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## PODCASTS

**New Thinking Podcast** presented by the Center for Justice Innovation (formerly the Center for Court Innovation). The Center for Justice Innovation has been a long term participant in the improvement of justice systems. The Center seeks to advance equity, increase safety, and help individuals and communities improve all stages of criminal and civil legal systems. Their New Thinking podcast highlights people working to improve our legal systems with new ideas and innovations. A recent episode examined our indigent defense system 60 years after the *Gideon* decision. Another considers evictions and the design of our housing related court systems and examined a Housing Court model. For justice professionals, the podcast offers some thought-provoking ideas to consider and should cause you to reconsider some of the limitations we all take for granted on a daily basis.

**Lady Justice: Women of the Court** features three women sitting on the highest courts of their states, Justice Rhoda Wood of Arkansas, Justice Bridget McCormack of Michigan, and Justice Beth Walker of West Virginia. They discuss current issues facing courts and legal systems. Recent episodes saw the “Lady Justices” (as they call themselves) discussing attorney well-being, the power of civil discourse, public confidence in the courts, using subject-matter specializing courts, and life after the bench. The discussions are thoughtful and engaging.

**Talk Justice** is part of the Legal Talk Network and is a Legal Services Corporation podcast. The podcast focuses on exploring access to justice programs and concepts. Recent episodes included an interview with author John Grisham about his legal services experience as well as approaches to improving virtual court experiences and non-lawyer legal service provider programs as well as the court’s role in housing instability, use of plain language in courts, and a variety of example programs providing broader access to justice.

## ORGANIZATIONS

**The National Computer Forensics Institute (“NCFI”)** is a law enforcement oriented training institute focused on cyber and electronic crime forensics. NCFI also provides training to judges on the complex issues of ever evolving cyber and electronic crime related legal issues. Do you know the analytical contours to apply when you receive a request for a geo fence warrant? Do you know what a geo fence is? A course at NCFI will have you understanding and speaking like a pro. They provide training ranging from basic technology and the legal issues presented to the most advanced cyber forensics issues. The training is funded through the federal government and, therefore, is provided at no cost to the attendees or their agencies. For more information, visit their website at [ncfi.usss.gov/ncfi](http://ncfi.usss.gov/ncfi).

## JUDICIAL ETHICS

Recently, the California Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Ethics Opinions published an annotated version of the state’s Code of Judicial Ethics. If you research or work in the field of judicial ethics, you know that case reports and resources can be difficult to find. To date, the primary source of case information has been the Center for Judicial Ethics of the National Center for State Courts through its *Judicial Conduct Reporter*. California’s new annotated code includes public disciplinary decisions issued by the state’s Commission on Judicial Performance. Given the size of California, their new publication provides a significant increase in the accessibility of judicial discipline decisions. The annotated code can be found at <https://www.judicialethicsopinions.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/CJEO-Annotated-Code-of-Judicial-Ethics-CJP-Public-Disciplinary-Decisions-2.8.23.pdf>. The Center for Judicial Ethics’ *Judicial Conduct Reporter* can be accessed at <https://www.ncsc.org/consulting-and-research/areas-of-expertise/court-leadership/center-for-judicial-ethics/judicial-conduct-reporter>

Speaking of judicial ethics resources, the most comprehensive text remains *Judicial Conduct and Ethics* by Charles Geyh, James Alfini, and James Sample from 2020.



This text is a must for anyone delving into the field of judicial ethics. You may have come across one or more of its authors in the recent national debates about high level judicial ethics as they are frequently consulted. Prof. Geyh and Ms. Gray of the Center for Judicial Ethics were central witnesses in Colorado’s recent legislative reform efforts in this area and have consulted with other jurisdictions as well.

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