

**LAW, COURTS, AND JUDICIAL PROCESS SECTION**

*A Section of the American Political Science Association*

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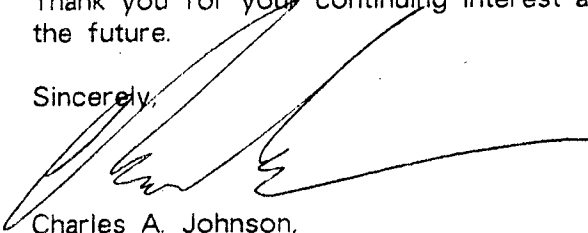
I am pleased to tell you that the Law, Courts, and Judicial Process Section has been approved by the APSA. The attached newsletter is the first in what should become an important source of information about judicial topics. The newsletter is being sent to all Association members who indicated an interest in public law/judicial process. This is the same mailing list we used for the earlier mailings on the development of the section. This letter will be the last direct solicitation for Section membership, and hereafter, the newsletter will be sent only to Section members.

As of this date, approximately 150 Association members have indicated an interest in joining the Section. If you have not already done so, I urge you to complete the enclosed form to become a member of the Section. Details about becoming a member and the collection of Section dues may be found in the Section News portion of the newsletter.

If you have any suggestions or questions about the Section, I encourage you to contact any of the Section officers. The Section exists to serve the interests of its members, thus making input from the membership essential.

Thank you for your continuing interest and support. I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Johnson,  
Chair



**LAW, COURTS, AND JUDICIAL PROCESS SECTION**  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**LAW, COURTS, AND JUDICIAL PROCESS SECTION**  
**APPROVED BY THE APSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The APSA Executive Council approved the creation of the Law, Courts, and Judicial Process Section in its meetings at the annual Association meeting last month in Chicago. At the time of approval, approximately 150 association signed petitions for creation of the Section. The by-laws circulated to judicial scholars in previous mailings were approved without qualification.

The first steps toward implementation of the by-laws approved by the Association took place immediately prior to and during the Annual Association Meeting. Since the required number of petitions were collected prior to August 1st, Karen O'Connor as convener of the Law, Courts and Judicial Behavior Subfield Group appointed a nominations committee to identify potential officers for the Section. The Committee was composed of Karen O'Connor, M. C. Porter, Alan Tarr, and Susan Olson. Working with the suggestions made by individuals returning the petitions, the committee's nominees were: Charles A. Johnson for Chair, Susette Talarico for Secretary-Treasurer, and Lawrence Baum, Joel Grossman, Sheldon Goldman, Beverly Cook, and Wally Miles for the Executive Committee.

As outlined in the by-laws, the Section met as the Law, Courts, and Judicial Behavior Subfield Group on Friday, September 2, at the Association Meeting to first announce the approval of the section by the APSA and second to elect the first set officers. The nominations for section offices were made by the nominations committee and were elected by members attending the meeting. These officers will serve until the next election by section members via mail ballot. That election will take place in the spring, 1984.

The names and addresses of the Section's Officers are:

**Chair:**

Charles A. Johnson  
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## DATA AVAILABILITY IN THE STATE COURTS: A NATIONAL PICTURE

Robert Roper  
Victor Flango  
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National Center for State Courts

The National Court Statistics Project, now called the Court Statistics and Information Management Project (CSIM), is a cooperative effort between the National Center for State Courts and the conference of State Court Administrators. This project is funded by the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The major goals of the project are to collect, compile, analyze and disseminate state court caseload and organizational statistics and to assist state courts in improving the quality of data they report.

Before this project began in 1977, there were several individual state and city-specific studies, but there was no nationwide collection and reporting of caseload data from state courts--courts that manage 98% of all litigation in the United States. As a result, there was no way to determine the number of state court filings and dispositions handled by state courts, the type of cases heard or regional variations in trends. Has litigation "exploded" in the 1960's? Are more personal injury suits filed in the West Coast or in the Atlantic seaboard? Are courts hearing more divorces than personal injury cases? These and similar questions about state court caseload were beyond approach because the relevant statistics were unavailable.

During the first phase of the project, past attempts to collect and report state-level judicial statistics were documented and the reasons for their partial success or failure were identified. As a result of the knowledge gained through this effort, the format for the *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report* series was developed. The *Annual Report* for 1975, published in 1979, contained data from general jurisdiction and appellate courts in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The first *Report* contains little caseload data from courts of limited or special jurisdiction, and no trend data. Subsequent *Annual Reports* for 1976, 1977, and 1978 contain data from all levels of courts and from all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam. The 1979 and 1980 *Annual Reports* should be published by Spring 1984. A two year lag is built into the data collection methodology. That is to say, some states take up to a year to publish their own data, and it then takes the CSIM project a year to compile this information from all the states into the *State Court Caseload Statistics: Annual Report*. The series should be as current as possible by Spring 1986 with the publication of the 1984 *Annual Report*.

In order to secure the most accurate of state court data, most of the data contained in the *Annual Report* series are extracted from the individual state court annual reports. These data are supplemented by unpublished statistical material provided by state court administrative offices and appellate court clerks. Data from the various state sources are initially compiled by the CSIM staff to conform with the uniform method of data presentation as outlined in two other Center publications, the *State Court Model Annual Report* and *State Court Model Statistical Dictionary*. As each individual state profile is completed, it is sent to the state court administrator's office for verification. Appellate court profiles are also sent to the clerk of the individual courts. Corrections and additional information that are received are incorporated in each profile. These profiles comprise the major part of each *Report*. Selected data from these profiles are then aggregated into summary tables presented in the other major section of each *Report*.

The basic data elements reported in the series include the number of begin-pending, filed, disposed, and end-pending cases of the various casetypes for each of a state's trial and appellate courts during the specified year. An effort is made to footnote these data for purposes of completeness and interstate comparability. In addition to this basic caseload information, the type of disposition, time to disposition, and age and status of pending cases measures are included whenever available. The disposition measures include such data elements as the number and type of trials and the outcome of those dispositions for major cases types, e.g., conviction, acquittal or dismissal. Although the availability of these data across states varies significantly, a comparison of consecutive editions of this continuing series clearly demonstrates how the quantity of data elements among states, and the completeness of these data within states has improved dramatically over time. Continued publication of this series will further demonstrate the impact of automation in the state courts on the amount of data that are gathered and reported.

The CSIM project is also involved in automating the data series outlined in the *Annual Reports*. To date, all of the *Annual Reports* and their descriptive statistics have been compiled by hand. The CSIM project, however, is currently under contract with the Bureau of Justice Statistics to develop an automated database for the years of 1978-1980. In the future, similar databases will be the source for the publication of the *Annual Report* series, and will generally be available to the academic community in mid-1984. Such computerization of these databases will greatly enhance the ability to conduct sophisticated data analyses on the behavior of the state trial and appellate courts.

Until recently, the CSIM project has been primarily preoccupied with data collection; however, this Fall 1983, the CSIM project has published a monograph entitled, *The Business of State Trial Courts*. This monograph is the project's first effort to analyze some of the data from the years 1976-1978. It carefully examines some of the more common public "myths" about court business: criminal cases make up the bulk of court business, criminal cases filed are serious crimes, civil cases are primarily personal injury suits, most cases go to trial, most trials are conducted before juries, and most defendants are acquitted.

In short, through the work at the National Center for State Courts and the continued funding by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the academic community should soon have available the most complete and accurate data series on the state trial and appellate courts ever compiled. Although the research potential is enormous, comparative use of state data is also prone to substantial abuse. Meticulous care must be taken when using these data to ensure comparability of data by observing the ever-present limitations on its use. Such factors that must be controlled include: court organization, court subject-matter jurisdiction, definitional variations in commonly used terms such as trial, appellate court opinion and casetype, and finally the completeness and accuracy of the data. To assist the reader in making difficult classifications, the project has produced a *Model Statistical Dictionary, 1980* that shows jurisdictional differences among state courts. When used together, these monographs will assist the researcher to make the best use of state court caseload data.

Further information about state level data on the judicial process as well as the material mentioned above may be obtained from the authors. The address for the National Center for State Courts is 300 Newport Avenue, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185. Their phone number is (804) 253-2000.

#### PROJECT '87: AN OVERVIEW

Project '87 is a joint undertaking of the American Historical Association and the American Political Science Association. It is dedicated to commemorating the bicentennial of the United States Constitution by promoting public understanding and appraisal of this unique document.

The Project is directed by a Joint Committee of historians and political scientists. It is headed by two scholars of international reputation--Professor Richard B. Morris of Columbia University and Professor James MacGregor Burns of Williams College. The Chief Justice of the United States serves as Honorary Chairman of Project '87's Advisory Board.

The implementation of Project '87 has been divided into three distinct but interrelated stages. Stage I, devoted to research and scholarly exchanges on the Constitution, has been underway for the past several years. The Project has awarded fifty-one research grants and fellowships and supported five major scholarly conferences dealing with various aspects of the Constitution. Activities in connection with Stage II--teaching the Constitution in schools and colleges--began in 1980, and Project '87 is now planning Stage III, the development of programs for the public designed to heighten awareness of the Constitution and to provoke informed discussion on constitutional themes.

The programs now underway include a curriculum resource book on the Constitution for secondary school teachers being produced for Project '87 by John J. Patrick of the Social Studies Development Center, Indiana University, and Richard Remy of the Citizenship Development Program of the Merston Center at Ohio State University. Paul Finkelman of the University of Texas serves as historical consultant. This publication developed from a recommendation of Project '87's 1980 conference on teaching the Constitution in American schools. Project '87 intends the resource book to be used by high school teachers in conjunction with traditional secondary school textbooks. The resource book is made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

In addition, in the summer of 1983, Project '87 offered a series of seminars to college faculty, supported by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. The goal of these seminars is to encourage the incorporation of the latest scholarship on the Constitution into introductory American history and government courses. We hope to be able to continue this college faculty program.

Project '87 is also looking forward to the production of a quarterly magazine to chronicle the American Constitutional Bicentennial. The magazine, which will be offered free to thousands of educational and public institutions, will contain lively articles on constitutional issues, annotated original documents, and a resource section for planners of commemorative events, including information about media, grants, and successful programs. It is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Finally, Project '87 is soliciting constitutional scholars to participate in public affairs programs. These programs may involve academic as well as community settings. Individuals interested in serving as resource persons for these activities are urged to return the form below.

It is the hope and expectation of the Project's governing committee that, through these activities and others, both students and the public alike will come to a greater awareness and comprehension of the American Constitution.

Project '87 is supported by grants from: the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Lilly Endowment and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

Project '87 is housed at 1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Dr. Sheilah Mann serves as Project Director and Dr. Cynthia Harrison is Deputy Director.

Submitted by Dr. Sheilah Mann

### Research Committee For Comparative Judicial Studies

Scholars working in comparative cross national judicial and legal studies are invited to participate in the Research Committee for Comparative Judicial Studies of the International Political Science Association. The Committee investigates and reports on its findings on national and subnational judicial systems, procedures, and elites. This commitment includes comparative analysis of conceptualizations and theories of law and judicial/legal systems, the structures and organizations of courts, judges and legal professions, and of related institutions and elites.

The Research Committee, chaired by the late Joseph Tanenhaus, Donald Kommers, Joel Grossman, and [since 1980] John R. Schmidhauser, has endeavored to fulfill the following objectives regarding research perspectives:

(a) the stimulation of, and rigorous peer evaluation of conceptual frameworks, hypotheses, and empirical investigations of comparative cross national research on judiciaries, judges and justices, lawyers and their associations, and related institutions and personnel.

(b) special emphasis has been placed upon the identification for development of conceptually equivalent indicators in comparative cross national research.

As of January 19, 1983, there are 104 Research Committee members from 19 countries. The officers of the Committee are:

Chairman:  
Professor John R. Schmidhauser  
Department of Political Science  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, CA 90084

Vice-Chairman:  
Professor Glendon Schubert  
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Honolulu, HI 96822

Secretary:  
Professor Martin Edelman  
Department of Political Science  
Graduate School of Public Affairs  
Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy  
SUNY at Albany  
135 Western Ave.  
Albany, NY 12222

Individuals interested in joining the Research Committee and receiving a copy of its newsletter, *The Docket*, should contact Professor Edelman at the above listed address.

The Research Committee is planning a meeting at the University of Southern California, February 9-10, 1984 in Los Angeles. Details for this meeting may be found in the Conferences section of this newsletter.

Based on material submitted by Professor John  
Schmidhauser

## SECTION NEWS

**Implementing Section By-Laws:  
Starting Up The Section, Providing Services to Members,  
And Considering Alternative Directions**

At least three issues remain in regard to implementation of the Law, Courts and Judicial Process Section -- membership dues, declaring membership, and the routine election of officers.

**Remaining Implementation Issues**

*Membership Dues.* The survey of potential members conducted at the outset of the organization process revealed that a \$5.00 annual dues would be acceptable to a majority of the potential members. According to APSA policy, the first \$3.00 of any dues will go to the Association to pay for support services including the collection of dues, maintaining membership lists, and other expenses such as paying for the production and mailing of this newsletter. Any additional money produced by higher dues would be controlled by the section. Since the production of this newsletter will be initially paid for by the Association, our budget needs are minimal. Principle expenses include postage and phone for officers. Those expenses, and any unanticipated items, should be covered with a \$5.00 membership dues. Thus, the executive committee has approved a membership dues of \$5.00 for the coming year.

*Declaring Membership.* For the first year, section membership may be declared in one of two ways. First, individuals who returned petitions circulated in earlier mailings or at the Association Meeting will be considered members of the Section for the first year. Additionally, anyone who returns the form attached to this newsletter requesting section membership will be considered a member for a year.

The second way to become a member is by paying the Section's dues along with Association dues. As presently planned, the Association will begin including the option to join various sections along with their regular bill for APSA dues. These bills are sent out on a quarterly basis to Association members, and thus it will take at least one year to develop a full roster of paying section members. For this reason, we must have the first year option of simply requesting membership in the section by informing the Section's Secretary-Treasurer. After the first year, membership in the Section will be extended only to those individuals who pay the annual dues along with their APSA dues. (Associate membership is available to non-political scientists who are not members of the Association. Details on this option are available from the Secretary-Treasurer.)

*Election of Officers.* The procedure of electing officers at the annual meeting was part of the implementation process outlined in the by-laws. Hereafter, elections are expected to be by mail. The next newsletter (probably late January or early February) will contain a call for nominations for Chair and three executive committee positions. Also, a nominations committee will be announced. A first class mailing will then follow including a ballot containing nominees for these positions. The summer newsletter (probably May or June) will contain the results of the election. By following this procedure, the incoming officers have approximately 15 months to plan Section activities including an executive committee meeting at the Annual APSA Meeting. Also, election of officers on this schedule allows time for the Section to plan activities for the following Annual APSA Meeting.

**Services**

*Newsletter.* The service most frequently selected by respondents to the earlier survey was a newsletter. It almost goes without saying that the most basic service a section can provide is that of providing relevant information to its members. For the short term, that is the intent of this newsletter. Various formats and contents of newsletters by different sections are available as models for a Law, Courts, and Judicial Process Newsletter. The Presidency section newsletter is devoted to announcements of meetings and papers, but also contains short articles and reviews that might be considered substantive in nature. The political parties newsletter is primarily devoted to announcements of research, meetings, and papers/articles devoted to parties and interest groups. Regional Association newsletters tend to be devoted to association news.

At this time, three newsletters are planned for the coming year -- October, February, and June. Whether this pattern continues depends on future editors, preferences of section members, and the information necessary for the newsletters. The content of the newsletters also depends on these factors, especially the information needs of section membership. At a minimum, each newsletter might be expected to contain at least one or two feature articles such as the one on state level data in this newsletter, a section of upcoming conferences, and Section news or announcements. Members wishing to make contributions to the newsletter or make announcements in it should contact Charles A. Johnson, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843, until an editor is announced for the newsletter.



*Other Services.* Of the remaining services suggested in the survey of potential members, a majority indicated that the Section should attempt to organize panels at the national meeting and a slightly smaller number of respondents indicated a desire for a substantive publication. As for panels, the Section will be co-sponsoring several panels with the regular APSA program committee for the 1984 meeting. Details of this arrangement are given in the conference section of this newsletter. Sponsorship of panels at other regional meetings are also a possibility, but it is too late to make such plans for the coming year's conventions. However, announcements of judicial panels at the regional meetings are presented in the conferences section of the newsletter.

The sponsorship of a substantive publication is a possibility for the Section, however, it may be a while in coming. Assuming the membership is large enough to support such a publication and is willing to pay higher dues to underwrite the publication, a journal may be a real possibility in future years.

Other suggestions from section members for services the section might offer include some type of "computer-based bulletin board," sponsorship of conferences in the judicial area, and establishing some type of ties with other disciplines interested in things judicial. Each of these suggestions is worthy of discussion by the executive committee or at the annual meeting of the section at the 1984 Association Meeting.

#### Alternative Courses

Since the section movement in the Association is new, there are few models to emulate or avoid. Initially, the Section should probably strive to be a service organization providing information, support, and forums for teaching and research in the judicial area. The degree to which the Section approaches this objective will largely depend on the demands of Section members and the suggestions of its officers. Thus, involvement is essential if the Section is to succeed.

Charles A. Johnson,  
Chair

#### CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Note: Because of the recent approval of the Section and some delays in the development of the Newsletter, you may receive this Newsletter only slightly before the deadlines for submission of proposals for some meetings. This difficulty should be avoided in the future with regularly issued Newsletters. If you wish to participate in a Meeting with a November deadline for the submission of proposal, please contact the panel organizer as soon as you receive this Newsletter.

#### *Southern Political Science Association*

The following papers on the judicial process will be presented at the 1983 Southern Political Science Association Meeting on November 3-5:

External Forces Affecting the Judiciary

Chair: ROBERT STERN, SUNY Buffalo

Papers: MARTHA MOZAK and JOHN WINKLE, University of Mississippi  
"Political Culture and State Judicial Systems"

RICHARD FEIOCK, University of Kansas  
"The Impact of Urban Social and Political Environments on the Behavior of Federal District Court Judges"

ROBERT PERIGAN, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
"The Vicissitudes of Municipal Liability Under U.S.C. 1983: Statutory Interpretation, Congressional Debate and Interest Group Influences"

Discussants: LEE EPSTEIN, Emory University  
PHIL COOPER, Georgia State University

## Race Relations and the Law

Chair: TBA

Papers: STEPHEN WASBY, SUNY Albany

"Some Dynamics of Civil Rights Litigation: Perspectives of National Litigators"

JOSEPH STEWART, JR., University of New Orleans

JAMES SHEFFIELD, Wichita State University

"Correlates of Civil Rights Interest Groups' Litigation Activities"

Discussants: TONY FRY, University of Alabama Law School

EDWARD STILL, Esq., Birmingham, Alabama

## Decision Trends

Chair: MARY MATTINGLY, Texas A&amp;I

Papers: HOWARD BALL, University of Utah  
"Nuclear Testing"

DONALD SONGER, Oklahoma Baptist University

"The Impact of Supreme Court Decisions on Lower Courts"

WILLIAM LASSER, Clemson University

"The Supreme Court in Periods of Critical Realignment"

Discussant: BRADLEY CANON, University of Kentucky

## Policy and the Courts

Chair: MARY THORNBERRY, Davidson College

Papers: EUGENE W. HICKOCK, JR., Dickinson College  
"Congress, Courts and Constitutionalism"SUE DAVIS, University of Tulsa  
"The Carter Appointees"RICHTER MOORE, JR., Appalachian State University  
"Justice O'Connor and the States"

Discussant: RONALD STIDHAM, Lamar University

## Criminal Justice

Chair: SUSETTE TALARICO, University of Georgia

Papers: STEVEN PURO, St. Louis University  
ROGER GOLDMAN, St. Louis University  
"State Licensing of Police: The Florida Experience"

F. E. DEVINE, University of Southern Mississippi

"Detention Short of Arrest: England, Scotland, the United States"

MARC GERTZ and EDMUND TRUE, Florida State University  
"Social Science in the Courtroom"GEORGE COX, Georgia Southern College  
TBADiscussants: LARRY NOBLE, Atlanta University  
DAVID NEUBAUER, University of New Orleans

*Northeastern Political Science Association*

The following papers on the judicial process will be presented at the 1983 Northeastern Political Science Association Meeting on November 17-19:

## EXPLORATORY STUDIES IN JUDICIAL POLITICS

Chair: TBA

Papers: ROBERT H. BLANK, University of Idaho  
"Biopolicy and the Courts: Reversible Sterilization and Reproductive Choice"

KAREN O'CONNOR and LEE EPSTEIN, Emory University  
"States Rights or Criminal Rights? A Behavioral Analysis"

BEVERLY BLAIR COOK, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee  
"Changes in Attitudes Over Time: The Case of Women Judges"

Discussants: FRED KORT, University of Connecticut  
CHERYL REEDY, Fairfield University

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ISSUES IN PUBLIC POLICY

Chair: TIMOTHY O'NEILL, Wellesley College

Papers: KAREN J. MASCHKE, John Hopkins University  
"Politics, Power and Administrative Agencies: The EEOC"

DENNIS FLORIG, Stanford University  
"Decision Analysis and Ideology: The Concept of Equal Opportunity in the Analysis of Social Welfare Policy"

WALTER G. MARKHAM and GUY C. COLARULLI, University of Hartford  
"Housing, Justice and the Federal Courts"

## COURT POLICY MAKING

Chair: KENNETH MOTT, Gettysburg College

Papers: KENNETH MOTT, Gettysburg College  
"Judicial Review as the Institutionalization of Prophecy"

NATHAN HAKMAN, SUNY at Binghamton  
"Study on Supreme Court Lobbying"

RUSSELL HARRISON and G. ALAN TARR, Rutgers University, Camden  
"State Court Policy Making"

WILLIAM DANIELS, Union College  
"Thurgood Marshall as Solicitor General of the United States: Preparing to Move to the Supreme Court"

TIMOTHY O'NEILL, Wellesley College  
"Judicial Election, Selection and Merit"

## THE BURGER COURT: POLITICAL AND JUDICIAL PROFILES

Chair: DANIEL C. KRAMER, College of Staten Island, CUNY

Papers: HOWARD BALL, University of Utah  
"Justice Hugo L. Black"

WALLACE MENDELSON, University of Texas  
"Justice John Marshall Harlan"

Discussants: STEPHEN C. HALPERN, SUNY at Buffalo  
STANLEY FRIEDELBAUM, Rutgers University (tentative)

### *Southwestern Political Science Association*

The 1984 Southwestern Political Science Association Meeting will be held on March 21-24 in Fort Worth, Texas. Professor Mike Mansfield is coordinating panels on political institutions and invites paper proposals in the judicial area. The deadline for paper proposals has passed, however, late proposals will be considered until mid-November. Please send proposals to Professor Mike Mansfield, Department of Political Science, Baylor University, Waco, Texas 76798.

### *Western Political Science Association*

The 1984 Western Political Science Association Meeting is planned for April 12-14 in Sacramento, California. The judicial section coordinator for the meeting is Professor Stuart A. Scheingold. The configuration of panels and topics is fluid, however proposals on "policy litigation" and "law and administrative practice" are especially encouraged. Professor Scheingold asks that ideas for judicial papers and panels, as well as offers to be discussants, be sent to him at the Department of Political Science, DO-30, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington 98195. The deadline for proposal submissions is November 15th.

### *Midwest Political Science Association*

The 1984 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting is planned for April 11-14 in Chicago, Illinois. The coordinator for the judicial panels is Professor Lettie M. Wenner. The following panels are being planned for that meeting:

Roles of Attorneys in the Judicial Process  
Chair: Professor Herbert Kritzer, Department of Political Science, University of Wisconsin, 110 North Hall, Madison, Wisconsin 53706

Appellate Courts: Perspectives on the Judicial Process  
Chair: Professor Mary Cornelia Porter, Department of Political Science, Barat College, 700 East Westleigh Road, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

Group Pressures on U.S. Courts  
Chair: Professor Karen O'Connor, Department of Political Science, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia 30322

The Burger Court's Performance on Civil Rights and Liberties  
Chair: Professor Michael W. Combs, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588

Judicial Policy-Making  
Chair to be announced (Contact Professor Lettie Wenner)

Roundtable on the Unconstitutionality of the Legislative Veto  
Chair: Professor Lettie Wenner, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago, Box 4348, Chicago, Illinois 60680

Roundtable on Advising Pre-Law Students  
Chair: Professor Elliot E. Slotnick, Department of Political Science, Ohio State University, 150 North Oval Mall, Columbus, Ohio 43210

Paper suggestions for any of the above listed panels should be sent to the chair of the respective panels. Other paper ideas should be sent to the judicial panels coordinator, Professor Lettie Wenner at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The deadline for paper proposals is November 1st, however, Professor Wenner will consider proposals received until November 15th.

### *Law and Society Association*

The 1984 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting will be held in Boston, Massachusetts, from (tentatively) June 6th through June 10th. The program coordinator is Professor Ilene Nagel at the School of Law, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47405. Professor Nagel is presently working with a Program Committee to design a program for the 1984 meetings and invites paper and panel suggestions. Innovative panels or sessions in terms of topics or format are especially encouraged. Also encouraged are papers concerning the 20th year anniversary of the Law and Society Association and "1984." No deadline for suggestions has yet been established.

### *American Political Science Association*

The 1984 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 30th through September 2nd in Washington, D.C. The Program Committee's Judicial Section Chair is Professor E. Wally Miles at San Diego State University. Professor Miles has indicated an interest in co-sponsoring several panels with the Law, Courts, and Judicial Process Section for the 1984 meeting. Tentatively planned panel topics include the following:

- The Bill of Rights in 1984
- School Desegregation: 1954 - 1984
- Judicial Profiles of the Burger Court
- Civil Rights and Liberties at the Trial Level
- Comparative Judicial Process
- Judicial Policy and Equality

Proposals for papers in the above mentioned areas should be sent Professor Miles. Also, proposals for papers which do not fall in any of the these topics, except for those mentioned below, should be sent to Professor Miles. Additional panels may be constructed depending on paper proposals.

In addition to the above panels, the Law, Courts and Judicial Process Section will co-sponsor panels in the following areas:

- Judicial Behavior
- Criminal Justice Research
- The Implementation and Impact of Judicial Policies

Proposals for panels or papers in the above areas should be sent to Professor Charles Johnson, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843. The deadline for proposals is December 1st for both sets of panels.

### *Interim Meeting of the Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies*

The Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies will hold its 2nd Interim Meeting at the University of Southern California, February 9 - 10, 1984, in Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

The Research Committee will consider proposals for papers on legal and judicial elites, judicial behavior and judicial institutions for this meeting. Proposals should be sent to Professor John R. Schmidhauser, Department of Political Science vkc 327, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California 90084. No deadline for proposals has been established.

Membership Application

I wish to become a member of the Law, Courts, and Judicial Process Section and will pay the \$5.00 annual dues when requested by the American Political Science Association.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:

Professor Susette Talarico  
Department of Political Science  
University of Georgia  
Athens, GA 30602

Individuals interested in participating in the public affairs program of Project '87 should complete the following form and return it to Dr. Sheilah Mann, Project '87, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

**Project '87:**  
**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NETWORK OF SCHOLARS  
INTERESTED IN CONSTITUTIONAL BICENTENNIAL**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Special Expertise \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ consultant on program development  
 \_\_\_\_\_ speaker—academic programs  
 \_\_\_\_\_ speaker—media (e.g., talk shows)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ speaker—community events, private organizations)

Please send this form with a curriculum vitae to:

Network  
Project '87  
1527 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036