I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you this year as your MDJA President! This organization exists to serve the members of our association and it is my goal this year to make our difficult job a little bit less of a burden.

I believe that the strength of our Association is YOU, our members! This is why I am asking for your help to harness the experience and expertise of our fellow judges to find resolutions to common problems from within our association and if necessary to seek partners outside of our organization.

However, we need your help to find these common obstacles, challenges, opportunities and frustrations that currently exist. You can email me at the address below and/or respond to some brief surveys we plan to send that will help us set our priorities for this year.

Clearly, there are very few "one-size fits all solutions" to our problems. However, there are very few problems we experience individually that cannot be more easily solved collectively.

Since many hands make light work, I am also hoping to find people willing to lend a hand to help our organization. If you are willing to share your time, talent or hard lessons learned with us we would love to have your help.

I look forward to serving you this year.

Mike Carpenter