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Sunny San Juan Hosts AJA


A fascinating educational session and the beautiful island of Puerto Rico awaited more than 50 judges and their spouses and guests at the American Judges Association's (AJA's) 2000 midyear meeting in San Juan's Condado Plaza Hotel and Casino, May 3-7. Judge Gerald Elliott, AJA's president, presided over the business meetings of the Executive Committee and Board of Governors.

Therapeutic jurisprudence was the theme of the meeting's educational session on Friday afternoon, May 5. Therapeutic jurisprudence recognizes that rules of law, legal procedures, and the behavior of lawyers and judges often have an impact—positive or negative—on the psychological well-being of those who appear in court. Speakers included Prof. David B. Wexler and Prof. Bruce J. Winick, who coauthored *Law in a Therapeutic Key: Developments in Therapeutic Jurisprudence*; Judge Peggy Hora of the superior court in Alameda County, California; and Judge William Schma of the circuit court in Kalamazoo, Michigan. AJA members were



joined by a number of Puerto Rican judges who were interested in learning more about this important emerging issue. [Editor's Note: For more on therapeutic jurisprudence, see the spring 2000 issue of AJA's journal, *Court Review*, vol. 14, no. 1.]

Social events included a Puerto Rican dinner at La Princesa, a historic building in Old San Juan that, ironically, used to serve as a prison. Prof. Wexler was presented with The National Center for State Courts' Distinguished Service Award, which honors outstanding achievements, contributions, and dedication to judicial administration or to the work of The National Center.

Mark your calendars now for the 2001 midyear meeting—March 29-31 in beautiful Hot Springs, Arkansas! 

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