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Since 1976 (and in some cases earlier), many federal courts and associated organizations have produced or encouraged the publication of works relating to judicial history. These publications are listed below, arranged by court and geographical location. In the few cases where it was appropriate, a publication was included under two headings. Addresses of court historical societies and programs can be found in issue no. 1 of *The Court Historian*. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Federal Judicial History Program. An asterisk denotes books published with support from the Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States on the Bicentennial of Independence and the Constitution.

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Eleventh Circuit: The Eleventh Circuit Historical Society, Thomas Reese, Executive Director, P.O. Box 1556, Atlanta, GA 30301; (404) 331-4605; FTS 841-4605. Norman E. Zoller, Circuit Executive, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, 56 Forsyth Street, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30303; (404) 331-5724; FTS 841-5724.

Florida, Southern District: Hon. William C. Turnoff, U.S. Magistrate, 300 N.E. First Avenue, Miami, FL 33132; (305) 536-6555; FTS 350-6555.

District of Idaho: Susan Ash, U.S. Courts Library, U.S. Courthouse, 550 West Fort Street, Boise, ID 83724; (208) 334-9545; FTS 554-9545.

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