

The Public's Health and the Law in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
5<sup>th</sup> Annual Partnership Conference

Judiciary Symposium

**Benchbook Nuts and Bolts**

Monday, June 12, 2006  
10:00-12:00 pm

Discussion Leaders:

Gregory J. Cowan, Court Operations Consultant, Office of the Florida State Courts  
Administrator, Tallahassee, FL

Hon. Carolyn Dineen King, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth  
Circuit, Houston, TX

William J. Lehman, JD, Deputy Assistant Director, Office of Facilities and Security,  
Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, DC

Session Purpose:

This symposium will be led by the Hon. Carolyn Dineen King, Circuit Judge for the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Judge King was presiding as the Chief Judge of the Court at the time of Hurricane Katrina, and will speak to the impact on the courts and lessons learned therefrom.

Judge King will be accompanied by William J. Lehman, Deputy Assistant Director of the Office of Facilities and Security in the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Washington, D.C. Mr. Lehman is responsible for development of the federal courts' Katrina "lessons learned" report, and is also responsible for developing the federal courts' pandemic flu plan. Joining Judge King and Mr. Lehman will be Gregory J. Cowan, Court Operations Consultant for the Office of the State Courts Administrator in Florida. Mr. Cowan will speak about the recently released Florida Supreme Court pandemic flu strategy.

The symposium will be based on, and proceed from, the Public Health Law Bench Book Workshop, that took place at CDC on February 27, 2006. Guided by lessons learned through development of the "Public Health Law Bench Book for Indiana Courts" and bench book projects in several other states, a principle issue for discussion will be development, refinement, and implementation of bench books, bench guides, and related practical tools for judicial/public health use.