

News from AJF

By Judge Michael R. McAdam

The American Judges Foundation (AJF) has enjoyed a very successful year thanks to the continued efforts of its dedicated supporters. Our "money in the bank" position has gone from about \$12,000 at this time last year to about \$25,000 this year. This means that the AJF can continue to fund its annual projects fully, including the Law Student Essay Competition prizes, the domestic violence handbook, and the Whitebread book distributed at each annual educational conference in conjunction with Professor Charles Whitebread's review of the decisions of the most recent Supreme Court term. This fiscal improvement also allows us to consider new projects to support.

The AJF's trustees, officers, and loyal members continue to build on this record of

achievement. Currently a committee is looking at the future of the AJF and how it will survive and thrive in the next century. Judge Anthony Bentley has been chairing this Long-Range Planning Committee. Judge Gayle Nachtigal, who will become the next president of AJF in Cleveland, has been working to ensure that the silent auction this year is another great success.

Finally, it has been my pleasure and honor to have served as your president this past year. I want to thank all of you who have answered the call for assistance, proving again that you are very special people. The future of the AJF is secure as long as friends like you continue to support it and its programs. 

AMERICAN JUDGES ASSOCIATION *Proposed 2000 Budget*

Revenue

Dues	\$158,000
Subscription	\$3,500
Interest	\$7,000
Advertising	\$6,500
Vendor Show	\$9,000
Other*	\$7,500
TOTAL	\$191,500

Expenditures

Publications	\$46,000
Essay Competition	\$750
Office Expenses	\$7,000

Contract NCSC	\$69,141
Travel: Association Services	\$6,000
AJA	\$2,000
Awards	\$250
President	\$9,000
Membership	\$15,000
Committee Expenses	\$4,000
Executive Committee Expenses	\$5,500
Insurance	\$4,500
Public Relations	\$0
Education Program	\$10,000
Vendor Show	\$9,000
Contingency ⁸⁸	\$3,859
TOTAL	\$191,500

* Other income includes sale of AJA logo items and affinity credit card and rental car commissions.

** Contingency expenses include cost of AJA logo items, tax form preparation, and conference calls.