## AJA WebBoard Conferencing and E-Discussion Rooms Now Available

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t the recent annual meeting in Anchorage, a consistent theme among judges participating in a visioning session was that our organization should use electronic media to promote networking and enhanced communications among our members.

We are pleased to introduce a new feature and AJA member benefit to help realize that vision. Through the assistance of the National Center for State Courts, we have added a password-protected AJA WebBoard link for our "Members Only" section. Member judges can enjoy AJA WebBoard conferencing and e-discussion rooms on a variety of topics. This presents an excellent opportunity to interact with other judges on numerous areas of interest and to associate together throughout the year.

The log on and use of the board have been kept simple and straightforward. Send an e-mail message to me at James.Vano@jocogov.org, or to Shelley Rockwell at srockwell@ncsc.dni.us, indicating your desire to log onto the WebBoard. I will provide an initial username and password. After you log on the first time, you

should "edit your profile" under the "more options" menu and change your password. Then, you are good to go. Jump in anytime.

To access the WebBoard directly, enter the following URL address in your browser:

http://boardsncsc.dni.us:81/~AJAWebBoard. Bookmark that address in your "Favorites" file. Check it regularly. You can post comments; review the replies and new postings of other judges; pose a question; share some advice; or start a new discussion string.

In the future, member judges also will be able to reach the AJA WebBoard through a link from the AJA Web site's "Members Only" side. You will find a thorough "Help" function when you log onto the board. Let me know if you have any questions, problems, or suggestions concerning the AJA WebBoard.

We are grateful for the tireless help from the National Center's technology staff, particularly Holly Smith and Ray Foster, in setting up this tool for our use and benefit.



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