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## Join AJA in British Columbia!

### 2007 Annual Conference in Vancouver, Sept. 25-30

**A** session with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg of the U.S. Supreme Court and a representative of the Supreme Court of Canada will be among the highlights at the American Judges Association's 47th Annual Educational Conference at the Sheraton Wall Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia, September 25-30, 2007. This will be the largest gathering of judges ever held in North America.

"Judicial Excellence 2007: Contemporary Skills for Contemporary Courts" will be the theme of this year's conference, which will give AJA members an opportunity to share ideas with representatives from Canadian judicial groups. Other highlights will include AJA's white paper on improving perceptions of judicial fairness, problem-solving courts, and Prof. Charles Whitebread's annual discussion of "Recent Decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court."

There will, of course, be ample time to enjoy the beautiful city of Vancouver and all it has to offer. Explore the University of British Columbia Museum

of Anthropology's extensive collection of Northwest Coast First Nations Art; enjoy a Broadway-style musical and fine shopping and dining downtown; or take a gondola ride to the top of Grouse Mountain for panoramic views of the city.

For more information and a registration form, go to AJA's Web site at <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/>. 



## Officers in Place for 2007

**L**ouisiana Court of Appeals judge James McKay was elected as AJA secretary at the 2006 annual conference held—fittingly—in New Orleans. He joined the rest of the AJA officers,

- President Steve Leben, a Kansas state trial judge;
- President-elect Eileen Olds, a Virginia state trial judge; and
- Vice President Tam Nomoto Schumann, a California state trial judge.

Michael Cicconetti, an Ohio municipal court judge, is now the immediate past president. The current officers will be in place until the annual conference in Vancouver in late September. Please feel free to contact any of the AJA officers with suggestions, questions, or concerns:

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