

# NOMINATIONS and ELECTION

**T**he Nominations Committee chair, Judge Bonnie Sudderth, requests early nominations for positions to be filled at the annual conference in Montréal. In order for the Nominations Committee to give each name full consideration, it is important that nominations be received no later than **July 15**. The other members of the Nominations Committee are Merwin Brandon, Gerald Elliott, Cedric Kerns, and James Van Winkle.

**Officers:** A president-elect and vice-president must be nominated for one-year terms. A bylaws revision approved at the 2002 annual conference provides for changing the first and second vice-president positions into one vice-president office.

Judge Steve Leben was elected to a one-time-only two-year term as secretary in 2002, so that position does not need to be filled.

**Court of Appeals:** There is one five-year term to be filled.

**Governors:** AJA's bylaws provide that the number of governors representing a district depends on the number of members in that district. Based on the current membership roster, 18 positions on the Board will be up for election. Of these 18 positions, 9 currently are held by incumbent Board members who are eligible for reelection. All positions are for three-year terms unless noted otherwise.

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Shown below are the states and provinces in the AJA districts. Immediately following is the number of Board positions up for election.

**District I** (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT, Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick). One position, Morton Minc (Quebec) incumbent.

**District II** (NY). One position, no incumbent – Ira Raab completing service.

**District III** (DC, DE, MD, NJ, PA). One position, no incumbent. A vacancy went unfilled last year for a term that expires in 2004. The person elected to this position would serve for one year and then be eligible for election to two three-year terms.

**District IV** (NC, SC, VA, WV). One position, George Harris (VA) incumbent.

**District V** (AL, GA, FL, VI, PR). One position, no incumbent.

**District VI** (AR, LA, MS). Two positions, no incumbent. Judge James McKay is completing his service on the Board. An additional vacancy went unfilled last year.

**District VII** (OK, TX, Mexico). Two positions, Judge James Heupel (TX) incumbent and Judge Steve Wallace (TX) completing service.

**District VIII** (IL, IN, KY, TN). Two positions, Judge Karen Thomas (KY) incumbent and Judge John Rosson (TN) completing service.

**District IX** (OH). One position, Larry Allen incumbent.

**District X** (MI). One position, Leo Bowman incumbent.

**District XI** (IA, KS, MN, MO, ND, NE, SD, WI, Ontario). Two positions, John Williams (MO) incumbent. An additional vacancy was created last year when Judge Leben was elected secretary and nobody was elected to fill his position on the Board of Governors.

**District XII** (AZ, CO, NM, UT, WY, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan). Two positions, Denise Lightford (AZ) and David Orr (SK) incumbent.

**District XIII** (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Yukon Territory). No vacancies.

**District XIV** (CA, HI, NV, Guam, American Samoa, Marshall Islands). One position, James Van Winkle (NV) completing service.

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Please send your nominations and the Declaration of Candidacy Form (see pp. 5-6 of this issue of *Benchmark*) to Ms. Shelley Rockwell, American Judges Association, 300 Newport Avenue, Williamsburg, VA 23185-4147, (757) 259-1841.