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EDITOR'S NOTE

In this issue, we present three articles squarely focused on what judges do, addressing issues of emotion, wisdom, and ethics.

In our first article, Sharyn Roach Anleu, David Rottman, and Kathy Mack consider the role of emotion in the work judges do. They have embarked on a four-year international study of judging and emotions; this article provides a first look at background research, their project, and the intersection of emotions and judicial misbehavior as shown in several specific examples. For another look at judging and emotion, take a look at Terry Maroney's prior *Court Review* article, *The Emotionally Intelligent Judge: A New (And Realistic) Ideal*, available online at <http://goo.gl/SL96i0>.

Our second article considers what qualities constitute judicial wisdom. Your editors noticed an online paper by Jeremy Blumenthal and Daria Bakina that summarized their empirical look at factors that might contribute to judicial wisdom. Sadly, after we got their agreement to adapt the article for our readers, Professor Blumenthal died. We are pleased that Professor Bakina made the adjustments needed to turn the online paper into this article. Take a look at the characteristics of a wise judge found in the tables at pages 77 and 78. Which do you think are the most important? We'd welcome your comment in a letter to the editor for publication.

Our third article is one that you'll want to keep handy to give to each new judge appointed to your court. Cynthia Gray, one of the leading experts on judicial ethics, provides an overview of what every new judge needs to consider as he or she moves to the bench. Of course, many of the topics covered are significant to all judges—such as what community activities you can participate in and what business and financial activities you can carry out—so the article will provide a useful review for experienced judges too. We do hope, though, that you'll pass it along to new judges while also telling them about the benefits of membership in the American Judges Association, including *Court Review*.

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