

Coordinator's Corner

Dear Municipal Judges:

As many of you know, I am leaving Municipal Judge Education at the end of July to go to half time status.

I started with Municipal Judge Education in the Office of Judicial Education in March of 1987, and have spent an incredibly fast, wonderfully fulfilling 14 years working with you and your clerks. If I could figure a way to do it, I would gladly spend another 14 years in the same fashion.

It is difficult for me to talk about my time working with municipal judges without using hyperbole. I have found you to be committed to doing the right thing; caring about the system and the people who find themselves in it; conscientious; willing to learn and above all – genuine. I respect and admire you tremendously. The service you provide to the community

and the court system is truly invaluable. Over the years it has heartened me to see that your worth is beginning to be recognized and appreciated by the rest of the court system.

During my tenure, I have been extremely fortunate to have had excellent assistants. Two of them have been especially exceptional: Bonnie Herner who was here for the first 9 years, and Carol Koschel who has been here for the last two. Fortunately for you and the new Education Manager, Carol plans to be around for several years to come.

Although I will miss all of you, I will especially miss those of you with whom I have worked closely on countless committees, projects and seminars. You have given of your time far beyond what should have been asked of you, and the other judges and I have benefited from it more than I can say. Specifically, I must mention John Kerski who retired in May and Ron Ziwick, who have been there from the beginning; John Neuschwander and Ed Thompson who became integral shortly thereafter; Jim Gramling who brought Milwaukee Municipal Judges into Municipal Judge education and expanded our horizons; and Shelley Gaylord, Bruce Goodnough, JoAnn Eiring and Mike Hurt whose fresh insights and enthusiasms energized us all.

Thanks to these judges and to you all, for allowing me to enjoy my job so much.

Ronni

Coffee and Cake

Wednesday, July 25 will be Ronni Jones' last day in the office. Coffee and cake will

be available from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and if you are in the neighborhood, you are cordially invited to stop by.

New Judges/ New Courts

21 New Judges attend the Orientation in May. Three of them were from brand new courts (created since March 2001), 11 more of them were brand new, having been elected in May. The final 7 "new" judges had been appointed after May 10, 2000, and had been sitting judges for a while.

The 3 new courts and judges are: **Town of Goodman – Alfred Barribeau**, judge; **Village of Osceola – John Harvieux**, judge; **Village of Elkhart Lake – Susan Schleisner**, judge.

The 11 brand new judges (appointed or elected since the last *Muni View*) are: **Stephen Allison**, Village of Boyceville; **Dennis Sieg**, Northeast Community Court; **Beth Gilpin**, Town of Cottage Grove; **Perry Folts**, Town of Turtle; **Norbert Dallman**, Village of Hortonville; **Gerald Schumann**, Village of Kimberly; **Nancy Gustafson**, City of Marinette; **Daniel Johns**; Town of Manitowish Waters; **Joseph Dorlack**, City of New Berlin; and **David Victor**, Village of Brown Deer.

The 7 "old" new judges were: **Bruce Deadman**, Town of Hobart, **Laurie Dutcher**, Village of Lannon; **David Grove**, Village of DeForest; **Timothy Hinkfuss**, City of Green Bay; **Thomas Mielke**, City of Mosinee, **Robert Niemiec**, Village of Sturtevant; **Jeffrey Plitt**, City of Brillion.

As noted elsewhere, **Emily Mueller**, City

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of New Auburn, and **Gerald Boisits**, City of Mukwonago, are our newest judges, having being appointed since May.

WELCOME!!!! New MJ Education Manager Named

Karla J. Baumgartner has been chosen to be the new Education Manager.

15 resumes were submitted, 7 persons were interviewed and Karla was clearly the person most suited to the position. We were delighted when she accepted the offer.

Karla earned her law degree from the University of Wyoming in 1990. Upon her return to the Madison area she was a law clerk to two Dane County Judges for a year and since then has practiced law with private firms primarily in the family and juvenile areas.

Prior to attending law school, Karla served twice as the Executive Director of the Dane County Humane Society and in between served as the Director of Metro Animal Control and Welfare in Casper Wyoming.

Karla will begin in the office on an LTE basis on July 9. This will give her an opportunity to help prepare for a seminar, to attend a seminar, and to follow-up on a seminar while Ronni Jones (the present Education Manager) is still around to answer any questions. It will also allow her to close some of her cases and transfer others.

Karla will take over the half-time position officially on July 30. Karla's e-mail address will be:

Karla.Baumgartner@Courts.state.wi.us

We expect that Karla's enthusiasm and creativity will bring some new ideas and fresh energy to municipal judge education and we look forward to her joining the office.



HOPE YOU ARE
ENJOYING THE
SUMMER!!!



Seminar Update

Over 70 persons have registered for the Trial Seminar to be held July 12 & 13 in Oshkosh. A new mock trial has been developed for this seminar which involves some issues that we have not discussed before in a mock trial.

For those people in the area who are not planning to attend the seminar, don't forget the Association's Annual Meeting which is planned during the lunch break on Thursday, July 12.

In Memoriam

Roselyn Calek, Municipal Judge of the Town of Dover since 1993 died June 4 after a long battle with cancer. Roz was a charming woman who had been the editor of the weekly Union Grove newspaper for 24 years. She will be missed by all.

Resignations

Dawn Rogers, Village of Lone Rock, resigned June 1, 2001. **Emily Mueller**, the former judge, was reappointed. **Peter Lentz**, City of Muskego, resigned June 15, 2001. **Gerald Boisits** was appointed to replace him.

Seminar Preview

The Trial Seminar being held July 12 & 13, 2001 marks the halfway point of the seminar year. Two more Judge Seminars will be held: Special Topic, September 13 & 14 at the Ramada Inn in Eau Claire, and the final seminar of the seminar year, Traffic, to be held March 28 & 29, 2002 at the Grand Geneva in Lake Geneva.



The Municipal Court Clerk Seminar will be held October 25 & 26 at the Ramada Inn in Wausau.

The Seminar announcement for the Special Topic Seminar is included in this mailing. Clerk Seminar announcements will be sent in August.

