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**TO: NASJE Members**

**FROM: Claudia J. Fernandes**

**RE: 2009 Annual Conference: The Future of Judicial Branch Education  
Asheville, North Carolina**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I encourage you to attend the National Association of State Judicial Educators 34th Annual Conference. The Conference will be held on August 9-12, 2009, at the Renaissance Hotel in Asheville, North Carolina. The hotel is located right in the center of the city's entertainment, retail and business district. Our local hosts at the University Of North Carolina School Of Government have helped organize some great social activities to showcase the beautiful venue.

We know these are challenging economic times for us all, and I want to emphasize that we do have a scholarship program available to members that will at least cover the registration portion of the conference. Please don't hesitate to consider this option if you are having difficulties in attending.

Education chairs Lisa Galdos and Elizabeth Evans and the Education Committee have planned an exciting educational program that will assist you in your work and also emphasizes opportunities to network and build relationships within the organization. Also, an exceptional Sunday program has been planned for members who are new to NASJE and for those who would like a refresher on the Art and Science of Judicial Branch Education. I'm sure that you'll find that the conference has something for everyone.

During the membership meeting on Tuesday you will have the opportunity to vote for your new representatives, including the Vice President, Northeast Regional Director, and Western Regional Director. Your association's Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. If you have anything that you would like to have addressed at the membership meeting or the board meeting, please email me at [claudia.fernandes@jud.ca.gov](mailto:claudia.fernandes@jud.ca.gov)

Several years ago the conference was moved to August so more members could bring their families. Please consider bringing your family to this beautiful, interesting city, the gateway to the Western North Carolina Mountains. The annual dinner will be held at the breathtaking Biltmore Estates.

Thank you for your support and for the honor of being able to serve you. I have enjoyed my tenure as your president, and I hope you will be able to attend the Annual Conference.