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Court Administration Staff Become Fellows of Institute for Court Management

Richard A. Krause, Director of Judicial Operations, and Patrice Evans, Business Process Analyst, of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court's staff, recently became Fellows and Certified Court Executives (CCE) of the Institute for Court Management (ICM). Krause and Evans earned this status after having successfully completed four phases of rigorous requirements of ICM's Court Executive Development Program (CEDP).

The Court Executive Development Program is the only program of its kind in the United States. 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 educational program better prepares court professionals for management and leadership positions. Since the first class of CEDP graduates in 1970, more than 1,080 court professionals in 48 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and 12 foreign countries have become Fellows.

Krause and Evans were among 25 court professionals from around the United States and Trinidad and Tobago who took part in graduation ceremonies conducted May 16 at the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts, Jr. welcomed and addressed the graduates. "The Nineteenth Circuit is very proud to have these court professionals on staff," said Chief Judge Booras. "We congratulate them on their notable accomplishment."

The four phases of coursework of the CEDP include:

- Phase I – completion of five in-depth courses that cover topics of court performance standards, caseload management, human resources, fiscal management, and technology management;

- Phase II – begin a three-month distance learning component intended to prepare participants with preliminary research skills. Following this initial stage, participants attend the three-week full-time course at The National Center's headquarters in Williamsburg, Va. Participants engage in a range of discussions designed to sharpen their conceptual and interpersonal skills and learn leadership and management theory as it applies to court management;
- Phase III – prepare a master's-level research paper that relates to evaluating and implementing a key court activity in their home jurisdiction; and
- Phase IV – present a research project and evaluate their classmates' reports.

The National Center for State Courts, founded by Chief Justice Warren E. Burger in 1971, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership, research, technology, education and training to the state courts.

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