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The symposium will present an informative conversation about these issues—with ample participation by judges in attendance—and provide tools for responding to challenges to a fair and impartial judiciary. You will have the chance to discuss your own personal experiences with panelists and other attendees as we work together to consider these challenges.

The speakers are the most knowledgeable people anywhere regarding judicial elections:
• Alaska Supreme Court Justice Dana Fabe, who withstood a strong challenge (focused in part on her ruling in an abortion case) in 2010;
• Former Iowa Supreme Court Justice Michael Streit, who lost his retention election in 2010 after an ouster campaign focused on the court’s ruling on same-sex marriage;
• Professor James Gibson (Washington University in St. Louis), the leading expert in academic circles on judicial campaigns and elections;
• Mark White, chair of the ABA Ad Hoc Committee on Judicial Campaign Oversight;
• Philip Nichols and Mark Grebner, two campaign consultants who have assisted judges at all levels in elections throughout the United States;
• K.O. Myers, Director of Research and Programs with the American Judicature Society.

The American Judges Association invites your participation in this symposium. Note: Space is limited and early registration is advised!

Attendees at the Friday symposium are also welcome to attend the AJA Board of Governors meeting on Saturday morning. We hope to see you this May in Nashville.