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FROM: Elena Ruth Sassower, Coordinator

MESSAGE:

Enclosed is an article, appearing in yesterday's local Gannett newspaper, entitled: "O'Rourke Gets Basic Training for Judgeship".

I would appreciate information about the week-long seminar "for new or prospective federal jurists" that is reported therein.

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Gannett Suburban Newspapers/Tuesday, April 7, 1992

O'Rourke gets basic training for judgeship

By Ed Tagliaterra
Staff Writer

He hasn't been scheduled for a confirmation hearing yet before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, but Andrew O'Rourke is already learning how to be a federal judge.

The Republican Westchester county executive is spending this week in Denver attending a seminar for new or prospective federal jurists.



Andrew O'Rourke

"It's really a management course, which is probably good just in general, but it's slanted toward handling and expediting cases in the federal court system," he said in a telephone conversation from Denver yesterday.

The goal is to prepare judges so they aren't "drowned in the system," under hundreds of cases, he said.

O'Rourke, who was proposed for the federal bench in November by President Bush, said he is one of four pending nominees in the class of 15. The other participants have been confirmed already, he said. The seminar consists of talks from sitting federal judges, discussion groups on management techniques and a visit to a federal prison.

O'Rourke is one of about 30 prospective judges awaiting review by the Judiciary Committee. The committee is not expected to convene a hearing to review his nomination before May.

The American Bar Association has deemed O'Rourke "qualified" and the FBI has completed a required background check of him. If the Judiciary Committee recommends him, he would have to be confirmed by the full Senate before taking the seat on the bench.