



## FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **Fourth Judicial District hosts Adult DWI Court Kick Off**

(**Minneapolis**)—The Fourth Judicial District will host a Kick Off Event to mark the start of the new Adult DWI Court in Hennepin County. The event is February 13, 2007 from 12-1:30 p.m. in the Hennepin County Government Center Auditorium, 300 South Sixth Street, Minneapolis. The purpose of this event is to provide information about the new Adult DWI Court program and to review the promising results from other Adult DWI Court programs from across the country.

Fourth Judicial District Judge John Holahan, presiding over the new Adult DWI Court, will describe the program, including the court requirements, target population, treatment and supervision strategies. Carolyn Hardin, Director of the National Drug Court Institute, will provide information about the national DWI Court movement.

Media are welcome to attend this event. Please refer to the schedule below.

#### **Tuesday, February 13, 2007**

- 12:00 p.m. Social gathering.** Cake and refreshments will be served.
- 12:30 p.m. Program begins.** Fourth Judicial District Adult DWI Court Judge John Holahan and Carolyn Hardin, Director of the National Drug Court Institute speak about the new DWI Court in Hennepin County and the national DWI Court movement.
- 1:15 p.m. Program ends.** Several vendors of ignition interlock devices have been invited to attend and provide information following the conclusion of the program.

#### **About the Fourth Judicial District**

The State of Minnesota's Fourth Judicial District serves only Hennepin County and is the state's largest trial court with more than 750,000 cases received annually. The mission of the Fourth Judicial District is to provide a system of Justice that assures equal access for the fair and timely resolution of cases and controversies

Sixty-two judges, 15 referees and more than 550 staff serve in these courts: Civil, Criminal / Traffic (including Domestic Violence, Drug, Alcohol and the Community Impact and Property Calendars), Juvenile, Probate / Mental Health, Family, Housing and Conciliation. Fourth Judicial District judges and staff strive to offer an accessible, fair, courteous, efficient and innovative system of Justice for its communities.

Fourth Judicial District facilities in downtown Minneapolis are located at the Hennepin County Government Center, Public Safety Facility, Juvenile Justice Center, Family Justice Center and City Hall. The suburban court facilities are located in Brooklyn Center (Brookdale / Division II), Minnetonka (Ridgedale / Division III) and Edina (Southdale / Division IV). For more information, please visit our website at [www.mncourts.gov/district/4/](http://www.mncourts.gov/district/4/).