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22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS



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Press Release

Trial Court Administrator becomes Fellow of the Institute for Court Management

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James "Dan" Wallis, Trial Court Administrator for the 22nd Judicial Circuit, McHenry County in Woodstock, Illinois became a Fellow and a Certified Court Executive (CCE) of the Institute of Court Management (ICM), having successfully completed the rigorous requirements of the ICM's Court Executive Development Program (CEDP). Wallis and 21 other court professionals from around the United States took part in graduation ceremonies conducted at the Supreme Court of the United States, in Washington, D.C. on Friday, May 15, 2009.

Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts, Jr. welcomed, congratulated and addressed the graduates.

The Court Executive Development Program is the only program of its kind in the world. This professional certification program was established more than 30 years ago, in part, by Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger in his call for improving the management of state court administration. The intensive four-phase education program better prepares court professionals for management and leadership positions. Wallis joins only 1,100 other individuals who have completed the program from 48 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and 12 foreign countries.

Individuals enrolled in the CEDP must successfully complete four phases of coursework including:

- Phase 1 requires participants to take five in-depth courses which cover topics of court performance standards, caseload management, human resources, fiscal and technology management.
- Phase II begins with a three month distance learning component intended to prepare the participants with preliminary research skill. Following this initial stage, participants attended the three week full time course at the Nation Center for State Courts (NCSC) headquarters in Williamsburg, Virginia. While in Williamsburg, participants engaged in a range of discussions designed to enhance conceptual and interpersonal skill and learn leadership and management theory as it applies to court management.

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- Phase III requires participants to prepare a masters-level research paper which relates to specific issues pertaining to court management.
- In Phase IV, participants of the program present their research and evaluate their classmates' reports.

Wallis' research focused on delay in a criminal trial court, court culture and how that culture differs between employees of the court and the judicial officers.

Today, NCSC is acknowledged as the premier provider of services which improve the administration of justice, not only across the United States, but worldwide. NCSC is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership, research, technology, education and training to the state courts.

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