AGENDA

1991 ANNUAL MEETING of the
SECOND CIRCUIT COMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL AND COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS

October 28, 1991, 2:30 P.M.
Held in Judge Roger J. Miner's chambers
Room 426, U. S. Courthouse
Foley Square, N.Y., N.Y.

I. Review of 1991 Projects
   - Centennial Celebration, Second Circuit Court of Appeals
     - Exhibit opening, COLLEAGUES FOR JUSTICE: ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF THE
       UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT
     - Tenth Annual History Lecture
     - St. John's Law Review, Centennial Issue
     - Mentor Moot Court Competition, Nov. 18
     - Publication of District and Circuit Court Lectures

II. Review of Approved Projects
   - Immigration Law Project, Fall 1992
   - Environmental Law Project, Fall 1993
   - Judge Medina Plaque and Ceremony

III. Suggestions Received for Future Projects
   - Exhibits on Prohibition, Bankruptcy, and Securities Regulation
   - Reuse of Exhibits

IV. Solicitation for Additional Projects
   - Including exhibits, lectures, publications, conferences, symposia and other events.

V. Permanent Space for Historical Committee
   - Exhibits, storage, and office

VI. Discussion of Guidelines for Exhibits and Funding
Minutes: 1991 Annual Meeting of Second Circuit Committee on Historical and Commemorative Events

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Held in Judge Roger J. Miner's chambers,
Room 426, U.S. Courthouse, Foley Square,
New York, N.Y.

I. Review of 1991 Projects

The Centennial celebration of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals was the major project this year. The celebration includes numerous activities:

A. Exhibit

COLLEAGUES FOR JUSTICE: ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT opened on October 28th (shortly after the annual Meeting adjourned). The exhibit will be on view through Spring 1992 in the lobby of the Foley Square Courthouse in Manhattan. The opening ceremony featured introductory remarks by Chief Judge James L. Oakes, the Tenth Annual History Lecture delivered by Judge Miner (see below) and an original musical composition by Judge Richard Owen. The Federal Bar Council sponsored a reception.

B. Tenth Annual History Lecture (co-sponsored by The Federal Bar Council)

The lecture delivered by Judge Miner was titled ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF INFLUENCE ON NATIONAL JURISPRUDENCE: SECOND CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS DECISIONS REVIEWED BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

C. St. John's Law Review

The Centennial issue was sent to all judges of the circuit and was also distributed at the opening ceremony.

D. Mentor Moot Court Competition

The competition will take place as planned on November 18, 1991 at 3 P.M. in Courtroom 1703. The judges for the competition are: Judge Thomas J. Meskill, who will preside, Judge Roger J. Miner, and Judge J. Daniel Mahoney.

E. Publication of District and Circuit Court Lectures

Mike Seymour will arrange for this publication. The Committee agreed that the publication design would follow that of Federal Justice in the Second Circuit by Jeffrey Morris. The Committee agreed that the publication should be distributed to the judges of the circuit, all circuit libraries, selected law schools, law libraries and Federal Bar Council members. Mike Seymour will work with Maggie Evans and Peninah Petrucci to develop the distribution list.

F. Microfilming Court Records

Elaine Goldsmith reports that the Minute Books up to 1940 and the Docket Books up to 1969 have been microfilmed.
II. Review of Approved Projects

A. Immigration Law Project, Fall 1992
The project is proceeding successfully. The Federal Bar Council Foundation has committed $10,000, about one third of the project's budget. Ken Schultz, the project coordinator, is optimistic about other funding sources. The opening of the immigration exhibit will be held in conjunction with a Naturalization ceremony and the Eleventh Annual History Lecture. Judge Peter Leisure will canvas the Southern District Judges for lecture candidates to speak on immigration law.

B. Environmental Law Project, Fall, 1993
This project is on schedule and promises to be one of the Committee's best. David Sive, the project coordinator, will pursue funding sources as soon as the project's budget is ready. If funding is available, this project will be designed to travel to other courthouses and law schools.

C. Judge Medina Plaque and Ceremony
Gretchen Sorin is arranging for the plaque's design. Mechanicals will be ready for review in November. Judge Miner will discuss with Judge Oakes the Working Group's recommendations that the plaque be presented at the beginning of a court session presided over by Judge Oakes on a regular sitting day and permanently installed in the lawyers' waiting room.

III. Future Projects

The chair encouraged all Committee members to contribute ideas for future projects including exhibits, lectures, publications, conferences, symposia and other events. The Committee agreed that borrowing exhibits from other institutions should be explored. Committee members will pursue the following:
1. Magistrate Judge James Francis will explore the possibility of an exhibit about the origin, history, and current work of the Magistrate Judges;
2. Steven Flanders will discuss the possibility of an exhibit on bankruptcy with the Judicial Council Bankruptcy Committee and will contact the Federal Bureau of Prisons to learn about its exhibits and whether they might be borrowed;
3. Elaine Goldsmith will contact the U.S. Marshal's office to learn about its exhibits and whether they might be borrowed; and
4. Ed Krugman will continue to pursue contacts for exhibits on prohibition and securities regulation.

The Committee agreed that borrowed exhibits could be supplemented with material specific to the Second Circuit.
IV. Insurance for Exhibits

   Ed Krugman is reviewing the policy and will report his evaluation to the chair before Nov. 17, the anniversary of the current policy.

VI. Permanent Space for Historical Committee

   Steven Flanders reported that space problems at the Foley Square Courthouse will be greatly alleviated following the construction of the annex. Plans for use of the freed up space are in progress. It is possible that, in addition to the first floor jury room, some 2,000 square feet of space may be available for the Historical Committee to use for storage, an office and additional exhibit area.

VI. Guidelines for Exhibits and Funding

   Mike Seymour submitted a draft for guidelines concerning exhibit standards. He will supplement the draft with a section on funding of exhibits. The Working Group will discuss the revised draft at its next meeting.

VII. Other Business

   A. Restoration of Portrait of Justice Smith Thompson
      The Committee agreed that the portrait of Justice Smith Thompson by A.B. Durand, now located in space used by the Southern District, should be restored. The Committee authorized Mike Seymour to get in touch with Chief Judge Brieant to work out plans for the portrait.

   B. Installation of the Bill of Rights Plaque
      Judge Leisure will discuss with the judges of the Southern District the Committee's suggestion that the plaque be placed to the right of the entrance of the Jury Assembly Room, room 109.

IX. Next Meeting

   The Working Group will meet on Dec 5 at 4 P.M. in Judge Miner's chambers. All members of the Committee are encouraged to attend.
Agenda for Thursday, September 12, 4:00 P.M.
History Committee Working Group Meeting

I. Second Circuit Court of Appeals Centennial Projects
   - Review of all Deadlines
   - Exhibit (Opening Oct. 28, 1991)
     - Status report on mechanicals
     - Plans for opening ceremony
   - St. John's Law Review (publication date)
   - Mentor Moot Court Competition (Nov. 18, 1991)
     - Copy for Literature
     - Final Arrangements
   - Publication of District and Circuit Court Lectures

II. Immigration Law Project, Fall 1992
    - Status Report (Kenneth Schultz)

III. Environmental Law Project, Fall 1993
     - Status Report (David Sive)

IV. Future Projects
    - Report of Ed Krugman Re: Contacts with those
      interested in sponsoring Exhibits on Prohibition,
      Bankruptcy, and Securities Regulation
    - Discussion with Robert Morris, Director of the
      Northeast Division of the National Archive

V. Judge Medina Plaque
    - Date of Completion
    - Ceremony (Presentation at opening of Court
      session by Chief Judge Oakes)

VI. Insurance for Exhibits
    - Renewal of Policy

VII. Other Business

VIII. Future Meetings
     - Working Group
     - Annual Committee Meeting (Oct. 28, 1991)
Minutes: History Committee Working Group Meeting
September 12, 1991, 4:00 P.M.
Held in Judge Roger J. Miner's chambers,
Room 426, U.S. Courthouse, Foley Square,
New York, N.Y.

I. Second Circuit Court of Appeals Centennial Project

A. Exhibit
The exhibit is in production. Mechanicals are being
prepared and will be ready for review by the end of September.

B. Exhibit Opening
The ceremony opening the exhibit will take place in the
Court of Appeals ceremonial courtroom in the Foley Square
Courthouse at 4 P.M., October 28, 1991. Judge Miner will deliver
the tenth Annual History Lecture as part of the celebration. In
addition Judge Richard Owen has prepared a vocal musical piece
for the occasion. Joel Blum will videotape the ceremony. The
Federal Bar Council will host a reception in the lobby.
The Working Group has authorized the following expenses:
$150 for two musicians and up to $100 for tuning of the piano.
Judge Owen will hire the musicians and arrange for the piano
tuning.

C. St. John's Law Review
The centennial issue will be ready for distribution in
late September. Copies also will be distributed at the exhibit
opening.

D. Mentor Moot Court Competition
The competition will take place as planned on November 18,
1991 at 3 P.M. in Courtroom 1705. Copy about the court's history
and the centennial celebration (about 250 words) will be included
in the competition literature.

E. Publication of District and Circuit Court Lectures
Mike Seymour will arrange for this publication after the
tenth annual history lecture is delivered.

II. Immigration Law Project, Fall 1992

The project is proceeding successfully. The Federal Bar
Council Foundation has committed $10,000, about one third of the
project's budget. Ken Schultz, the project coordinator, is
optimistic about other funding sources.
The Working Group agreed that the opening of the immigration
exhibit should be held in conjunction with a Naturalization
ceremony.
In relation to this project and other Committee activities,
the Working Group agreed that funding should be from non-profit
sources, including foundations, and bar associations. Publishers
should not be solicited for exhibit support.
III. Environmental Law Project, Fall, 1993

This project is on schedule and promises to be one of the Committee's best. David Sive, the project coordinator, will pursue funding sources as soon as the project's budget is ready. If funding is available, this project will be designed to travel to other courthouses and law schools.

IV. Future Projects

Ed Krugman will pursue contacts for exhibits on prohibition, bankruptcy and securities law.

Robert Morris, Director of the Northeast Division of the National Archives, expressed his interest in providing materials for exhibits. Due to security problems, his preference is to make available for display in the Foley Square Courthouse reproductions rather than original documents.

Mike Seymour discussed standards for future exhibits and offered to provide materials that might be helpful to future project coordinators.

V. Judge Medina Plaque

Gretchin Sorin is arranging for the plaque's design. Mechanicals will be ready for review in October. The Working Group suggested that the plaque be permanently installed in the lawyer's waiting room.

VI. Insurance for Exhibits

Ed Krugman will review the policy the Committee has in place to determine if renewal is appropriate and if so to suggest modifications in the policy.

VII. Future Meetings

A. The Working Group will meet on November 7 at 4 P.M. in Judge Miner's chambers.

B. The full Committee will meet on October 28 at 2:30 P.M. in Judge Miner's chambers.