



## **Judicial Advisory Committee**

### **Current Projects**

Some of the projects in which the JAC and its members are presently involved include the following:

#### **1. Outreach Campaign regarding Jury Service**

In the Fresno Division, the Court and local attorneys have coordinated efforts to communicate with certain portions of the community about the importance of jury service.

#### **2. Development of a Media Guide**

Members of the JAC (and their constituent organizations) have been developing a “Media Guide,” designed to assist the media and reporters when inquiring about federal court matters. The intent is to assemble a list of local resources and experts, so that reporters will have ready access to expertise that may be needed to understand court proceedings or other legal developments that are of interest.

#### **3. Alternative Dispute Resolution**

The JAC works with the Court in overseeing the Court’s voluntary dispute resolution program. The JAC provides training for new neutral evaluators, and monitors the overall performance of the VDRP program.

#### **4. Eastern District Historical Society**

Several members of the JAC are actively involved in the District’s Historical Society, which has been compiling oral histories on several of the District’s past and present judges, as well as on several prominent federal court practitioners.

## **5. Operation “Protect and Defend”**

Several members of the JAC have been actively involved in a program designed to bring judges and attorneys into local high school classrooms, to discuss civic issues of interest to students. One of the goals is to facilitate a better understanding of our federal and state Constitutions, and the role and responsibilities of citizens in a democratic society.

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