

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **JUDGE PEGGY HORA (RET.) HONORED FOR HER TRAINING EXCELLENCE**

On Monday, December 4, Judge Peggy Hora (retired) with the Justice Speakers institute will receive the 2017 V. Robert Payant Award for Teaching Excellence. The ceremony will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, at the National Association of State Judicial Educators' conference.

Judge Hora is the 28th recipient of this award bestowed annually by the [National Judicial College](#) (NJC). It was named in honor of Payant, a distinguished Michigan jurist and NJC president and dean from 1990 to 1998.

Judge Hora joined the faculty of NJC in 1992 and has taught nearly 60 courses on such leading-edge topics as fairness and the courts, and practical aspects of substance abuse.

Currently she is President and Co-Founder of the [Justice Speakers' Institute, LLC](#) (JSI), an essential resource for speakers, trainers, consultants, and writers on local to international justice issues.

Upon taking the bench, Judge Hora quickly recognized the pervasive and negative impact alcohol and other drugs have on individuals, families, communities, the courts, and the criminal justice system. She focused her professional development on therapeutic jurisprudence throughout her 21 years on the bench.

She held a criminal court assignment in Hayward, California, and presided over Alameda County's first drug treatment court until she retired in 2006. She is a founder of the problem-solving courts movement, which offers real help and healing to addicts all over the world.

She was a Senior Judicial Fellow for the National Drug Court Institute and the Global Centre for Drug Treatment Courts, and a former dean of the B.E. Witkin Judicial College of California. She also is an Honorary President of the International Therapeutic Jurisprudence Society, dedicated to advancing legal and interdisciplinary scholarship.

Judge Hora remains a global leader in solution-focused courts. She was a visiting scholar at the University of Tasmania School of Law, and the 2009-2010 Thinker in Residence appointed by the Premier of South Australia to recommend policies for their justice system.

Judge Hora frequently speaks at conferences and provide hands-on training and consulting to jurisdictions worldwide including the United Kingdom, Israel, Chile, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, Australia, and South Africa.

Her work has been cited by appellate courts and nearly 200 journals and law reviews. She recently authored a chapter on drug courts in the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of the *ASAM Principles of Addiction Medicine*, and regularly blogs and creates podcasts for JSI.

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