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COURT MANAGER SELECTED AS TOP OF CLASS

“Not an attorney; however, Marci Jumisko, a director of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, recently had the unique and distinguished opportunity to speak in the United States Supreme Court Building in Washington, D.C.,” said Chief Judge Rossetti. “Marci is very resourceful, and we are extremely proud of her and her work as the Circuit’s Director of Judicial Administrative Services. We congratulate her on this noteworthy event!”

Ms. Jumisko was selected as the class spokesperson of the graduating class of the Court Executive Development Program (CEDP) to give the graduation speech before General William K. Suter (Ret.), Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, members of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC), and the twenty three other court professional graduates from around the U.S. and their families. She was also honored as the 2011 recipient of the Institute for Court Management’s (ICM) Vice President’s Award of Merit for Applied Research. The award is presented annually to a graduating Fellow of ICM’s Court Executive Development Program (CEDP) in recognition of the most outstanding research project.

“Marci hit it out of the park by her selection as class spokesperson but also receiving the Award of Merit,” said Robert Zastany, who was able to attend the graduation ceremony. “Not only did Marci receive this prestigious award but she also got everyone to their feet to give her a standing ovation – it was amazing!” Chief Justice John Roberts was unable to attend the event; however, Justice Clarence Thomas made an unexpected but very welcomed appearance to visit with the graduates at the reception.

Ms. Jumisko’s research paper is titled “Measuring Outcomes for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment,” and its purpose was to develop performance measures regarding the progress of adult probation clients who receive residential substance abuse treatment. Probation officers were surveyed, judges were interviewed, and over 300 case files were studied to develop various measures of success and establish some initial benchmarks. The measures included the successful completion of treatment, the successful completion of probation, and recidivism rates one to two years post-supervision.

The Court Executive Development Program is the only program of its kind in the U.S. The professional certification is an intensive four-phase educational program to enhance management and leadership in the field of court administration. Since the first class graduation in 1970, more than 1,150 court professionals in 48 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and 12 foreign countries have earned and become Fellows of the Institute for Court Management.

Summarily, the four phases of coursework include:

- Phase I requires enrollment in five in-depth courses that address court performance standards, caseload management, human resources, fiscal management, and technology management.
- Phase II prepares attendees with research skills who attend a 3-week full-time course at the National Center for State Courts' headquarters in Williamsburg, VA. This phase emphasizes the application of theory and development of critical thinking as it pertains to court programs and operations.
- Phase III requires preparation of a master's-level research paper that relates to evaluating and implementing a key court activity in the participant's home jurisdiction.
- In Phase IV, the results of the research project are presented before members of the NCSC and the participant's classmates.

Ms. Jumisko's career with the County of Lake began in 1999 as a research analyst with the County Administrator's office. In 2005, she transferred just across the lobby of the county building to the Office of Court Administration. "The switch from county administration to court administration provided me with more focus," she said. "Instead of knowing a little bit about many different government services, I have been able to learn a lot about the unique services provided by courts." According to her, the CEDP program helped transfer general public administration skills to the court setting by providing historical context and current examples of how day-to-day administrative work impacts the provision of justice.

Marci currently serves as Board President of the Friends of the Lake County Discovery Museum and is on the Rockford College Board of Trustees. She also serves as a local Kiwanis Club officer. In her leisure, Marci enjoys reading, spending time at local forest preserves and is an avid baseball fan – go Brewers!

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