

FROM THE EDITOR
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The 1999 Annual Conference will be held in Miami Beach from August 8-12th. Team Miami has been hard at work planning every detail from the conference agenda to the social activities. The cover page and the detailed conference information contained inside represent a first look to Team Miami's Planning efforts. I hope that each member will do their part and plan to attend.

It's time to vote for the position of Secretary. Our three candidates are featured in this issue. Please also note that absentee ballots are available upon request. The deadline for written ballot requests is July 9th, with postmarked ballots in the mail no later than July 30th.

The FCCA is proud to announce the first recipient of our Public Service Award with a feature article on the winner, James Purvis.

The *Journal* also pauses to recognize five Clerks of Court/Court Administrators who have announced their retirement. We wish these colleagues and good friends – Ray Burghardt, Curtis Caver, Bob Conner, Carlos Juenke and John Mayer– a fond farewell and a long and happy retirement.

Hope to see you in Miami Beach in August.