

OVERVIEW OF LAW AND LITERATURE PROGRAMS CO-SPONSORED BY THE JUDICIAL FAMILY INSTITUTE FOR THE CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES

2003 summer meeting Puerto Rico: Pulitzer Prize winning former New York Times journalist **Anthony Lewis** spoke on the content and impact of his book **Gideon's Trumpet**, the true story of an impoverished man convicted of a crime he did not commit. Lewis was optimistic about ongoing improvement in the availability and quality of legal counsel for the poor, and the need to persevere in that effort.

2004 winter meeting San Francisco: **Warren Christopher**, former US Secretary of State, presented material from his autobiography **Chances of a Lifetime** published in 2001 by Scribner. "Warren Christopher is the kind of public servant the Founders imagined--- a man of principle, integrity, loyalty and public spirit." Michael Beschloss.

2004 summer meeting Salt Lake City, Utah: **Terry Tempest Williams** presented readings from her book **Refuge: an Unnatural History of Family and Place**, published by Vintage Books, 2001, cited by the Kansas City Star "as one of the most significant environmental essays of our time."

2005 winter meeting New York City: **Kenneth R Feinberg**, Special Master of the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund, presented material from his book, What **IS Life Worth? The Unprecedented Effort to Compensate the Victims of 9/11** published 2006.

2005 summer meeting Charleston, South Carolina: Attorney and Historian **Robert N. Rosen, Judge Alexander Sanders, Attorney Richard M. Gergel, and Judge Joseph F. Anderson**, highlighted South Carolina's jurists who upheld the rule of law against the tide of popular opinion: **Judge Matthew J. Perry** (who also spoke), United States Associate Justice William Johnson, Judge John Belton O'Neal, Justice Jonathan Jasper Wright, and Judge J. Waites Waring. Books featured were **A Short History of Charleston** by Robert N. Rosen, 2nd ed. and **Matthew J. Perry: The Man, His Times and His Legacy** by W. Lewis Burke and Belinda F. Gergel, 2004

2006 winter meeting Amelia Island, Florida: **Marsha Dean Phelts** discussed her book **An American Beach for African Americans**, University of Florida Press, Gainesville, FL, an historical account of Amelia Island, one of the few beaches in America previously accessible to African Americans.

2006 summer meeting Indianapolis: Renowned Lincoln scholar and collector **Chief Justice Frank Williams** of Rhode Island focused on features of Abraham Lincoln's early days using **Lincoln's Youth: The Indiana Years, Seven to Twenty One**, by Louis A. Warren.

2007 winter meeting New Orleans: **Floyd Abrams** reflected on his book **Speaking Freely: Trials of the First Amendment**. Penguin Books 2000. Mr. Abrams is described by the late Senator Moynihan as "The most significant First Amendment lawyer of our age."

2007 summer meeting Mackinac Island, MI: In 1958, Michigan Supreme Court Justice John D. Voelker using the pen name Robert Traver, wrote the best-seller **Anatomy of a Murder**, later made into a movie starring Jimmy Stewart. The story explores criminal prosecution in a Michigan Upper Peninsula county, varying notions of right and wrong, witness coaching, an insanity defense, courtroom tactics, attorney/client relationships, small town law office economics, as well as personal & professional integrity.

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