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Chief Judge Kenneth L. Popejoy Announces Certification of Mental Health Court and Veterans Court

Chief Judge Kenneth L. Popejoy is pleased to announce that the Illinois Supreme Court has reviewed and approved certification for DuPage County Mental Health Court and Veterans Court. Chief Judge Popejoy stated “This is a significant and outstanding achievement for the 18th Judicial Circuit and is the result of hard-work and dedication by everyone involved including judges, the Probation Department, the State’s Attorney’s Office, the Public Defender’s Office, Veterans Administration and the DuPage County Health Department. All the professionals involved in Mental Health Court and Veterans Court are to be commended for this achievement”.

Certification requires careful adherence to the practices and procedures outlined in the Illinois Supreme Court Problem-Solving Court Standards. Members of the Special Supreme Court Advisory Committee for Justice and Mental Health Planning, along with the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, completed an extensive review of written policies, completed site visits which included observation of staffing and courtroom proceedings and interviews of the members of the Specialty Courts team. Based on this review, the Supreme Court recognized the DuPage County Mental Health Court and Veterans Court for implementing evidence-based practices which provide participants with necessary treatment and community interventions to reduce the risk of recidivism while enhancing public safety.

This has been a meaningful joint effort among all our judicial stakeholders and reflects well upon the persistent effort and commitment of the 18th Judicial Circuit to address the needs of individuals who participate in Specialty Court programs in the 18th Judicial Circuit.

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