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## The Bottom Line

This article is adapted from the address of John R.R. Jennings, Q.C., President, Canadian Bar Association, delivered at the 1990 Spring Meeting of the College.

When I took office in August of 1989, I suggested in a speech to the Young Lawyers' Conference, that it was necessary to remind ourselves that one of the hallmarks of a profession is the commitment of its members to public service. I expressed to the Young Lawyers, my concern that our increasing attention to the problems of the profitability of the law practice was having a dampening effect on the spirit of volunteerism; on a commitment to pro-bono work. I acknowledged that if there was any blame to be attached, it probably rested with the lawyers of my generation, faced as they are with the spectre of spiralling overheads. My concern was that the senior lawyers charged with the firm management were setting impossible targets for young lawyers to meet.

Not too long ago, 1,400 to 1,500 hours a year was considered a respectable target for a young lawyer. Today many firms consider 2,200 to 3,000 hours a reasonable goal for a single year. Assuming 48 working weeks per year, 3,000 hours puts a lawyer behind the desk or in a courtroom for over 10 hours per day, six days a week. That's billable hours. Lunch and comfort breaks and non-billable time, are extra.

I must say that I worry about the workaholism that is fast becoming a hallmark of our profession. When I see the way law firms are changing and the pressure being put on lawyers, especially young lawyers, to perform, I wonder. I wonder, quite frankly, whether we haven't taken a wrong turn somewhere along the road. I wonder if we fully appreciate the risks inherent in the pressure cooker lives we are creating for ourselves.

Not very long ago a lawyer was a lot more than a human punch clock churning out billable time units. He or she was an advisor in the truest sense of that word -- a trusted counsellor to clients who more often than not were also family friends.

I suppose those days are gone forever and there is precious little to be gained from maudlin reflections on the way we were. This is the era of "Mega-Firm." Hundreds, conceivably thousands, of lawyers banded together to offer "Full-Service" day or night.

Lawyers don't go to the office any more. They go to their "Profit Centres" in glass towers 50 or 60 floors above street level. True, if we can fill 10 or twelve hours a day with billable business we can drive to and from that "Profit Centre" in a Jaguar or a Mercedes. But, I cannot help but wonder if that drive is worth the price we pay.

Young Lawyers, as I said, pay more than any other single group. Families are pushed down the priority list. Almost every waking hour is consumed either by work or by worrying about work. Managing partners seem obsessed with what has come, for good reason, to be known as the WIP (pronounced "whip"). That stands for Work in Progress and if you don't have a big WIP your days with the firm are probably numbered.

In that sort of environment, how do you squeeze in time with your kids? There's no time for anything but work. Forget tennis, or golf, or lying in the shade of a river bank with a fishing pole. There is no time for public service or charitable work or pro-bono clients.

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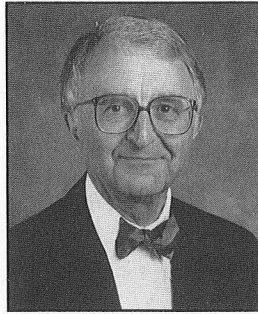
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Ralph I. Lancaster, Jr.

This year marks the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the College. Regrettably, it also is the year in which we lost yet another of its founders. Grant Cooper, a great trial lawyer and a great friend, died on May 3, 1990. We shall miss his infectious laugh, his love of life, and his wise counsel. Our condolences to his wife, Phyllis, herself a Fellow of this college, are inadequate to express our sense of loss.

In all other respects, the College is thriving.

The national office will shortly celebrate the first anniversary of its move to Irvine, California -- a move that has proved to be as effective and efficient as the officers and members of the Board had hoped it would be. New staff members are settling in and working well. Changes in forms and procedures are being implemented to streamline the nominating process and accommodate the new annual meeting format. There is a sense of excitement and vitality that is inspiring.

## 1990 WORKSHOPS

With the new fall meeting format, the Workshops for State and Province Committee Chairmen and the Chairmen of the General Committees were moved to January. The Western Workshop was held at Laguna Niguel, California; the Eastern Workshop at Naples, Florida. They were both smashing successes. Again, changes were made in the Workshop programs and, both substantively and formally, the Workshops added immeasurably to the training and esprit de corps of those who lead the College in its most important functions.

## REGIONAL MEETINGS

Throughout the country, regional meetings continue to be well attended by the Fellows. In addition to the social aspects of these meetings and opportunity for Fellowship, the formats increasingly include excellent CLE programs. This enables Fellows from the 35 states with mandatory CLE to obtain credits at these regional sessions as they are also able to do at our national programs.

## COMMITTEES

### Award for Courageous Advocacy

At the Spring Meeting at Palm Desert, California, this award was made, for only the sixth time since its creation in 1964. The recipient was Stanton Bloom, a sole practitioner from Tucson, Arizona, who was recognized for his courage in defending an accused child kidnapper-murderer under extraordinarily adverse conditions. Those of you who were with us at the Spring Meeting shared an incredibly emotional moment as the award was presented and accepted.

### National Moot Court Competition

Again this year, I had the privilege of representing you as one of the judges at the finals of this national competition which involves more than 165 accredited law schools. Emory University in Georgia fielded the winning team, and the best oral advocate was from the other finalist, The University of Iowa. The winning students were our guests at the Spring Meeting.

### National Trial Competition

At our Annual Meeting this fall, Stetson University will be presented the Kraft W. Eidman Award of \$5,000 and a silver bowl to recognize its accomplishment in winning the National Trial Competition. More than 100 law schools and more than 1000 law students participated. I had the pleasure and privilege of delivering Power Medallions to the finalists. The best oral advocate, also from Stetson University, will receive the George A. Spiegelberg award at the fall meeting.

### Alternatives for Dispute Resolution

Under the leadership of Joan Hall, this Committee is engaged in an in-depth study of ADR and expects to publish an exhaustive report within the next year.

### Canada-United States

Bill Somerville of Toronto has been an active and energetic chair of this Committee. The Board has retained a noted Canadian sculptor to design a medallion bearing the likeness of Chief Justice Brian Dickson, an Honorary Fellow of this College, who will retire this year. The medallions will be presented to the finalists in the Gale Cup Moot Court Competition in Toronto beginning next year.

### Complex Litigation/Federal Rules of Evidence

These Committees, chaired by David Gross and John Marshall, respectively, have combined to explore and report on problems arising out of the use of expert witnesses.

### Federal Civil Procedure

One of our very active and energetic Committee chairs, Fran Fox, and this hard-working Committee, have monitored closely proposals for changes in the Civil Rules emanating from the Judicial Conference Committee on Practice and Procedure. The most important of the current proposals relates to changes in Rule 56. Because of the excellent work of this Committee, the College has been able to have important input into proposed changes.

### Federal Criminal Procedure

This Committee has the benefit of the sage advice of some of the best trial lawyers in the United States whose practice is principally in the criminal law area. Under the leadership of Harvey Silets, proposed changes in the Federal Criminal Rules are currently being reviewed.

### Emil Gumpert Award

No College Committee takes its charge more seriously than this Committee, responsible for selecting the law school worthy of recognition for its excellence in teaching trial advocacy. Chairman Will Barber and the Committee members invest enormous amounts of time in investigation and review of the programs available at many fine schools. This year the \$25,000 award will be made to Syracuse University.

### Judiciary

Thanks to John Douglas and the work of this Committee, the College is recognized for its important contribution to the recent enactment of increases in federal judicial salaries.

Upon recommendation of this Committee, the College has made a \$50,000 grant to the National Judicial College, an organization which does so much for the training of the judiciary.

### Legal Ethics

This Committee continues to work to defend the provisions which the College was successful in having enacted

into the Code of Professional Responsibility. Bill Brennan and the Committee members have a network of College representatives throughout the country who monitor proposed changes in the Code.

### Special Problems in the Administration of Justice

In April, after a frenetic year, the Federal Courts Study Committee returned its report to Congress with recommendations for sweeping changes. The College is already on record as being opposed to the abolition of diversity jurisdiction, one of the recommendations made in the Report. All of the other major recommendations have been referred to the Special Problems Committee chaired by Judd Best and an intensive review is underway.

In the meantime, Senator Joseph Biden has introduced S. 2027, a bill which would mandate certain tracking and procedural reforms in the federal courts. The bill has incurred the opposition of a substantial number of federal judges, and negotiations for its modification are in process. A subcommittee of the Special Problems Committee chaired by Regent Charlie Renfrew, is monitoring the progress of this proposal.

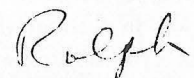
**B**usy. Active. Good words to describe those fine Committees which I have briefly mentioned and the others which space does not permit me to include.

They are also good words to describe what you are doing in your regions, states and provinces. Elsewhere in this Bulletin there is a brief piece outlining some of the professional activities sponsored by the State Committees. This is good for the profession and good for the College. I encourage you to consider similar or other programs which will marshal the tremendous talent of the Fellows of this College and make a substantial contribution to the justice system in your State or Province.

**O**n the social side, I can also report that the College is alive and well. Thanks to the generosity of Phil and Gretchen Tone, Mary Lou and I had the privilege and pleasure of visiting many of you during my term as President-Elect. That joyful experience has continued this year. By October, we will have visited 26 states and provinces, some more than once. And because some of these are regional meetings, we will have met with Fellows from almost all the other jurisdictions. I will have more to say about this at the Annual Meeting in October. For now, suffice to say, we have loved every visit. We have been welcomed warmly wherever we have gone. It has been an extraordinary year.

Now let me urge you all to join us in San Francisco in October. Bob Young will work his magic once more and we will have a memorable meeting where you can renew old friendships and make new ones.

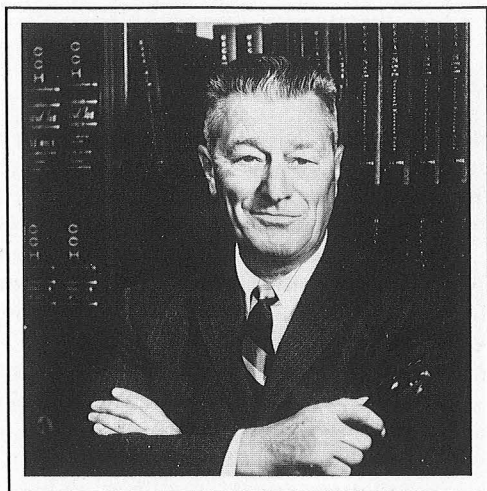
Come celebrate with us.



Ralph I. Lancaster, Jr.



In Memoriam  
GRANT B. COOPER



(1903 - 1990)

Grant Cooper was once asked if he ever planned to retire from the practice of law. He answered: "I'll be trying cases until the day I die." His answer not only evidenced his passion for the law, it also was prophetic, he was counselling a client the day before his death May 3, 1990.

With the loss of Grant goes the passing of an era. Born in New York City, April 1, 1903, Grant came to California in 1923 working for his westward passage in the engine room of a freighter. After he reached Los Angeles, his first job was as a clerk in his uncle's law office. Immediately captivated by the law, he entered Southwestern University Law School and upon graduation and admittance to the bar, he began his long and remarkable career which lasted sixty-three years. He started in private practice and later developed his trial skills both as a Deputy City Attorney and as Chief Deputy District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles.

A dedicated advocate for the cause of good government, in the 1930's he launched a successful campaign for a reform candidate for District Attorney. He then helped direct the campaign which elected as Mayor of Los Angeles, Fletcher Bowron, a respected judge. Together they worked to rid Los Angeles of an entrenched crime syndicate. Later he served as Earl Warren's Southern California Campaign Manager for Governor. Towards the end of his career he was again called upon to investigate political corruption as a Special Prosecutor for the State of Hawaii.

His clients were colorful and varied and included Mae West, Judy Garland, Louis B. Mayer, Sterling Hayden, Dr. Bernard Finch and Sirhan Sirhan. He even traveled to Viet Nam to defend successfully before the U.S. Military Court a young Marine accused of murder.

A chapter in College history has now ended. Not only was Grant a founding member, but it was in his home on April 4, 1950, that Emil Gumpert's inspiration for creating the American College of Trial Lawyers was embraced and adopted. He served as its President from 1962-1963. He took pride in the preeminence the College achieved, and

welcomed the chance to talk about its history. Anyone who saw him at the meetings could sense the joy he felt in being with his longtime friends and fellow trial lawyers.

Grant was a lawyer's lawyer. His consummate skills as a trial lawyer are well documented. In a book on famous cases, Dorothy Kilgallen wrote:

*"As Grant Cooper went into action, even the defendants in the celebrated trial became secondary characters; the lawyer was the star. The courtroom couldn't hold all the judges, lawyers and ordinary citizens who wanted to hear him make his ultimate plea ... Under his spell, it was not always easy to remember whether Dr. Finch was on trial for the murder of his wife or running for President of the United States."*

In "Jury Argument in Criminal Cases -- A Trial Lawyers Guide," a book reviewer remarks:

*"The most magnificent of all speeches is Grant Cooper's moving plea for the life of Sirhan Sirhan who shot and killed Robert F. Kennedy. A speaker of unusual power, his supremacy comes from an elegant simplicity that is enthralling. His words seem to pass across centuries and embody the cry of all men who have argued against the taking of another's life."*

In addition to his trial career, he also served as President of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Vice President, State Bar of California, Chairman, Criminal Law and Procedure Committee for the Los Angeles County and State Bar Association of California. He was also a member of the National Association of Defense Lawyers in Criminal Cases, Chancery Club, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, American Bar Foundation, Board of Councilors, U.S.C. Law Center (a charter member), Tuna Club of Avalon and Rotary International.

Grant was a world class fisherman, and while he fished from Newfoundland to New Zealand, it was the lure of Baja California which repeatedly drew him. He was there just last year and at the age of eighty-six experienced the joy of a rare double marlin hook-up with his son, John.

Devoted to his family, he was proud to be able to share his dedication to the law with his wife Phyllis, who is also a member of the College. They practiced together during much of the 55 years of their loving relationship. Their large and close-knit family includes 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Enthusiastic, warm, caring, compassionate, with a great sense of humor, Grant was above all a lover of life. In his eulogy, Grant Jr. said it well: "He was proof that anything could be accomplished through hard work, determination and dedication. He influenced each of us differently, some of us profoundly. We all loved and admired him - men and women, young and old. He always looked for the best in us and ignored our faults. He was a friend, companion, advisor and always there when you needed help. We are going to miss him greatly ..."

And so will his friends in the College.

# Induction of New Fellows

The College welcomes the following new Fellows who were inducted into Fellowship on Tuesday, March 6, 1990.

## ALABAMA

*Mobile*  
W. BOYD REEVES

## ARKANSAS

*Little Rock*  
ROBERT L. "SKIP" HENRY

## ARIZONA

*Tucson*  
RICHARD DAVIS

## CALIFORNIA

*Beverly Hills*  
ALAN L. ISAACMAN  
*North Hollywood*  
LAWRENCE P. GRASSINI  
*Sherman Oaks*  
ALAN L. RUSHFELDT  
*Oakland*  
J. FREDRICK HALEY  
*Santa Rosa*  
JOHN F. DeMEO

## CONNECTICUT

*Stamford*  
JOHN S. McGEENEY

## FLORIDA

*Fort Lauderdale*  
GEORGE E. BUNNELL

## HAWAII

*Honolulu*  
WARREN PRICE, III

## ILLINOIS

*Chicago*  
GARY M. ELDEN

## INDIANA

*Indianapolis*  
TERRILL D. ALBRIGHT

## IOWA

*Des Moines*  
NICK CRITELLI

## MICHIGAN

*Birmingham*  
DANIEL S. GOLDSMITH

## NEBRASKA

*Grand Island*  
JAMES A. BELTZER  
*Omaha*  
WAYNE J. MARK

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Manchester*  
JOHN E. FRIBERG

## NEW YORK

*New York*  
LEWIS A. KAPLAN

## OKLAHOMA

*Tulsa*  
JOHN H. TUCKER

## ONTARIO

*Ottawa*  
DENIS J. POWER

## OREGON

*Portland*  
WALTER H. SWECK

## VIRGINIA

*Fairfax*  
JOSEPH P. DYER  
*Richmond*  
SAMUEL W. TUCKER

## WISCONSIN

*Waukesha*  
JAMES R. SOMMERS

# ACTL Inducts Honorary Fellows

## JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY

At the Spring Meeting at Palm Desert, Justice Anthony Kennedy of the United States Supreme Court was inducted as an Honorary Fellow of the College. His response was an extraordinary tour de force. Since his elevation to the United States Supreme Court, Justice Kennedy and his gracious wife, Mary, have given generously of themselves, traveling all over the United States to speak on topics of great interest to our profession. Justice Kennedy's range of subjects, the substance of his remarks, and the ease of his delivery, make him a welcome and substantial contributor to the learning and lore of our calling.

We were delighted to welcome him to Honorary Fellowship.

## PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER

Few people were aware of the fact that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher practiced as a barrister before becoming Prime Minister. President-Elect Chuck Hanger was one of them. He suggested that her public service made her worthy to become an Honorary Fellow of the College. Working with our Honorary Fellow, Sir Tasker Watkins, Chuck made the arrangements for her induction. Regrettably, he was ill and unable to attend the extraordinary ceremonies at 10 Downing Street at which Mrs. Thatcher

became our newest Honorary Fellow. Those of us who participated in the ceremonies and the luncheon which she hosted were struck by her gracious demeanor and her delight at becoming a Fellow of the College.

## RT. HON. LORD JAMES MACKAY, THE LORD CHANCELLOR OF ENGLAND

In August, in Chicago, at the banquet held in conjunction with the ABA meeting, we shall induct The Right Honourable Lord James Peter Hymers Mackay, the Lord Chancellor of England, as our next Honorary Fellow.

Lord Mackay became a Queen's Counsel in 1965. He was Sheriff Principal of Renfrew and Argyll and served as Dean of the Faculty of Advocates. From 1984-1985, he was a Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland before his appointment as the Chief Judicial Officer in England. In that capacity, he is a member of the Privy Council and of the Cabinet. He is Speaker of the House of Lords, where he sits on the Woolsack, President of the House of Lords sitting in its judicial capacity as the highest court of appeal in the United Kingdom, and President of the Court of Appeal and of the Chancery Division of the High Court.

We hope you will be able to be with us in Chicago on August 4 to celebrate the induction of our newest Honorary Fellow.



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Success is measured in terms of credit limits or hand-stitched lapels.

Relaxation, too often, is stirred not shaken, with a twist or straight up.

I am beginning to think that the two most damnable words in the English Language are "Bottom Line." The bottom line - how we worship it, how we pamper it, how we follow its every wish, its every demand, no matter how irrational or how unhealthy.

When the history of this last decade of the 20th century is written, academics are bound to be astounded by our fixation with the bottom line. We will go down in history as the generation that let nothing stand between us and profit: Not family life, not hobbies, not leisure pursuits of any kind and certainly not public service or volunteer work.

An American lawyer, Deborah Arron has just published a book called "Running from the Law." It isn't about General Noriega or any other famous fugitive from justice. It's about lawyers. More accurately, it's about ex-lawyers: men and women who have dropped out, left the profession in dismay.

These aren't latter day hippies, kissing reality good bye to dedicate their lives to macrame and organic gardening. These are successful and capable practitioners who have become soured by what the system demands. The book documents the complaints of corporate lawyers, civil litigators and criminal lawyers, all of whom found themselves reduced to little more than wage slaves.

Over and over again the dropouts tell the same story. They had to leave, to salvage what was left of their humanity.

Aaron's book distresses me. But, perhaps I am out of touch. Nobody I've talked to has brought it up. The main topic of conversation I hear in the corridors and the restaurant isn't running from the law, it's RICO.

RICO, I learned, stands for the Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act. That's a charming little statute that allows the government to confiscate the assets of a criminal engaged in organized crime. What's got my American colleagues upset is that the word "assets" includes the fees that a criminal has paid for his defense.

I am not suggesting for a moment that we lawyers shouldn't be upset about things like RICO. Doing pro-bono work is one thing. Having work declared pro-bono after the fact is quite another.

I would feel a lot better, however, if as a profession we got as upset about the sort of problems Deborah Aaron talks about as we do about attacks on our earning curves.

Last fall I was invited to speak to representatives of the Young Lawyers Division of the American Bar Association at their meeting in Vancouver. I came away impressed with the public service commitment these young men and women have made. The theme of their conference was not about increasing billable hours or squeezing more out of a file. The words "bottom line" were never mentioned. The ABA's young lawyers conference was about giving not getting.

The Young Lawyers Division has established programs of giving that are models of what people like us, people with all the advantages, can do if we make the commitment. They are giving kids a chance to beat illiteracy and hunger and homelessness. They're giving battered women and children safe places to heal. They're lending their time and expertise free of charge to charities all over the United States.

It is up to us, to the Senior Members of the Bar, to create a climate in our firms, in our legal worlds, where programs like these are encouraged. We have to take off the

pressure, stop wielding the WIP and re-focus our goal orientation from the bottom line to the traditional obligations of the advocate:

- the obligation of public service;
- the obligation of service to the profession;
- the obligation of improving our system of Justice.

I admit that I haven't got much in the way of empirical data to back up what I'm saying. After all, like the rest of you, I am no more than an observer. As President of the Canadian Bar Association my observation post is pretty well positioned. But, still, I might be dead wrong about the danger signals I think I see ahead.

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## "WE HAVE TO TAKE OFF THE PRESSURE AND FOCUS OUR GOAL ORIENTATION FROM THE BOTTOM LINE TO THE TRADITIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE ADVOCATE."

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Do we risk losing the best, the brightest, the most idealistic of our profession if we put profits above all else? Do we almost force lawyers to overlook bothersome codes of conduct by rewarding only results? I believe we do and I believe that it is up to senior lawyers like us, lawyers who have established themselves, have bought themselves the luxury of time, to spend some of that time reflecting on these questions.

It sounds melodramatic, I admit, but I think the very future of our profession may depend on it. Certainly the future of the sort of profession I thought I was joining 26 years ago depends upon it.

Lawyers in virtually every country on earth have adopted Codes of Professional Conduct. Interestingly enough, despite vast differences in legal systems, practices and customs, these Codes all establish similar basic standards. Invariably, those standards place the emphasis on integrity and competence.

None of them mentions the bottom line. All of them read as though profit were the farthest thing from a lawyer's mind. Perhaps it is time that our codes and our conduct moved a little closer to each other and to reality. Perhaps if we recognize that earning a living has to be a pre-occupation we could take steps to ensure that we can earn that living and still find time for family and other sources of self-fulfillment.

There's nothing particularly novel about the concerns I've expressed here. But originality isn't the only measure of value when it comes to ideas.

I don't consider myself a cynic but I have reached that age when I am seldom overly impressed by anything that politicians say. Parts of President George Bush's speech to the Republican Convention, however, really hit home for me. I thought his call for "a kinder, gentler America" was as eloquent a plea for a return to sanity and traditional values as any I have heard or read. We could do a lot worse, as lawyers, than to call for a "kinder gentler" profession.

Surely no one would condemn us as wimps if we did that. Surely, we wouldn't have to give up the profit motive completely. And, just maybe, if we looked past the bottom line we might find that there is a whole other world outside of our profit centres. We might find investment opportunities that have nothing at all to do with taxable returns but that pay enormous dividends just the same.

*(John R.R. Jennings, Q.C., is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and currently serves as President of the Canadian Bar Association. He is a partner in the Toronto law firm of Kingsmill, Ross, McBride.)*

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# State and Province Activities

Some of our State Committees sponsor activities which utilize the many talents of the local Fellows for improvement and enhancement of the justice system. These programs afford Fellows whose schedules do not permit national participation an opportunity to share their skills with students, judges and other lawyers in the name of the College. Some examples:

## ALABAMA

The Alabama Fellows of the College each year award a scholarship of \$2,000 to a junior attending the University of Alabama Law School. The Dean of the Law School submits three names to a committee of the Fellows. They are interviewed and the winner is selected by the Alabama Fellows.

In addition, the Alabama Fellows regularly serve as moot court judges, both for regional competitions sponsored by the College, and for local competitions sponsored by the University of Alabama and the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

## ARIZONA

The Jenckes Memorial Competition is an activity in which the Arizona Fellows participate. Each year the Fellows provide a transcript of a completed trial to the University of Arizona and Arizona State University. Each school then runs a competition to select a two-person team to present the best closing jury arguments to a jury comprised of Fellows of the College. The winning school is awarded a traveling trophy, a large silver bowl. Each member of the winning and runner-up teams receives engraved silver bowls and checks. The Fellows then host a dinner for the deans of the respective law schools, the coaches, and the participants.

## MAINE

The Maine Fellows have traditionally volunteered to assist as judges, and by demonstrations, in the trial advocacy course at the University of Maine Law School.

They have also created a fund in memory of deceased Maine Fellows of the College. Each year the Dean and faculty select a graduate who has excelled in trial advocacy skills to receive a plaque and a financial stipend.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Under the guiding hand of Fellow Joe Steinfeld, the Massachusetts Fellows have created and staffed a pro-bono mediation project in the District Court in Quincy, Massachusetts. Staffed exclusively by Fellows, the program has been extraordinarily successful in settling contested matters and was the recipient of the District Court's annual Law Day -- South Shore Chamber of Commerce Award.

The Massachusetts Fellows have under consideration a proposal to expand the project and make it state-wide.

## MONTANA

The Montana Fellows are exploring the creation of a mediation program similar to the Massachusetts program.

## NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Fellows have organized two panels, one to assist the five North Carolina law schools by acting as judges and critics in preparing trial themes to engage in competition with other law schools. The second panel is composed of Fellows who are willing to speak to trial practice classes about assigned topics such as cases in which they have participated, ethical problems encountered in trial practice, and practical use of discovery techniques.

These are fine examples of activities designed and created to meet local needs and utilizing highly skilled Fellows who give generously of their time and talents.

How about your State and Province? Do these examples inspire you to similar activities?

# Future ACTL National Meetings

## 1990

- **Aug. 4** Summer Banquet;  
Chicago, Illinois
- **Oct. 18-20** Annual Meeting:  
Fairmont & Mark Hopkins Hotels,  
San Francisco, California

## 1991

- **Mar. 10-13** Spring Meeting:  
Westin Kauai, Kauai, Hawaii
- **Aug. 10** Summer Banquet:  
Atlanta, Georgia
- **Oct. 10-11** Annual Meeting:  
Westin Copley Place,  
Boston, Massachusetts

## 1992

- **Mar. 15-18** Spring Meeting:  
Marrriott's Desert Springs Resort, Palm  
Desert, California
- **Oct. 28-Nov. 4** Annual  
Meeting: Grosvenor Hotel, Hyde Park  
Hotel, London, England  
Le Grand Hotel,  
Paris, France

# College News

## 1991 ROSTER

The 1991 Roster of the College will commence preparation. A yellow form noting any changes to address, firm name, phone, etc. will be mailed to all Fellows. Requests for changes to be made for the 1991 Roster must be submitted in writing to the College office no later than August 1, 1990.

## REVISED PROPOSAL FORMS

The proposal forms for nominations of candidates for the College have been revised. New proposal forms should be used after July 1, 1990 and can be obtained by calling or writing the National Office in Irvine, California.

## FALL POLLS

In November, confidential polls for new nominees will be mailed to all Fellows. All polls should be returned to the College National Office in Irvine, California. Candid comments regarding nominees are especially helpful to the regents. Your comments are always held in the strictest confidence. Your participation in this important process is appreciated.

## FELLOWS AT 50TH CLASS REUNION NOTED

Past President Thomas E. Deacy, Jr. of Kansas City, Missouri in attending his 50th reunion of the Law School of the University of Missouri - Columbia discovered many of his classmates are Fellows of the College.

In fact of the 47 graduates of the Law School Class of 1940, five graduates are Fellows of the College constituting 10.6% of the class. They are: Karl Blanchard of Joplin, Missouri; J.D. James of Kansas City, Missouri; James Ottman of Kansas City, Missouri; William Sanford of Springfield, Missouri and Thomas E. Deacy, Jr., Kansas City, Missouri who served as President of the American College of Trial Lawyers, 1975-1976.

## 1990 SUMMER BANQUET

The 1990 Summer Banquet Registration forms were mailed to all Fellows in June. The Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, August 4, 1990 at the Palmer House in Chicago, Illinois. The Rt. Hon. Lord James Mackay, the Lord Chancellor of England will be inducted as an Honorary Fellow on this occasion. If you need another copy of the banquet reservation form, please call the College office. Hotel reservations for this function must be made through the American Bar Association.

# Calendar of Events

## 1990

- **July 15-17** North West Regional Meeting, Salishan, Oregon
- **July 26** Ontario Fellows Dinner, Toronto, Ontario
- **Aug. 4** ACTL Summer Banquet, Chicago, Illinois
- **Aug. 12-14** Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- **Aug. 17-18** Iowa Fellows Summer Meeting, Waterloo, Iowa
- **Sept. 12** Michigan Fellows Dinner, Grand Rapids, Michigan

- **Sept. 28-29** Indiana Fellows Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana
- **Oct. 4** Missouri Fellows Dinner, St. Louis, Missouri
- **Oct. 17** ACTL Executive Committee Meeting, San Francisco, California
- **Oct. 18** ACTL Board of Regents Meeting, San Francisco, California
- **Oct. 18-20** ACTL Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California
- **Oct. 27** Connecticut Fellows Dinner, New Haven, Connecticut

- **Nov. 1-3** 6th Circuit Meeting, Ohio/Tennessee/ Kentucky/ Michigan, Louisville, Kentucky
- **Nov. 9-11** Maryland/ D.C./ Virginia/ W. Virginia Meeting, Williamsburg, Virginia
- **Nov. 30** Oregon Fellows Dinner, Portland, Oregon
- **Dec. 7** Mississippi Fellows Dinner, Jackson, Mississippi
- **Dec. 8** Louisiana Fellows Dinner, New Orleans, Louisiana

## 1991

- **Jan. 10-12** Western Chair's Workshop, Laguna Niguel, California