to buy a limited amount of essential equipment at the end of the fiscal years," stated Tapley.

"In anticipation that we will continue to operate in a cost-effective manner, the 1984-85 operations plan beginning October 1, 1984, has been altered as follows," said Tapley.

1. Merit raises will be allowed at one or two steps at the discretion of the appointing authority. This is the current policy followed by the State Personnel System.

2. Court officials will be reimbursed only for allowable dues at the time they are incurred.

"I would like to emphasize the fact that if this plan is to work, it will be necessary to continue to keep costs at a minimum. Specifically, the following areas are important," commented Tapley.

**Personnel Costs:** 1. Judges can utilize part-time bailiffs at their discretion but are requested to limit their use as much as possible. 2. We must continue to adhere to the policy that new positions, reclassifications, or promotions which involve increased costs be held to an absolute minimum.

**Travel:** All travel should be scheduled in the most cost-effective manner. The attendance at Judicial College meetings will be reimbursed through the special \$300,000 line item.

**Communications:** Please limit to the extent possible long distance telephone calls and the use of postage.

**Supplies and Forms:** Officials are requested to utilize existing inventories, order limited quantities where possible, and be conservative in the usage of these items. You are requested to utilize the AOC print shop for all single copy forms in the same manner as you have in 1983-84.

**Equipment:** Purchase of equipment will be delayed until the 4th quarter and provided only if funds are available.

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Fiscal Year Operations Cutoff .....	Page 2
Chief Justice Travels to Middle East .....	Page 3
Women in the Judiciary .....	Page 4
Changes in the Judiciary .....	Page 9
Master Jury Boxes to Be Emptied .....	Page 9
Association Officers .....	Page 13

## FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS CUTOFF

The accounting year for the Unified Judicial System will end on September 30, 1984. This will coincide with the required fiscal year cutoff for all State agencies. Consequently, the financial operations of the State, such as the purchasing of supplies, forms and equipment, reimbursement for travel, request for postage, emergency repairs, etc., will be affected temporarily. The payroll process will not be affected by this cutoff. The purpose of the cutoff is to determine what obligations are unpaid at year-end and to allow for the appropriations of funds for the operation of the next fiscal year.

The following schedule is provided for your information and necessary action in order for you to plan around this temporary disruption of service.

**1. Purchase Orders:** All purchases of supplies, forms, etc., will be cut off on September 21, 1984. This operation

will resume on October 1, 1984. Therefore, you should project your needs for a period of approximately three (3) weeks in order to avoid any disruption of your office functions.

**2. Postage, Reimbursement for Travel, Emergency Repairs, etc.:** All expenditures of this nature will continue to be processed through September 21, 1984.

Any claims for reimbursement or other type expenditures of this nature received after September 21, 1984, will be held until processing is resumed on October 1, 1984.

Your cooperation and understanding will be appreciated during this short period of interrupted service. If we can be of any assistance to you during this period, please feel free to contact appropriate staff of the Administrative Office of Courts.

### REMINDER—Pickup of Surplus Property

The Administrative Office of Courts is presently scheduling trips to pick up State-owned surplus property. You are requested to provide a letter to the AOC indicating the **inventory control number**, description, size and serial number (if applicable) of each item of property to be picked up. Please refer to the AOC Administrative Procedure 79-FIS-6, dated May 1, 1979, for specific instructions. This letter should be submitted to the individual noted below:

Ms. Margaret Norris  
Property Manager  
Administrative Office of Courts  
817 South Court Street  
Montgomery, AL 36130-0101  
1-800-392-8077

You will be notified in advance of the date scheduled for the pickup in order to minimize disruption of your office operation.

### COURT CALENDARS—MAIL TO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

The Administrative Office requests that court officials forward a copy of both circuit and district court calendars for Fall, 1984 terms of court to Nancy L. Morochnick.

## A VISIT TO THE HOLY LAND AND THE MID-EAST

By C. C. Torbert, Jr.

It was my privilege this summer to be selected as one of five lay people to accompany 15 theology students on a 3-week study tour of the Holy Land and Greece. The trip was sponsored by the Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia; Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia; and the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

The purpose of the travel seminar was to provide the participants with an in-depth study of the area which is the center of the world's biblical heritage and which plays such a crucial role in current international affairs. Secondly, the trip gave these outstanding theology students from different denominations an opportunity for extended interchange among themselves and also with lay persons who are in key roles in business, government, and civic affairs.

Our tour of the Holy Land began in Amman, the capital city of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. While in Jordan, we explored the ruins of the Roman Crusader castles in Kerak and Aslum, the Jordan port city of Aqaba, and the beautiful rose red rocks of Petra in southern Jordan.

Leaving Jordan, we visited the modern Jewish state of Israel. The tension there was reflected by the presence of uniformed men and women--usually armed with machine guns. Just like in the United States, we would see school children visiting tourist attractions and historical places with their teachers, but with one significant exception--teachers and the parents who accompanied the children carried weapons. The opportunity to listen to debate between Arab and

Israeli, Moslem and Jew will never be forgotten.

While in Israel, we visited many of the places which are familiar to us all from our biblical studies, like Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Nazareth. We climbed atop the great fortresses built under Herod the Great--the Masada and the Herodium. How wonderfully interesting it was to learn of the paleolithic Mount Carmel Caves, the "tells" that portray each layer of civilization since the dawn of history, the Roman castles still standing throughout the land, and the mosques, temples, and churches that piece together history and religion. The great Jordan River, the Sea of Galilee, and the Dead Sea--all were breathtaking sights.

We traveled throughout the "west bank," which has been held by Israel since 1967, visiting the cities of Hebron and Nablus. We participated in a real archaeological dig in Caesarea which provided me the opportunity to discover how brilliant people were over 2,000 years ago. And finally the tour took us to Tel Aviv and then to Athens and the Greek Island of Hydra.

For those who have not visited the Holy Land, it can best be described as the centerpiece of three great religions--Christianity, Judaism, and Islam. In this area where western civilization began, we can see in totality the long sweep of the history of our civilization. For me personally, the trip served to strengthen my understanding and appreciation of our biblical heritage and of current political events in the Middle East area.

---

### NOTICE

Disbursements of fees collected for the Crime Victim Compensation Fund should be forwarded to the following new address:

Crime Victim Compensation Commission  
114 North Hull Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

## WOMEN IN THE JUDICIARY

The appointment by Governor George C. Wallace of two Wilcox County women to the bench in July raised the number of female judges in the state's trial courts to two circuit judges and ten district judges. One woman sits on the Alabama Supreme Court and seven women serve as municipal court judges.

Based on our research, the first woman judge of a county court in Alabama was Virginia H. Mayfield, who was listed as a domestic relations judge in Tuscaloosa County in 1923.

The first woman judge to serve at the appellate court level was Annie Lola Price, who sat on the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals from 1951 to 1972. Judge Price attended Athens College and Wheeler Business College in Birmingham. She never attended law school but "read" the law with attorneys A. A. Griffith and Joel B. Brown of Cullman and was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1928. Judge Price served as both assistant legal adviser and legal adviser to Governor James E. Folsom. Three days before his term expired, Folsom appointed Ms. Price to fill the unexpired term of Charles R. Bricken on the Court of Appeals. She served as presiding judge of that court from 1962-1972.

Janie Ledlow Shores was elected to Alabama's highest court in November of 1974, thus becoming the first woman justice to sit on the Alabama Supreme Court. Justice Shores received her law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law. Prior to assuming her duties on the Supreme Court in 1975, she served as the first woman law professor on the faculty of Cumberland School of Law.

With the implementation of the Judicial Article in 1977, the various limited jurisdiction courts were abolished and a unified court system was established, consisting of municipal, district and circuit courts. At that time, Judge Phyllis Nesbit was the sole woman serving on Alabama's trial courts. In talking with Judge Nesbit about how she came to hold the district judgeship in Baldwin County, she said, "It was something I wanted to do, and I worked hard and just got out and got myself elected." Nesbit had previously served as part-time city judge for Daphne and Silver Hill.

In 1978, Judge Inge Johnson became the first woman in the history of the state to be elected as a circuit court judge. She took the oath of office in January, 1979, and has served as presiding judge of the 31st Judicial Circuit since 1980. Judge Johnson is a native of Denmark. She holds a law degree from the University of Copenhagen, a Certificate of International Law from City of London College, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Law.

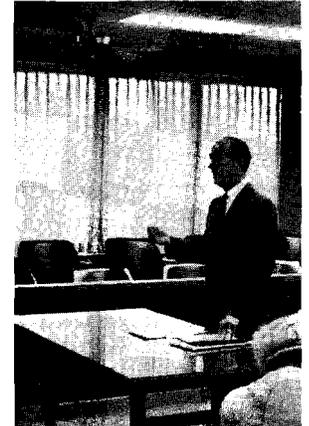
With her appointment to the district judgeship in Wilcox County in 1979, Anne Farrell McKelvey became the state's youngest district judge. 1984 would see her become the second woman to serve on the circuit court bench in Alabama when appointed to fill a vacancy in the 4th judicial circuit. Jo Celeste Pettway would be named by the Governor to fill the district judgeship in Wilcox County vacated by Judge McKelvey, thereby becoming the first black woman to serve as a district court judge.

Two more lady judges took the bench in 1980 when then-Governor Fob James appointed Patricia M. Smith as Shelby County District Judge and named Sandra Ross to the District Court of Jefferson County.

In 1981, four women joined the ranks of those already serving on the state's trial courts. In January, Marise Mims of Chilton County and Debra B. Paseur of Lauderdale County assumed their duties as district judges after having been elected in November, 1980. In October, Jeri W. Blankenship donned the judicial robe in Madison County, and November saw the appointment of Sue Bell Evans to the district court bench in Conecuh County. (Continued on Page 5)

### LION'S YOUTH LEARN ABOUT JUDICIAL SYSTEM

The Lion's Club International Youth Camp stopped at the Montgomery County Courthouse on Monday, July 23, to learn more about the American judicial system. Participating in the seminar for the youth were Alabama Supreme Court Justice Hugh Maddox, Montgomery Circuit Court Judge Joseph Phelps, Montgomery County Bar Association president Henry Chappell, Montgomery attorney Bobby Black, and representatives from the sheriff's office and the police department.



The 35 youth, ranging in age from 16 to 21, represented Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Gabon, West Germany, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, The Netherlands, Norway, South Africa, Sweden, and Switzerland.

The Montgomery Advertiser reported the following comments from several of the visitors.

"There's really not much difference in this system and my country's system," said Kevin Kolisniak of Alberta, Canada. "I guess that's because they are both based on the British system."

Morton Anderson, Viborg, Denmark, and Eric Bujon, St. Maur, France, said their countries carry stiffer penalties for both civil and criminal violations. "There, you go to jail," said Bujon. "You don't pay money, you go to jail."

Georg Kodek, a second-year law student from Vienna, Austria, noted several major differences between the court system in his native country and the United States. "In Austria, civil lawsuits rarely are brought before a jury, and judges are appointed instead of elected," he said.

Kodek also was surprised to find that court proceedings end when a criminal defendant pleads guilty to charges. "Austrian prosecutors must prove a defendant's guilt even if the defendant enters a guilty plea," he said. Kodek will finish the first portion of his law training after four years of law school, then will be required to get his doctorate degree before he begins a seven-year legal apprenticeship.

In its 21st year, the International Youth Camp program is designed to "help build a better world through understanding."

---

### Women in the Judiciary (Continued from Page 4)

Sarah M. Greenhaw won her bid for election to the district court of Montgomery County in November of 1982. She took office in January, 1983, and in April was joined on the district court by Lynn Clardy Bright who was appointed to the bench by Governor George C. Wallace.

The women presently serving on the municipal courts of Alabama are Judge Ann Downing Richardson, Haleyville; Judge Terry Bush, Rainsville; Judge Eugenia Loggins, Opp; Judge Frankie Smith, Prichard; Judge Rose M. Sanders, Selma; Judge Constance Aune, Satsuma; and Judge Jacqueline Austin, Wetumpka.

This article represents the best information available to this office at this time. We would appreciate it if you, our readers, who know of other women who have served on the judiciary in Alabama in the past, would advise us so that we may have a more complete history of women in the judiciary in Alabama.

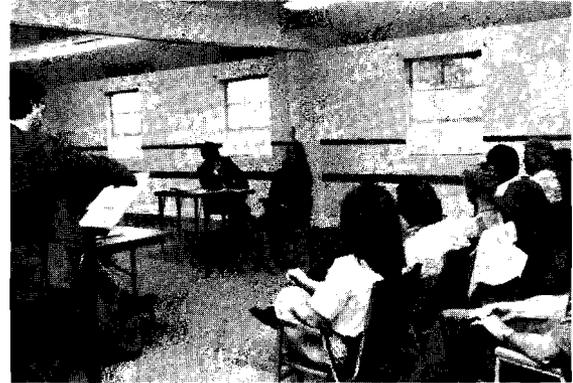
## TEACHER WORKSHOP HELD IN MOBILE

The Administrative Office of Courts and the University of South Alabama, through its Department of Youth and Adult Education, held a Teacher Workshop on the Alabama Court System on July 30-August 3, 1984. Seventeen teachers and criminal justice administration students from Mobile and Baldwin County attended the workshop which was held at the Brookley Campus of the University of South Alabama.

During the week, the teachers received an in-depth look into city, county, and state law enforcement, municipal courts, civil and criminal jurisdiction in the district and circuit courts, petit and grand juries, role of the district attorney and defense attorney, juvenile courts, appellate courts, and state agencies such as the Department of Youth Services, Attorney General, Pardons and Parole, and Board of Corrections. One of the highlights of the week was a mock trial which was presented by the Mobile Young Lawyers Association.

Speakers for the week-long event were primarily court officials and bar members from Mobile County. However, Circuit Judges Hardy Kimbrough and Richmond Pearson from the 1st Judicial Circuit, District Judge Harold Crow from Clarke County, and Judge Richard Holmes of

the Court of Civil Appeals also spoke on the program.



*Mobile Young Lawyers Present Mock Trial*

"Without the enthusiasm and assistance of Mobile Presiding Circuit Judge Robert E. Hodnette, Jr., we would never have been able to coordinate the week-long workshop," said Allen Tapley. "The Teacher Workshop program is a vital link in our efforts to educate our youth about law and the courts. I know I express the gratitude of the entire court system to Judge Hodnette and all court officials and bar members in Mobile County who participated in this worthwhile endeavor," commented Tapley.

---

## MUNICIPAL COURTS ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

The Municipal Court Operations Division of the Administrative Office of Courts has distributed forms to each municipal court in the state for filing the FY 1983 Municipal Court annual report. The report is currently due and should be completed and returned as soon as possible by court officials who have not already done so.

The annual report form is a simplified form used to update AOC files and mailing lists of judges and clerks and to report case and financial statistics. It should be emphasized that caseload statistics are for calendar year (CY) 1983 and court revenues and expenses are for fiscal year (FY) 1983. These reports were due by June 30, 1984.

## JUSTICE SHORES HONORED BY "LADIES HOME JOURNAL"

Janie Shores, an associate justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, has been selected one of the Ladies Home Journal's "50 American Heroines." The magazine spent six months talking with more than 2,000 state officials, charities, and local media representatives before choosing one woman from each of the 50 states who has been an overachiever.



Mrs. Shores, 52, was born on a tenant farm during the Depression. Few in her family finished high school, but she worked to put herself through college and law school. No law firm would hire her, so she had to set up her own practice in Selma in 1950, but the Dallas County Bar Association did change its bylaws so it could admit her as its first woman member.

Mrs. Shores later married another lawyer, gave birth to a daughter, became a law professor, and in 1974 was elected to the state's highest court.

"I still marvel at the miracle," Mrs. Shores said. "It's a long way from Loxley, Alabama."

*(The above article appeared in the June 22, 1984, edition of The Alabama Journal.)*

## Associations Hold Summer Meetings

*(Continued from Page )*



**Court reporters elect new officers at July meeting in Eufaula:** (l-r) Andrew Clingan, Member, Board of Directors; Laura Calvert, President Elect; Jenny M. Dunn, Treasurer; Ervin G. Scott, President; Sherry J. Barlow, Vice President; and Deanna Jonson, Editor, ASR Newsletter. (Mary Frances Looney, Secretary, was absent.)



**Judicial secretaries hold education conference in Birmingham. Associations elect officers:** Alabama District Judges Secretaries' Assn. (front row, l-r) Cheryl J. Hawkins; Pres., Beverly Floyd, VP; Debra Oliver, Secy.; Gladys Street, Treas. Alabama Circuit Judges Secretaries' Assn. (back row, l-r) Patsy Dunivant, Pres.; Delisa McLeroy, 1st VP; Ruth Raines, 2nd VP; Kathi Hogin, Secy.; and Margaret Thomas, Treas.

### NEW DUI INSTRUCTORS CERTIFIED

Following a program conducted by the Alabama Judicial College, 16 new instructors were recently certified by the Administrative Office of Courts to instruct in DUI Court Referral Schools throughout the state. The newly certified instructors underwent a grueling 3-1/2 day agenda in which they learned about the legal, physical, and psychological impact of alcoholism. Most of the course work, however, centered around classes on instructional techniques and practice teaching sessions in which the students were graded on their ability to effectively teach the four sessions of the DUI course.

"Our method of instructing, testing, and grading prospective DUI instructors has greatly improved the level and quality of instruction in our local DUI Court Referral Agencies," said Bob Simpson, State Coordinator for the Court Referral Program. "As a result, municipal and district judges throughout the state are assured that the defendants whom they refer to these schools are receiving the best instruction available," stated Simpson.

<b>Bivens, Craig</b>	Alcoholism Council of Alabama Birmingham	<b>Hill, Shelia</b>	Comprehensive Alcohol Program Montgomery
<b>Bullard, Brad</b>	East Central Mental Health/ Retardation, Inc., Troy	<b>Hogin, Tommy</b>	Alcoholism Council of Central Alabama Birmingham
<b>Burton, Betty</b>	Regional Alcoholism Council Montgomery	<b>Nelson, Larry</b>	Highway Intoxication Seminar Huntsville
<b>Crisp, Carol</b>	Alcoholism Council of Central Alabama, Birmingham	<b>Porterfield, Verda</b>	Macon County District Court DUI Program East Central Mental Health/Retardation, Inc., Tuskegee
<b>Crumrine, James</b>	Highway Intoxication Seminar Huntsville	<b>Stringer, Joe</b>	Institute of Alcoholism Research & Studies, Inc., Tuscaloosa
<b>Davis, Leah</b>	Chambers County Clinic East Alabama Mental Health, Valley	<b>Vinson, Frances</b>	Institute of Alcoholism Research & Studies, Inc., Tuscaloosa
<b>Dodd, Gail</b>	Fayette/Lamar DUI Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center Fayette	<b>Webb, Jim</b>	Calhoun/Cleburne Mental Health Center Anniston
<b>Harmon, Donald</b>	Institute of Alcoholism Research & Studies, Inc., Tuscaloosa	<b>Welch, Henry</b>	ECMC Regional Alcoholism Council Evergreen

### Trooper Overtime Boosts UTC Filings in District Court

More than 20,000 additional tickets were issued during the Department of Public Safety's 1983-84 Overtime Program, which began November 10, 1983, and ended July 4, 1984.

During the program, troopers worked 22,904 extra hours on patrol and traveled more than 500,000 miles. Of the 20,145 tickets issued, 14,958 were for speeding and 654 were for driving under the influence of alcohol. Some 4,500 tickets were issued for other offenses. Also, 8,773 warnings were issued for speeding and 6,735 for other traffic offenses. Troopers investigated 99 accidents and assisted 977 motorists.

"We are extremely pleased with the results of this program," said Col. Byron Prescott, Director of the Department of Public Safety. "Troopers issued 35,653 more tickets and warnings to unsafe drivers than otherwise would have been possible. We judge that to be a move in the right direction in our work to make Alabama's roads safer for all motorists."

(Continued on Page 10)

### CHANGES IN THE JUDICIARY

Circuit Court Judge **Edgar P. Russell** has retired his position on the bench in Alabama's 4th Judicial Circuit. Judge Russell had served on the circuit bench since 1969.



Wilcox County District Judge **Anne Farrell McKelvey** has been appointed by Governor George C. Wallace to fill the circuit judge seat left vacant by Judge Russell's retirement.

McKelvey has served as District Court Judge in Wilcox County since 1979. She is a graduate of Auburn University and Cumberland School of Law.

Tuscaloosa lawyer **Jo Celeste Pettway** has been appointed District Court Judge in Wilcox County by Governor Wallace. She fills the vacancy left by the appointment of Judge McKelvey to the circuit bench.

A native of Wilcox County, Pettway holds degrees from both Auburn University and the University of Alabama. She graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1982 and has been engaged in the private practice of law in Tuscaloosa.



Mr. **James Shestak**, Clerk of the Mobile Municipal Court retired on August 1, 1984, after 20 years of service. He was replaced by Ms. **Helen Williamson**, Assistant Clerk.

Mrs. **Birdie Esslinger**, a Supernumerary Court Reporter from Colbert County, died on July 18, 1984.

---

### Master Jury Boxes to Be Emptied, Refilled by December of This Year

Section 12-16-58, Code of Alabama, 1975, requires that the master jury box be emptied and refilled in December of each even-numbered year. All local jury commissions should now be making preparations for the refilling of the master jury box to be completed by December, 1984.

If you have questions concerning the procedures involved in the refilling of the master jury box, contact Randy Helms at the Administrative Office of Courts.

### Change in Premiums for Health Insurance Coverage

The Administrator of the State Insurance Program has announced changes in the premiums for employee and dependent health insurance coverage to become effective October 1, 1984.

#### Employee Coverage (Health and Dental) Paid by the State:

Employee - under age 70	\$100.00
Employee - age 70 or older	\$ 50.90

#### Dependent Coverage (Health Only) Paid by Employee:

Dependent - under age 70	\$ 82.50
Dependent - age 70 or older	\$ 42.00

The increase in payroll deduction of those employees whose dependents are covered under the State Health Insurance Program will begin with the payroll warrants these employees receive on September 28, 1984.

### **SPECIAL NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE PARENTS**

In order to provide health coverage for a newborn as of the date of birth, the prospective parent must notify the State Employees' Insurance Board with a letter of intent to enroll prior to the birth.

The letter should contain the approximate delivery date and an indication that the employee wishes to have the newborn covered as of the birth date. Coverage is not provided automatically but only upon notification of the Board.

If an employee does not comply with the above, coverage will be effective the date the enrollment form is received in the AOC Personnel Division. Premiums will be prorated for the first month's

coverage. (The current rate is \$77.00 per month for family coverage.) In any case, the new enrollment form must be received within 31 days of the birth.

Letters should be addressed to: Ms. Lana Calhoun Doss, State Employees Insurance Board, 135 South Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36130.

This notice applies to employees who do not already have family coverage, in which case, the employee has thirty days in which to enroll a new dependent.

The AOC Personnel Division is available to answer questions about the above, or other health insurance questions, at 1-800-392-8077, Ext. 254 or 256.

### **Trooper Overtime Boosts UTC Filings in District Court** (Continued from Page 3)

Funded by a federal grant from the Governor's Office of Highway and Traffic Safety, the overtime program provided money to pay off-duty troopers' salaries and subsistence funds to increase the patrolling of Alabama's rural roadways. It is designed to focus troopers' efforts on enforcement of the 55 mile-per-hour speed limit and, secondarily, enforcement of Alabama's DUI law.

ASSOCIATIONS HOLD SUMMER MEETINGS



Circuit and District Judges meet in Mobile.



Chief chats with Keynote Speaker Kathy Lang and Mobile Circuit Judge Robert E. Hodnette.



Clerks gather at Gulf Shores.



Ron Harwell congratulates new officers of Clerks and Registers Association. (L-R) Harwell, Polly Conradi, Jerry G. Trammell, John Bobby Green, and Evelyn Perkins.



"Shotgun" alias 'Charles Atlas' Giddens

### Traffic Ticket Inventory and Ordering

The UTC Control Unit of the Administrative Office of Courts has mailed to each law enforcement agency an Inventory and Order Form (UTC-12) which should have been received during the month of June. If an agency failed to receive the form or has received it but not returned it to the AOC, they should either contact the UTC Control Unit by phone or send the completed card immediately.

An agency which has an adequate supply of UTC's already on hand should complete the inventory section of the card to reflect this. Each agency should order a sufficient supply for its yearly requirements. Tickets ordered now will be shipped in January, 1985. Although an agency may choose not to order UTC books at this time, the inventory information on the UTC-12 should be completed and returned to the AOC as soon as possible.

Any questions in relation to traffic ticket inventory and ordering should be directed to Liz Ward, 1-800-392-8077, ext. 240.

—The Birmingham News Wed., July 18, 1984

## Jefferson County making room for four added judges and staffs

By Terri Callaway Troncale  
News staff writer

What happens when you add four circuit judges in Jefferson County?

People are likely to get speedier dates with the court, says John Bryan Jr., presiding judge in the circuit.

But the county also has to find a place to put the new judges, their bailiffs and secretaries, and make room for juries.

The Jefferson County Commission is spending about \$100,000 to turn the first floor of a former church building across 21st Street from the courthouse into temporary courtrooms, offices for the judges and their staffs, and rooms for jury deliberations, said Commission President Chris Doss.

The Legislature earlier this year created the new judgeships, with the judges to be appointed by Gov. George Wallace.

"We have looked high and low" for spots for the new judges in the county courthouse, Doss said.

Some offices could be shifted in the courthouse, but the renovation work would cost two times more than the work on the church, said Dale Tyner, head of the county General Services office.

The location in the church is temporary because work will start this fall on a planned Criminal Justice Center, which will be built next to the new county jail now under construction on 21st Street. The center — which will house the district attorney's offices, criminal courts and other offices — will not open until 1986.

The civil court judges will stay in the courthouse when the new center opens.

COUNTY OFFICIALS hope to have the temporary court setup in the converted church finished by Oct. 1, when the new judges will start work, Tyner said.

Work should start next week, and, at the latest, the building should be finished by the end of October, he said.

Bryan said he sees no problems with the temporary arrangement. The court needs a space large enough and quiet enough for jury trials, he said.

Three civil court judges and a domestic relations judge will set up shop in the former church, Tyner said. Three courtrooms will be equipped for jury trials and another without room for a jury, he said.

The basement of the church was turned into a jail in the fall of 1981 to bring Jefferson County into compliance with a court order to reduce jail crowding. The second floor of the building is home for the county credit union, traffic engineers and some Personnel Board workers, Tyner said.

The first floor now holds large and small sanctuaries and four or five offices, he said.

Partitions will turn the large sanctuary into two courtrooms equipped for jury trials plus offices. The smaller sanctuary will make another jury courtroom and offices.

The domestic relations judge and the fourth courtroom will be set up in the space between the rooms, Tyner said.

THE LEGISLATURE created one new domestic relations and three new civil judgeships.

But Jefferson County Circuit Judge Charles Crowder, one of five criminal judges, has asked for a transfer to the civil division and is expected to start his new duties in October — filling one of the new civil judgeships and leaving a criminal post open.

Bryan said the new judgeships have long been needed, with the number of civil cases filed in Jefferson County growing steadily.

About one-fourth of the civil cases filed in Alabama are filed in Jefferson County, he said. No new civil judges have been added in the county since 1927, he said.

With the four new judges, the county will have a total of 24 circuit judges.

## Cumberland sweeps triple law honors

Samford University's Cumberland School of Law swept top honors this week in the annual law school competitions sponsored by the American Bar Association.

The school won "Best Student Bar Association" honors, its Law Day observance was named "Most Outstanding in the Nation" and its student orientation program earned the "Best Student Bar Project" award.

The awards were presented during the annual meeting of the ABA in Chicago. It is the third time this year the law school won honors.

Cumberland had already won the National Mock Trial Competition and received the Emil Gumpert Award, a \$10,000 prize presented by the American College of Trial Lawyers for excellence in trial advocacy training.

"It's like winning the Triple Crown or the Grand Slam," said Erad Bishop, acting dean of the law school. "I am confident that no other law school has ever won all three (mock trial, trial advocacy and ABA sweep) in the same year."

## ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1984 - 1985

### ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF CIRCUIT JUDGES

President	Kenneth F. Ingram, Presiding Judge 18th Judicial Circuit
1st Vice President	Douglas S. Webb, Presiding Judge 21st Judicial Circuit
2nd Vice President	Joseph J. Jasper, Judge 10th Judicial Circuit
Secretary/Treasurer	George H. Wright, Jr., Presiding Judge 37th Judicial Circuit

### ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT JUDGES

President	Harold Crow, Judge District Court of Clarke County
President-Elect	William H. Robertson, Judge District Court of Barbour County
1st Vice President	Michael A. Nix, Judge District Court of Lee County
2nd Vice President	Joel G. Holley, Judge District Court of Chambers County
Secretary	Bill Patton, Judge District Court of Jefferson County
Treasurer	Joe Gilliland, Judge District Court of Franklin County

### ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL JUDGES

President	Roy Hasseltine, Judge Rogersville Municipal Court
1st Vice President	Jack Lowther, Judge Vestavia Hills Municipal Court
2nd Vice President	Alex Smith, Judge Oneonta Municipal Court
Secretary/Treasurer	Don Dickert, Judge Brundidge Municipal Court

### ALABAMA COUNCIL OF JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES

President	Dwight Hixon, Judge District Court of Bullock County
1st Vice President	William O. Winston, Judge District Court of Lamar County
2nd Vice President	Joel G. Holley, Judge District Court of Chambers County
Secretary/Treasurer	George E. Carpenter, Judge District Court of Colbert County

### ALABAMA ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND REGISTERS

President	L. Polly Conradi, Circuit Clerk Jefferson County
1st Vice President	Jerry G. Trammell, Circuit Clerk Cherokee County
2nd Vice President	John Bobby Green, Clerk and Register Blount County
3rd Vice President	Fred Posey, Circuit Clerk Autauga County
Secretary/Treasurer	Evelyn Perkins Office of the Circuit Clerk Talladega County

### ALABAMA SHORTHAND REPORTERS ASSOCIATION

President	Erwin G. Scott Dothan, Alabama
President-Elect	Laura S. Calvert 10th Judicial Circuit
Vice President	Sherry J. Barlow Mobile, Alabama
Secretary	Mary Frances Looney 5th Judicial Circuit
Treasurer	Jenny M. Dunn Montgomery, Alabama

### ALABAMA CIRCUIT JUDGES' SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION

President	Patsy Dunivant, Secretary 16th Judicial Circuit
1st Vice President	Delisa McLeroy, Secretary 32nd Judicial Circuit
2nd Vice President	Ruth Raines, Secretary 17th Judicial Circuit
Secretary	Kathi Hogin, Secretary 10th Judicial Circuit
Treasurer	Margaret Thomas, Secretary 10th Judicial Circuit

### ALABAMA DISTRICT JUDGES' SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION

President	Cheryl J. Hawkins, Secretary District Court of Jefferson County
Vice President	Beverly A. Floyd, Secretary District Court of Pike County
Secretary	Debra B. Oliver, Secretary District Court of Tallapoosa County
Treasurer	Gladys K. Street, Secretary District Court of Dallas County



# COURT NEWS

Newsletter of the Alabama Judicial System

COURT NEWS, newsletter of the Alabama Judicial System, is published as an informational and educational service to state judicial officials and personnel. Inquiries should be addressed to Administrative Office of Courts, 817 South Court Street, Montgomery, AL 36130-0101. Telephone: (205) 834-7990 or (toll-free in state) 1-800-392-8077.

**William A. Campbell**  
Director of Research and Planning and Editor

**Ann C. Henn**  
Assistant Editor

**C. C. TORBERT, JR.**  
Alabama Chief Justice

**ALLEN L. TAPLEY**  
Administrative Director of Courts

**KENNETH F. INGRAM**, President  
Alabama Association of Circuit Judges

**HAROLD CROW**, President  
Alabama Association of District Judges

**ROY HASSELTINE**, President  
Alabama Association of Municipal Judges

**DWIGHT HIXON**, President  
Alabama Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

**POLLY CONRADI**, President  
Alabama Association of Clerks and Registers

**ERWIN G. SCOTT**, President  
Alabama Shorthand Reporters Association

**PATSY DUNIVANT**, President  
Alabama Circuit Judges' Secretaries Association

**CHERYL J. HAWKINS**, President  
Alabama District Judges' Secretaries Association



**STATE OF ALABAMA**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS**  
817 South Court Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

BULK RATE  
U.S. POSTAGE  
—PAID—  
MONTGOMERY, AL  
PERMIT 109