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## *PRESS ADVISORY*

### **DC Drug Court Graduation to take place Wednesday, August 17**

- WHAT:** Drug Court Commencement Ceremony
- WHEN:** **Wednesday, August 17, 2016, 11:30am**
- WHERE:** Moultrie Courthouse, Courtroom C-10, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW
- WHO:** **Judge Gregory Jackson, DC Superior Court (Presiding Judge, Drug Court)**  
**Cliff Keenan, Director, Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia**  
**Horace Anding, Unit Manager at the Re-entry and Sanctions Center**

*Drug court is a specially designed court calendar with the goal of achieving a reduction in recidivism and substance abuse among nonviolent substance abusing defendants.* The program also strives to increase the defendant's likelihood of successful habilitation through early, continuous, and intense judicially-supervised treatment, mandatory periodic drug testing, community supervision, and use of appropriate sanctions and other rehabilitation services.

Eligible drug-addicted persons may request to be transferred to Drug Court in lieu of traditional criminal justice system case processing. [Drug Courts](#) keep individuals in treatment while supervising them closely. While in drug court, participants are provided with intensive treatment and other services they require to get and stay clean and sober; held accountable by the Drug Court judge for meeting their obligations to the court, society, themselves and their families; tested for drug use; required to appear in court frequently so that the judge may review their progress; and rewarded for doing well or sanctioned when they do not live up to their obligations. For more information, including fact sheets and recent articles on drug courts, see [www.allrise.org/media](http://www.allrise.org/media).

**NOTE:** *J. Jackson and Dir. Keenan will be available after the graduation for interviews. **Cameras and recorders must be cleared in advance; participants may only be photographed or interviewed with their permission.***

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