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# COUNCIL OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT JUDGES



## 2018 Annual Training Conference

September 16-18  
The Classic Center  
Athens, GA

***Georgia's Accountability Courts:  
Growing in the Right Direction***





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September 16, 2018

Dear Georgia Accountability Courts Team Members and Guests:

On behalf of the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia, welcome to the Classic Center in Athens for the 2018 annual training conference, *Georgia's Accountability Courts: Growing in the Right Direction.*

The conference has grown each year, both in the number of attendees and sessions offered for each type of Accountability Court. You will find that the conference offers both national and state subject matter experts presenting on a wide variety of topics applicable to your specific court. I hope you will also find time to meet and learn from other team members working in other courts throughout Georgia.

With the encouragement and support of Governor Nathan Deal and our state legislature, we now have an accountability court operating in every judicial circuit in Georgia. Currently, we have 156 accountability courts in our state. Our goals continue to be to expand the number of participants in each court and to increase the number of accountability courts in Georgia. With your continuing commitment and hard work, Georgia Accountability Courts will continue to *grow in the right direction.*

I hope you will take time to visit the vendor exhibitor hall. We have a wide array of professional vendors who help support our conference each year, and you will find many informational displays from our state and national partners who provide additional resources for our courts.

Thank you for the important work you perform every day. Your work, truly makes a positive difference in the life of the individuals who participate in your court.

I hope you enjoy the conference and your stay in Athens.

Sincerely,

Brenda S. Weaver  
Chief Judge, Appalachian Judicial Circuit  
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On behalf of the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia, I would like to welcome you to the Classic Center for the 2018 Annual Training Conference. This year's conference is titled *Georgia's Accountability Courts: Growing in the Right Direction*. We will have plenary sessions both mornings and a wide menu of breakout sessions covering many current topics, as well as sessions specific to certain types of courts and particular professional disciplines.

This year, the Training Committee has also worked to include several sessions aimed at new and developing courts as well as sessions designed for those courts that have been in existence several years. We hope this will enhance everyone's ability to learn something new or perhaps fine tune some areas in your courts back home. Please be sure to look for those sessions that best suit the status of your individual programs and team members.

As in years past, we have offerings from national subject matter experts, in addition to sessions presented by professionals from Georgia highlighting innovative approaches and practices. We also have an increased number of professional vendors and resources for your information in our vendor exhibit hall. We encourage everyone to network with their peers and colleagues from across Georgia in order to share ideas and experiences.

I hope you enjoy this conference and I hope everyone leaves with a renewed spirit and desire to *Grow* our courts in the right direction. Thank you for your participation and for your service in the accountability courts in our state.

Sincerely,

  
D. SCOTT SMITH, JUDGE  
CHEROKEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CHAIRMAN, CACJ TRAINING  
COMMITTEE

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# Vision

Making accountability courts work for all Georgians



# Mission

Provide a unified framework that promotes and improves  
the quality, accessibility and administration of  
accountability courts



# Guiding Principles

Equitable to all CACJ recognized courts  
Sets achievable expectations and goals  
Efficiently makes use of resources  
Sustainable for the long term

Adheres to evidence- based research &  
leading practices  
Enhances public safety  
Transparent to all

## AGENDA SESSIONS

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Coordinator Round Table	5:00pm - 6:30pm
<i>Molly Laughlin</i> <i>Athena F</i>	
Coordinators are invited to attend a group discussion to learn about the Coordinator Mentor program and participate in a statewide conversation. Coordinators should be prepared to discuss local projects and initiatives that are working well for their court as well as challenges they face.	

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Breakfast and Registration	7:30am - 8:30am
<i>Grand Hall (Breakfast) and Atrium (Registration)</i>	
Transition to Theatre	8:30am - 9:00am
Welcome	9:00am - 9:15am
<i>Theatre</i>	
<b>Addressing Disparities: Cultural Competence in Treatment Courts</b>	9:15am - 10:30am
<i>John Haroldson</i>	
<i>Theatre</i>	
The Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards state that those who have historically experienced sustained discrimination or reduced social opportunities because of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, sexual identity, physical or mental disability, religion, or socioeconomic status receive the same opportunities as others. This session will explore how to determine if on average all participants regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender have an equal opportunity to participate in and succeed in treatment court. It will help practitioners ensure equivalent access, retention, treatment, incentives and sanctions, dispositions, and stress the importance of providing team training on race, ethnicity culture, and diversity and becoming a culturally competent and responsive program.	
Break	10:30am - 11:00am
<b>Breakout Sessions</b>	11:00am - 12:15pm
<b>Psychopharmacology of Addiction</b>	
<i>Terrence Walton</i>	
<i>Theatre</i>	
This session outlines the effects of drug and alcohol on the brain. It discusses the most recent research in the area, and stresses the importance and effectiveness of treatment to combat drug addiction. In this session, participants will learn the short-term and long-term neurological effects of drug and alcohol use, learn the concepts of addiction and dependence, learn the application of current research finding to the practice of drug and alcohol treatment and learn how supervision techniques may vary to effectively monitor different age groups.	
<b>Law Enforcement and Probation: Collaborative Approaches to Supervision</b>	
<i>Karen Cowgill</i>	
<i>Athena F</i>	
Probation is a critical piece of a successful Drug Court. From administering drug tests to doing home visits, from performing random searches to asking participants about their successes and offering support, the probation officer provides accountability, supervision, and encouragement. This session will outline the role of the probation officer in a Drug Court and offer advice and insight on how to enhance participant outcomes with a strong probation presence. Law enforcement, probation, and other community supervision partnerships are critical to any successful Drug Court. This session focuses on	

the importance of strengthening the role of law enforcement and community supervision, and assisting probation officers and law enforcement in better understanding their role in the Drug Court arena.

## Veterans Treatment Courts: A Census Expansion Model

*The Honorable Robert Russell*

*Parthenon 1*

Veterans Treatment Courts are dedicated to transforming the way the justice system identifies, assesses and treats our veterans, leading the national effort to put a Veterans Treatment Court in reach of every veteran in need. We are committed to ensuring that no veteran is left behind by providing training and technical assistance to help communities bring together local, state, and federal resources to directly serve veterans involved in the justice system due to mental health disorders, trauma, and substance use. In doing so, we keep veterans out of jail and prison—preventing the loss of one of our nation's greatest assets to our families and communities—and connecting them with the benefits and treatment they have earned, all while saving tax dollars for the American public. The Veterans Treatment Court Model provides an opportunity for treatment courts to expand their footprint and reach a largely underserved and overlooked population of individuals, our veterans. This session looks at expansion through a veteran's specific docket and the Veterans Treatment Court Model.

## Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines: The Big Picture, The Critical Details - Part 1

*Bridgett Ortega, PhD and Megan Ward*

*Athena GH*

This two part module introduces participants to the history, development, and operations of Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts (JDTCs). Much like their adult counterparts, JDTC programs have moved through stages of development and operations. Many JDTC programs were initially conceived and modeled around the Adult Drug Court 10 Key Components. The Juvenile Drug Courts 16 Strategies in Practices were introduced in 2003 to provide greater structure for JDTC programs, and to place a greater focus on youth development, schools, and family needs. To provide a framework based in research and evidence, the Official of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines were introduced in 2016. These Guidelines were developed to synthesize evidence-based best practices for JDTC practitioners with the goal of providing positive outcomes for JDTC participants. This session explores the history and research to date, the conceptual framework of the Guidelines, and provides participants with an overview of each of the Guidelines. This session will also provide an overview of the technical assistance and resources available through the JDTC Training and Technical Assistance Initiative.

## Risk-Need-Responsivity Theory and Case Management for Drug Courts

*Annie Schachar*

*Olympia 2*

There are as many as 60 risk assessment tools in use in jurisdictions across the United States. These tools are diverse in form, length, and content. Some tools incorporate comprehensive risk and need assessments that require a defendant interview. Beyond risk classification, these longer tools offer the benefit of assessing the severity of treatable needs that are often linked to criminal behavior ("criminogenic needs"). Despite the inherent challenges of applying risk classifications to individual cases based on group behavior, these tools can be invaluable in helping Drug Court teams make case management decisions. This presentation will cover the basics of risk-need-responsivity theory and how applying the theory can aid practitioners in drug court case management—including supervision and case planning.

## Teamwork Without the Busywork

*Ken Taylor*

*Olympia 1*

It takes a lot of dedicated people to make a Specialty Court work, and keeping everyone on the same page can feel like herding cats. The iMs, Connexis Cloud solution uses the latest technology to make this seemingly impossible task simple and intuitive. Not only can smartphones and cloud computing dramatically improve internal staff communications, efficiency, and productivity, the Connexis team will show you how collecting and organizing your client data is both easier and more secure now than ever before. See how activities like home inspections, drug tests, and evaluations occur in real time, right from your phone, compliant to HIPAA standards, and rest assured that everyone on your team is always working with the same information. Connexis Cloud is here to handle all the busywork for you, so you can focus on making your Specialty Court the best it can be for your clients and your community.

## FivePoint Solutions: Using the ACCM Data Repository for Quarterly Reporting

*David Barton and Andrew Hickman*

*Athena IJ*

FivePoints Solutions will be hosting a data entry training event to focus on CACJ reporting and improving workflow in your program. Questions that arose consistently this year will be further explained and demonstrated. Additionally, FivePoints will give an overview of how each program will utilize the new data repository function for quarterly CACJ reporting.

## Sesame Street in Communities: Meeting the Wellness Needs of Vulnerable Children Whose Parents are Justice Involved

*Sabrina Huda*

*Parthenon 2*

Many participants in your treatment courts have young children. Join us to explore Sesame Street in Communities, a brand new educational model and resource center that uses research-based strategies and materials to support healthy habits in young children and the important adults in their lives.

Recognizing the impact of traumatic experiences on children's development is essential to understanding how to best encourage a lifetime of healthy habits. Sesame Street in Communities provides to all treatment courts a wealth of free resources that reflects current findings about best practices in fostering health and overall well-being in children. It is designed to engage families in everyday activities and help all children become smarter, stronger, and kinder.

## Creative Incentives

*Vanessa Price*

*Oconee River Room*

This presentation outlines the basic behavior modification principles and their applicability to keep participants engaged in treatment court programs and move toward long term recovery. It takes a look at how programs can use participant driven incentives to formulate a strategy of creative responses that are desirable to the participant and productive behaviors which give the participant an opportunity to be rewarded through positive and negative reinforcement. It identifies the importance of incentives, both formal and informal, and their application in the program. The presentation recognizes the effect of immediate consequences in modifying client behavior.

## Risk and Need: Implementing Multiple Tracks in Your Treatment Court Program

*Shannon Carey, PhD*

*Empire Room*

Research has indicated that the drug court model has the largest impact on high risk/high need participants. What about those at other risk and need levels? Does drug court work for them? What happens to those defendants if they aren't eligible for drug court? The speakers for this session will cover why and how you should assess for risk and need, and how implementing different tracks can benefit you and your drug court participants. The speakers will also discuss in practical terms how different tracks have been implemented in specific programs and the lessons learned in the process.

## Lunch

12:15pm - 1:45pm

*Grand Hall*

Guest Speaker : Attorney General Chris Carr

## Transition to Breakout Sessions

1:45pm - 2:00pm

## Breakout Sessions

2:00pm - 3:15pm

## Community Service Boards: What We Can Do For You!

*The Honorable Joe C. Bishop and Robyn Garrett*

*Olympia 1*

The session will provide a comprehensive introduction and overview of the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards (CSBS). We will review the statute that created CSBs in Georgia, the governing board composition across all 159 counties and a description of the services offered across the state. CSBs comprise the public safety net, offering a full continuum of care and treatment of mental illnesses, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders. As many CSBs partner with local law enforcement and the accountability courts, attendees will gain an understanding of the treatment programs and resources available which provide a decrease in recidivism, a greater likelihood of long-term success, and decreased cost in comparison to incarceration.

## Law Enforcement Support to Accountability Courts Panel

*Panel: George Angell , Jason Church, Clinton Barker, and Tommy Robertson*

*Oconee River Room*

In the Law Enforcement Panel session, officers from various local agencies will discuss the legal, ethical, and practical issues in community supervision. Officers will also discuss what home visits look like for them, what they look for, and how they conduct drug screens in the field. Lastly, officers will share how they see their role in the redefining of the officer/"criminal" relationship, and discuss advice for new officers to the drug court team.

## The Other Side of the Coin:

## Dealing with Criminal Thinking and Behavior in Accountability Courts

*The Honorable D. Scott Smith*

*Theatre*

This session will outline the difference between dealing with learned behavior and decision making that involves criminal issues rather than addiction and treatment issues. The objective is to discuss the existence of this type of behavior and how to recognize and monitor decision making skills in accountability court participants. Strategic methods to encourage life and decision making changes in these participants will also be discussed. This course is aimed at trying to help those judges who are dealing with reoccurring problems in life skills within their participant population.

## Effective Case Management in Treatment Courts

*Karen Cowgill*

### *Empire Room*

All drug court team members need to understand client case management. Through client case management the team is able to understand the client's needs. Case management is an opportunity to assist our client's recovery efforts and build a successful foundation for long term recovery. It is important to provide the wrap around services to the client to meet their needs. Effective case management is early identification of needs and provide tools and services to assist the client to change. This also includes identifying any gaps in the program to where the client's needs are not being met. This session will help teams develop a framework for case management and provide information on evaluating a program's effort to meet the clients where they are.

### **Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Guidelines: The Big Picture, The Critical Details - Part 2**

*Bridgett Ortega, PhD and Megan Ward*

#### *Athena I*

This session is a continuation of Part 1.

### **DUI Courts: Overcoming Perceived Pitfalls of DUI Courts**

*Jim Eberspacher*

#### *Athena GH*

In 2016, 10,497 people nationwide were killed in an alcohol-impaired-driving crash. After several years in decline, this tragic number has increased for two years in a row. In South Carolina, 33% of all traffic fatalities involve an impaired driver, and an overwhelming majority are caused by repeat offenders or drivers with high blood alcohol content. Recognizing impaired driving for what it often is - a substance use disorder - getting people into treatment can lower the number of deaths and crashes due to impaired driving. Matching treatment with accountability for the repeat impaired driver is also key to reducing recidivism. This session will highlight the current state of impaired driving nationally and in South Carolina. Additionally, it will showcase collaborative partnerships, cutting-edge research, and the evidence-based practices for assessing, treating, and supervising repeat impaired-driving offenders with substance use disorders.

### **Family Centered Approaches to Treatment Courts**

*Vanessa Price*

#### *Parthenon 2*

Drug courts were established to counteract the increased incarceration rates and overrepresentation of individuals with substance use disorders in the criminal justice system. These therapeutic courts use a multidisciplinary approach to treatment that has been shown to be effective in reducing recidivism and cost, reducing family conflict, and improving socioeconomic well-being. There is a growing body of knowledge gained from evidence-based practice, collaborative practice models, and field research on how best to serve families that are both affected by substance use and involved in the child welfare system. These lessons can inform the family-centered work being done in ADCs. This session will look at improved outcomes when a comprehensive, family-centered approach was used to address specific needs of children and families in addition to parent's recovery.

### **Examining A Defense Lawyer's Role in Accountability Courts**

*Panel: Ed Dettmar, Grady Moore, Rob McNeill, and Andy Maddox*

#### *Olympia 2*

An interactive panel discussion that will address the day-to-day experience of a defense attorney within an Accountability Court. Local attorneys will discuss ethical considerations and conflicts of interest in serving on the drug court team. The panel will also discuss termination hearings, sanctions, and law and ethics related to medication assisted treatment.

### **Examining A Prosecutor's Role in Accountability Courts**

*Panel: Conley Greer, Jillian Hall, Erle Newton, and John Pursley*

#### *Parthenon 1*

An interactive panel discussion that will address the day-to-day experience of a prosecutor. Local prosecutors will discuss exclusionary criteria, or what they look for in considering candidates for an Accountability Court program. Prosecutors will also discuss procedural justice, carrots of successful completion, and law and ethics related to medication assisted treatment.

### **The Practical Application of Incentives and Sanctions**

#### **Part 1: Staffing Decisions**

*Shannon Carey, PhD and Helen Harberts*

#### *Athena F*

This two part session examines the science of behavior change and knowing how and when to use sanctions and incentives effectively can be challenging. What are effective incentives and sanctions? How should incentives and sanctions be delivered for maximum effect? Part 1 and Part 2 of this presentation will review the scientific principles of behavior change and then provide information on the practical application of these principles, including videos of judges implementing those principles in the courtroom. These interactive presentations will: provide examples of meaningful incentives and sanctions, discuss how to prepare the judge with the information needed to have an effective conversation with participants, share videos of different judges delivering incentives, sanctions and therapeutic responses in the courtroom and review scenarios of typical participant behavior for the audience to decide "What would you do?"

<b>Break</b>	<b>3:15pm - 3:45pm</b>
<b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>3:45pm - 5:00pm</b>
<b>Understanding Screening and Assessment: Access and Fairness</b>	
<i>Kevin Baldwin, Ph.D.</i>	
<i>Empire Room</i>	
This presentation highlights the difference between a screening tool and the assessment process. This presentation outlines who can conduct the screening and who conducts the assessment process, while also recognizing that these roles will differ depending on the particular team and structure of the program. It emphasizes the importance of identifying a treatment provider and using licensed clinicians to conduct screening. The presentation highlights the importance of a good clinical assessment and on-going assessments to ensure the success of the participant in treatment. At the end of this session, attendees will be able to define what a screening tool is and how it differs from an assessment tool, understand what tools work best and support access for diverse populations, and learn the importance of clinical assessments and reassessments.	
<b>Prosecutors Role in Census Expansion</b>	
<i>John Haroldson</i>	
<i>Parthenon 1</i>	
Many of the most serious issues facing justice systems around the country are rooted in way these systems respond to people with substance use disorders and mental health conditions. People suffering from substance use and/or mental health disorders are more likely to be jailed than treated. This places an incredible burden on the system and has led to prison overcrowding and exacerbated disparities and inequalities. Without treatment, society's most vulnerable return to our communities and continue the cycle of addiction, mental illness, and arrest. This not only destroys lives, it costs taxpayer's billions of dollars a year. Prosecutors are in a very unique position to have an impact in communities through case prosecution and recognizing the opportunity treatment courts provide to reduce crime, criminal prosecution and related expenses, and improve public safety. Across the country, prosecutors in many jurisdictions are the gatekeeper for treatment court access. This session looks at prosecutorial decision making which ensures access and opportunities across all populations to expand the reach of treatment courts with a representation of individuals being referred and accepted which mirrors the arrestee population across a jurisdiction.	
<b>Ask the Experts: Veterans Treatment Court Panel</b>	
<i>Panel: Kristie Garrett, Christopher Holt, and Bruce Wood</i>	
<i>Parthenon 2</i>	
During the Veterans Court Panel, local team Veteran Treatment Court team members will discuss challenges and solutions dealing with relapse, terminations, and death, how to maintain veteran mentors, and services provided by the Georgia Veteran's Administration.	
<b>Ask the Experts: Mental Health Court Panel</b>	
<i>Panel: Adrienne Bowen, Sherrod Jones, Jennifer Fabbri, and Dr. Priscilla Faulkner</i>	
<i>Olympia 2</i>	
An interactive panel discussion that will address the day-to-day operations of a Mental Health Court. During the panel, team members will discuss comprehensive case planning for co-occurring disorders, phase structure, ancillary and aftercare services, and tips for medication supervision and compliance.	
<b>Teleservices: Using Technology to Enhance Treatment Court Operations</b>	
<i>Annie Schachar</i>	
<i>Olympia 1</i>	
In today's tech-savvy world, computers, smartphones, and videoconferencing offer new opportunities for drug courts to enhance treatment delivery, client supervision, and staff training. The Center for Court Innovation, in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, has piloted technology initiatives with problem-solving courts in Idaho, Illinois, Montana, West Virginia, and Ohio. These jurisdictions are using technology to increase capacity, address treatment barriers, supervise clients, and provide training for staff. This presentation will include a practical discussion about technology implementation in drug courts and a preview of some technological advances that are on the horizon for problem-solving courts. Audience members will also learn how to access online training resources for drug court professionals through the Center's Treatment Courts Online website.	
<b>Common Peer Review Findings and Suggestions for Improvement</b>	
<i>Josh Becker</i>	
<i>Oconee River Room</i>	
This session will cover some common findings from the peer review process in Georgia. The presenter will cover several areas that programs struggle with and will offer suggestions for approaching these common issues. Most data will be pulled from the adult drug and adult mental health courts, but other program types may share similar concerns around topics including intake and data collection.	

## Working Wounded: Avoiding and Coping with Professional Impairment and Burnout

Terrence Walton

Athena GH

This presentation will explore the frequently overlooked issue of impairment and burnout in helping professionals. All of us seek to balance the stresses and strains of our private lives with the need to perform effectively at work. Even in tough times most of us are able to "pull it together" long enough to get through our day. However, there are times when issues such as excessive duties, divorce, disease, drinking, drugging, depression or other dysfunction rob us of our ability to do our jobs and/or find joy in doing so. Whether the problem results from an acute incident or from a chronic problem that has reached the breaking point, the consequences can be life and livelihood threatening. This presentation is essential for those who fear they may be impaired; want to know the warning signs of impairment; want to know how to avoid becoming impaired; or want to know how best to support co-workers or loved ones who are struggling.

## The Practical Application of Incentives and Sanctions

### Part 2: Delivery in the Courtroom

Shannon Carey, PhD and Helen Harberts

Athena F

This session is a continuation of Part 1.

# TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

## Breakfast

7:30am - 8:30am

Grand Hall

## Transition to Theatre

8:30am - 9:00am

## Welcome and Governor's Introduction

9:00am - 9:10am

The Honorable Brenda S. Weaver

Theatre

## Governor's Speech

9:10am - 9:30am

Governor Nathan Deal

## Medication Assisted Treatment: Practical Implementation and Examples

9:30am - 10:45am

Dr. Kenneth Robinson

Theatre

There are a number of challenges when identifying what works across populations as professionals work to address substance use disorder. Understanding Medication Assisted Treatment as a viable response allows local teams to operate in a manner that is inclusive of the different sub-cultures within the drug culture. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is an evidence based treatment that combines behavioral therapy and medications to treat substance use disorders. With the widening incidence of harmful heroin and other opiate use, it is more important than ever that treatment courts acknowledge and overcome all obstacles to the use of MAT in conjunction with psychosocial interventions for all participants assessed to need MAT. The NADCP board of directors issued a position statement in 2012 supporting the use of MAT, and the Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards includes support for MAT as an adjunct to treatment. As of 2015, grant solicitations from SAMHSA and BJA have included language addressing the administration of MAT, along with funding availability for MAT. This session also will outline the research on MAT, a brief description of the most common medications used in MAT.

## Break

10:45am - 11:00am

## New Trends in Drug Testing

11:00am - 12:15pm

Paul Cary and Garry Metcalfe

Theatre

Effective drug testing in Drug Court is essential to the overall success of the program. This presentation is designed to be a comprehensive review designed to provide information and strategies for building and maintaining a successful abstinence monitoring program. Collection strategies and result interpretation - two essential components of a credible testing program will be discussed. Attendees will learn the reasons for testing, how to select clients for maximum abstinence surveillance, and what specimens yield the best results. Additional focus issues will include controlling sample tampering and the use of creatinine measurements, the application of EtG/EtS monitoring, the challenges of on-site testing, dispelling popular drug testing myths and much more. This session is intended to encourage practitioners to know more about drug testing than their clients.

Transition to Lunch	12:15pm - 12:30pm
Lunch and Awards Ceremony Grand Hall	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Transition to Breakout Sessions	1:30pm - 1:45pm
<b>Breakout Sessions</b>	1:45pm - 3:00pm
<b>Team Roles and Responsibilities</b>  <i>Karen Cowgill</i>	
<i>Theatre</i> Effective communication among problem solving court team members is essential for effective decision-making. The NADCP Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards Multidisciplinary Team Standard stipulates that all team members contribute relevant insights, observations, and recommendations based on their professional knowledge, training, and experience. While the judge makes final decisions on matters that affect a participant's welfare or liberty interests, the Standard clarifies that such decisions are to be made only after the judge considers the perspectives of all team members. This presentation will outline a set of communication practices that team members can employ to help ensure that their unique perspective is heard and valued. As a bonus, this presentation will discuss when ethical considerations require certain team members to remain silent during team discussions, even when they have relevant information to share.	
<b>Legal, Ethical, and Professionalism Issues in Accountability Courts</b>  <i>The Honorable Stephen S. Goss</i>	
<i>Athena F</i> This session will cover legal, ethical and professionalism issues that particularly arise in accountability courts, including: information sharing topics in light of HIPAA and 42 C.F.R. Part 2, professional conduct rules including ex parte topics and the role of judges and lawyers, and constitutional law decisions involving First Amendment Establishment Clause cases, open court, and due process particular to these cases. After attending this session, attendees will be able to: identify ethical and professionalism issues faced by judges, attorneys, and accountability court team members, discuss rules of professional conduct that particularly relate to handling accountability courts cases, and review and discuss state and federal case decisions impacting open court proceedings, due process, and information privacy issues in accountability courts.	
<b>Examining the Intake and Referral Process in Accountability Courts</b>  <i>Panel: The Honorable Jeffrey S. Bagley, Susan Baucom, Jessi Emmett, and Dayna Solomon</i>	
<i>Oconee River Room</i> Accountability Court team members will discuss how to enhance communication between treatment providers and the legal system, how to become a trauma-informed court, the importance of needs assessments, and challenges and solutions related to capacity.	
<b>Coordinator's Role in Long-term Sustainability</b>  <i>Vanessa Price</i>	
<i>Empire Room</i> The Drug Court provides or refers participants for treatment and social services to address conditions that are likely to interfere with their response to substance abuse treatment or other Drug Court services (responsivity needs), to increase criminal recidivism (criminogenic needs), or to diminish long-term treatment gains (maintenance needs). Depending on participant needs, complementary services may include housing assistance, mental health treatment, trauma-informed services, criminal-thinking interventions, family or interpersonal counseling, vocational or educational services, and medical or dental treatment. Participants receive only those services for which they have an assessed need. Many times, the program coordinator is takes on the role of long term sustainability. This session looks at opportunities to leverage local resources and apply for funding to help support programs.	
End	3:00pm

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### GEORGE ANGELL

George Angell began working for the Bartow County Sheriff's Office in 2001. He is currently assigned to the Civil Court Division and his duties at the Courthouse include courtroom security for Judge Scott Smith and transporting inmates to and from court hearings. In 2008, George was assigned as the Drug Court Surveillance Officer when the Cherokee Circuit Drug Court began. His duties as a Surveillance Officer include searches of participants' homes, curfew checks, residence verification, drug and alcohol testing in the field and transporting inmates to and from court hearings.

### HONORABLE JEFFREY S. BAGLEY

Judge Jeffrey Bagley graduated from Emory Law School in 1987. He currently serves as the Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the Bell-Forsyth District for 14 years. He has also presided over the Forsyth County Drug Court for 14 years.

### DR. KEVIN BALDWIN

Dr. Baldwin is a clinical psychologist with a dual emphasis on research and forensics. He serves as Senior Researcher for Applied Research Services in Atlanta, Georgia, providing criminal justice research and policy analysis nationally. He has directed federally-funded research projects, authored over a dozen articles in peer-reviewed journals, and has designed and evaluated substance abuse treatment programs. Dr. Baldwin authored the U.S. DOJ SMART Office's publication entitled "Sex Offender Risk Assessment". Dr. Baldwin is Director of Forensic Services at the Highland Institute, an Atlanta outpatient clinic specializing in the assessment and treatment of persons with sexual behavior problems. He performs forensic examinations, serves as an expert witness in state and federal courts, and has worked in both inpatient and community-based mental health settings. Dr. Baldwin is a frequent presenter at regional and national conferences, and has provided training and technical assistance to treatment and court staff in a variety of settings. He also serves as faculty at the National Judicial College and the National Drug Court Institute. Dr. Baldwin earned his Ph.D. at Georgia State University, after completing an adult forensic internship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

### CLINTON BARKER

Deputy First Class Clinton Barker of the Paulding County Sheriff's Office has worked in law enforcement for twenty-two and a half years. He began his law enforcement career in 1996 with the Powder Springs Police Department as a Jailer and a Community Service Supervisor for approximately two years. In 1998, he moved to Rockmart Police Department where he worked as a Bike Patrol Officer and Patrol Sergeant for almost four years. In 2001, he started with the Paulding County Sheriff's Office as Patrol Deputy. During his career he has

served as a Field Training Officer, School Resource Officer, Court Security, and Drug Court Surveillance Officer. Deputy Barker holds certification in the areas of Field Training Officer, Senior Deputy, Gang Investigation, Criminal Investigation, School Resource Officer, and many more. His current assignment as a Drug Court Surveillance Officer has been one of the most rewarding jobs he has held in law enforcement. He enjoys assisting the participants in their recovery and trying to break down the wall between law enforcement and the general public. His goal is to be fair, firm, and caring to the people he assist in his daily interactions.

### KAREN BARNES-COWGILL

Karen Cowgill recently retired as a Probation Officer/Supervisor from Maricopa County Adult Probation. She now serves as a trainer/consultant for the National Drug Court Institute, National Center for DWI Courts, Justice for Vets, and SAMHSA. She is currently a board member of the Arizona Association of Drug Court Professionals. She worked as an adult probation officer for 20 years and 19 of those years with the DUI/Drug Courts as well as implementing a Veteran Court track in the Drug Court Program. Her positions included standard Probation Officer for DUI Court and she then moved on to supervise the DUI Court and then moved on to supervise Drug Court. She serves as a grant reviewer for Bureau of Justice Agency and SAMHSA. In addition, she has presented at NADCP national conferences, the National Judicial College, APPA national conferences, AADCP annual conference, state wide conferences, and the Texas Judicial College. Ms. Cowgill has served as the Project Director for multiple grants including both BJA and SAMHSA awards. She managed a BJA grant for the DUI Court Program in which a Spanish speaking court was established. Ms. Cowgill graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in social work, and completed her master's degree in education/leadership at Northern Arizona University. Prior to working in law enforcement, Ms. Cowgill worked as a crisis counselor in the community and as a case manager for the seriously mentally ill.

### DAVID BARTON

David Barton graduated from Wofford College in 2012 with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. He earned his Master's Degree in Sport and Entertainment Management from the University of South Carolina in 2016. David's role in FivePoint Solutions is to coordinate support fixes, provide ACCM training, and configure new and existing courts.

### HONORABLE JOE C. BISHOP

Judge Bishop is currently the Vice President of the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards and serves on his local board at Aspire Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Judge Bishop is recently retired after serving over 27 years as the Chief Superior Court Judge for the Pataula Judicial Circuit. This circuit spans across very rural Southwest

Georgia encompassing Clay, Early, Miller, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, and Terrell Counties with its borders touching Alabama and Florida. His team started an adult felony drug court in 2001 which now serves all seven counties and has with great success always used CSB's as the treatment provider. He has served on the Council for Accountability Court Judges Executive Committee as an Adult Felony Drug Court representative from 2015 until 2018. He earned his Doctorate of Jurisprudence at the University of Georgia in 1982, served as President of the Council of Superior Court Judges in 1999-2000.

## ADRIENNE BOWEN

Adrienne Bowen joined the Cobb Mental Health Court as coordinator in September, 2014. Prior to becoming the coordinator for mental health court, Adrienne managed the Cobb County Drug Testing Lab which is a part of Superior Court Administration for the Cobb County judiciary. Adrienne began her work in accountability courts with the Athens Clarke County DUI/Drug Court in 2001. Athens was the first misdemeanor accountability court in Georgia and served as a national model for implementing the accountability courts model with a DUI offender population. Adrienne has served as a trainer for both the National Drug Court Institute (NDCI) and for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). She is a graduate of Georgia State University with degrees in Psychology and Philosophy.

## DR. SHANNON CAREY

Dr. Shannon Carey, Co-President and Senior Research Associate at NPC Research, has worked in the areas of criminal justice and substance abuse treatment for 20 years, particularly in the area of drug courts and cost analyses. Altogether, she has been involved in performing process, outcome and/or cost evaluations in over 300 adult, juvenile, family, reentry, DWI and veteran's drug courts across the U.S. including federal drug and reentry courts in Oregon and Virginia. Dr. Carey also provides consulting and training in treatment courts operating in Australia, Chile, New Zealand, and England. Dr. Carey was involved with developing and writing the NADCP Drug Court Best Practice Standards and has assisted several states in writing their state specific standards for all types of treatment courts. She also assisted in developing treatment court certification processes as well as a peer review process that has been launched in several states where treatment court teams visit and give feedback and support to each other on implementing research-based best practices.

## PAUL CARY

Paul L. Cary, M.S., is an independent forensic toxicology consultant. He retired as director of the Toxicology Laboratory at University of Missouri in 2015. For forty years, Mr. Cary was actively involved in the management of a nationally-recognized toxicology laboratory that performed drug testing

for drug courts, hospitals, mental health facilities, attorneys, coroners and medical examiners, athletic programs, and public and private employers. Mr. Cary authored numerous scientific publications and monographs, served on a variety of clinical and technical advisory committees, taught at the university, was involved in drug testing research, and serves as a consultant in toxicology-related matters. Mr. Cary has also provided judicial education including lecturing at the National Judicial College on alcohol pharmacology, the use of expert testimony and on drug testing issues. He has been certified as an expert and provided expert testimony in court (local, state and federal) and in labor arbitration. He is a member of the Society of Forensic Toxicology. Mr. Cary has been a resource to drug court teams throughout the nation and overseas and serves as visiting faculty for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, the Center for Court Innovation, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National Drug Court Institute.

## JASON CHURCH

Investigator Jason Church has been serving the citizens of Cobb County since 2002 as an employee of the Cobb County Sheriff's Office. He is a graduate of West Virginia University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology. Throughout his career he has been assigned to Detention, Court Security, Field Operations, and Criminal Investigation Division. Specialized assignments have included: monitoring Sex Offenders that reside in Cobb County, Domestic Violence Unit and he is currently assigned to the Accountability Courts which include Drug, DUI, Mental Health and Veteran's Court.

## ED DETTMAR

Ed Dettmar has worked for the Public Defender's Office serving Bartow and Gordon Counties since it began in 2005. After graduating Wake Forest School of Law in 2002, he ran a general law practice in North Carolina. Prior to going to law school, Ed Dettmar was a newspaper publisher in Eden, NC. While living in Eden with his wife and three children, he served as the President of the Jaycees, Rotary Club, and Chamber of Commerce. He also served on the Economic Development Commission and was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for community involvement.

## JIM EBERSPACHER

James "Jim" Eberspacher is the Director for the National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC). NCDC is the professional services branch of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) providing training and technical assistance to DWI Court professionals. Jim's background in the Drug Court models includes experience at the state and local levels. For seven years, he was the State Drug Court Coordinator for the State of Minnesota, providing oversight in forming Drug Court policy and strategic planning, state standards, funding, assisting in research, and providing training and technical assistance to Drug Court teams. Jim also

served as the Coordinator on three Drug Court teams - DWI Court, Hybrid Drug/DWI Court and Family Dependency Treatment Court - in rural Minnesota. Prior to his involvement in the Drug Court field, Jim was a Probation Officer in community supervision and a juvenile institution. Overall, Jim has 17 years of combined experience in Drug Courts, corrections, policy development, and training/technical assistance.

## JESSI EMMETT

Jessi Emmett received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from North Georgia College and State University and master's degree in Professional Counseling from Argosy University. Ms. Emmett is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Certified Addictions Counselor, Level II and a Certified Clinical Supervisor. She has worked in various roles with the accountability courts of the Northeastern Judicial Circuit since 2007 and currently serves as the Assistant Director for Treatment Services.

## JENNIFER FABBRI

Jennifer Fabbri Graduated with a BA in Criminal Justice from Valdosta State University in 2001. She began Law School in Fall of 2002 - Graduated with JD from Florida Coastal School of Law in 2005. Jennifer began work as a staff attorney for the Southern Judicial Circuit (Honorable, Harry J. Altman, Frank D. Horkan and James E. Hardy) remained in this position until July of 2013. She began work as the Program Coordinator for the Colquitt SA/MH Treatment Court in Moultrie, GA, under Frank D. Horkan. In January 2016 she helped implement began working as the Program Coordinator for the Lowndes County Accountability Court, Valdosta, GA, under James G. Tunison, Jr. Jennifer currently is Program Director, Southern Circuit Accountability Courts - overseeing both Courts in the Southern Circuit.

## DR. PRISCILLA FAULKNER

Dr. Priscilla Faulkner, Director of Southeastern Psychological Associates, Inc. has worked in the mental health and substance abuse field for 20 years. She has been provided supervision and treatment for juvenile drug courts, adult mental health court, family treatment court, and veterans court in the Alcovy and Ocmulgee circuits. Dr. Faulkner also assesses individuals for superior and juvenile courts and testifies as an expert on competency, parental fitness, trauma, and attachment issues. Dr. Faulkner supervises students from several graduate programs in her practice. She also co-founded Horse Time, Inc. a non-profit animal assisted psychotherapy program which has served as a treatment and community service site for mental health and juvenile court participants for the past five years. She, along with several members of her court team, have served as a peer review team for other mental health courts.

## ROBYN GARRETT

Robyn Garrett currently serves as Executive Director of the Georgia Association of Community Service Boards (GACSB, Inc.), representing the 25 community service boards which are public instrumentalities of the state (as the public safety net) to provide mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases services. GACSB provides leadership for the delivery of programs, services and products; budget and financial management; government and public relations; human resources; and board administration. She is a graduate of Georgia Southwestern University and holds a degree in the field of psychology. In her 30 years of experience in the field of medicine and behavioral health, she has served in varying capacity- as a practitioner and executive leadership. In addition to her work with the GACSB, she is the VP of Government and Public Affairs for Strategic Healthcare Partners and oversees managed care and best practice operations for their behavioral health provider clients. Robyn is a valued member of the Georgia Supportive Housing Association, Georgia Council on Substance Abuse, and National Council for Behavioral Healthcare's Public Policy Committee. She also serves as Chair of the Mercer University College of Health Professionals Master of Public Health Program Community Advisory Board and sits on the CIT Advisory Board for the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

## KRISTIE GARRETT

Kristie Garrett is a Licensed Professional Counselor and has been professionally working with the addicted population for over 20 years. She has successfully worked in many local psychiatric hospitals while maintaining her own private practice. In 2002, she helped start one of the first Accountability Courts in the state and has since been instrumental in opening the Cobb County Mental Health and Veterans Treatment and Accountability Courts. Though she has been coordinator of the above different class of courts in the past, she now oversees all Treatment for the Cobb County Adult Accountability Courts. She enjoys traveling around the state visiting other courts with for peer evaluation.

## HONORABLE STEPHEN S. GOSS

Judge Stephen S. Goss is a judge on the Court of Appeals of Georgia. He served as a state trial judge in Albany, Georgia for 23 years, first as a juvenile court judge and for 19 years as a state circuit judge. He is a native southwest Georgian and graduated from the University of Georgia and the University Of Georgia School Of Law. He was a trial lawyer prior to going on the bench and is a former president of the Dougherty Bar Association. Judge Goss is a former president of the Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia. He is a graduate of the national Henry Toll Fellows leadership program of the Council of State Governments (CSG). Judge Goss founded and presided for 16 years over the Dougherty Superior Court Mental Health/ Substance Abuse treatment program for felony offenders dealing with co-occurring disorders. This program has served

since 2006 as one of four national Learning Sites for mental health court programs as designated by CSG and the Bureau of Justice Assistance. He has served on the teaching faculty of the National Judicial College since 2003 and serves on the teaching faculty for the National Drug Court Institute. He is a senior consultant to the United States Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration GAINS Center for persons with co-occurring disorders. He has presented to conferences in numerous states and has published papers and articles on the subjects of persons in the criminal justice system with substance abuse and mental health issues. In 2017-2018, he served as the Chair of the executive committee of the Council of Accountability Court Judges of Georgia. He was the chair of the CACJ Education and Training committee for two years.

## CONLEY GREER

Conley Greer received his Bachelor of Arts in English from Georgia College & State University and his Juris Doctor degree from the University Of Georgia School Of Law. Mr. Greer served in the United States Navy from 1987 to 1991. He has been the Supervising Senior Assistant District Attorney for Dawson County in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit since 2013. Mr. Greer first served as the prosecuting attorney for Dawson County Treatment Court from 2009 to 2011 and returned to that role in 2015.

## JILLIAN HALL

Jillian Hall graduated from the University of Georgia in 2005 with bachelor's degrees in psychology, journalism, and criminal justice. She spent two years working as an investigator in the Western Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office before returning to the University of Georgia to earn her law degree in 2010. She began serving as an assistant district attorney in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit in 2010, where she prosecutes criminal cases and argues appeals on behalf of the State of Georgia. In 2016, she was promoted to her current position of Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney. Her tenure working on accountability court teams began in 2014, when she joined the Newton County Resource Court and Walton County Resource Court teams as the representative of the District Attorney's Office. She also joined the Newton County Veteran's Treatment Court team at the program's inception in 2017.

## HELEN HARBERTS

Helen Harberts, M.A., J.D. has been working in criminal justice since 1983. As a prosecutor, Ms. Harberts began as an entry level DA and rose to become the Chief Deputy District Attorney of the Criminal Division in Butte County, CA. As a Chief Probation Officer (1995-2002) (sworn peace officer) over 5 years she implemented an adult drug court, juvenile drug court, DUI Court utilizing naltrexone, Domestic Violence Court, and Mentally Ill Offenders Court, all based on the problem solving court model. She implemented Police-Probation teams on school campuses (National award winner), a Peer Court,

created a gang unit and directed a community based narcotics task force called BASS. After the stint in probation, she returned to her roots as a prosecuting attorney where she practiced law exclusively in problem solving courts for over 5 years. She retired in 2011. She popped out of retirement for 5 months in 2012-13, she served as the Interim Director of the Harris County (Texas) Community Supervision and Corrections Department in Houston. Ms. Harberts serves on the faculty of the National Drug Court Institute, National Center for DWI Courts, National Judicial College and others. She conducts site visits and training on behalf of SAMHSA. She participated in the creation of the 10 Guiding Principles of DWI Courts, the community supervision curriculum for the Practitioner's training series for NADCP and was core faculty on several of the practitioner's series trainings. She has trained in all 50 states, and retains her license to practice law.

## JOHN HAROLDSON

John Haroldson is the first Latino elected to serve as District Attorney in the State of Oregon, and has served as a prosecutor since 1988. Haroldson's commitment to Drug Treatment Court programs is underscored by his proactive and direct engagement with the Benton County Drug Treatment Court program, a program in its 16<sup>th</sup> year of successful operation that has been recognized as a Mentor Court. Haroldson has served as adjunct faculty for the NADCP, NDAA, CWAG, ABA, and Willamette University College of Law. He also serves on the Oregon Bench and Bar Commission on Professionalism, the Board of Directors for the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute, and as Chair of the President's Diversity Advisory Community Council for the University of Oregon. Haroldson has been recognized for excellence in prosecution by the Oregon Crime Victims Network, and the Oregon Humane Society. He is also a recipient of the Oregon Bench and Bar's Edwin J. Peterson Professionalism Award, and the Oregon Hispanic Bar Association's Paul J. De Muniz Professionalism Award. The son of a Scandinavian father and a Mexican mother, John Haroldson was raised both in the Pacific Northwest and in Monterrey, Mexico, where he developed a rich bilingual and bicultural perspective.

## ANDREW HICKMAN

Andrew Hickman graduated the University of South Carolina in 2014 with a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. Andrew's role in FivePoint Solutions is to handle analysis of ACCM integrations, future developments, and coordinate support fixes.

## CHRISTOPHER HOLT

Christopher "Chris" Holt is a graduate of the University of West Georgia. After graduation, he worked in law enforcement for 10 years. Chris has worked for the Appalachian Judicial Circuit's Felony Drug Court since 2010 as a treatment provider and is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADCII). In October 2013 he was asked by Chief Superior Court Judge Brenda Weaver to implement a Veteran's Treatment Court in

the Appalachian Judicial Circuit and is currently the coordinator of that program.

## SABRINA HUDA

Sabrina Huda is Senior Project Manager with U.S. Social Impact at Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit educational producer behind Sesame Street. She manages Sesame Workshop initiatives that reach the most vulnerable and underserved kids and their families through work with key partner organizations who are committed to helping all kids become smarter, stronger, and kinder. Currently, Huda leads Sesame Workshop's initiatives for Military Families as well as initiatives focused on literacy, numeracy, emergency preparedness and resilience. She formerly worked on Sesame's international projects in the Middle East, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Indonesia. Prior to joining Sesame Workshop, Huda was an Assistant Director and Case Manager at Spence Chapin working in domestic adoption. She was also a Teacher and Coordinator at the Barnard Center for Toddler Development. Huda holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Neuroscience and Behavior from Barnard College and a Masters of Arts from Teacher College, Columbia University.

## SHERROD JONES

Sherrod Jones joined the Cobb County Mental Health Court in May, 2016 and currently serves as a community partner in the role of Career and Training Coordinator. During the last 10 years he has worked with ex-offenders, juveniles, dislocated and adult worker populations in both Fulton and Cobb counties. Sherrod has utilized Workforce Investment Opportunity Act funds (WIOA) to provide employment and training to the individuals participating in the Cobb County Mental Health Court System. He graduated from Saint Peter's University with a B.S. in Management.

## ANDY MADDOX

Andy Maddox received his undergraduate degree from Baylor University and his law degree from Campbell University. Mr. Maddox is the current Senior Assistant Public Defender in Hall County in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit. Mr. Maddox has served as the defense attorney for the Hall County Felony Probation Drug Court since program inception. He has been a member of the Georgia Bar since 1989.

## ROB MCNEILL

Rob McNeill is a 1989 graduate of Baylor University. Since 2006 he has been the Sr. Assistant Public Defender in Dawson County in the Northeastern Judicial Circuit and has been the Defense representative to the Dawson County Drug Court since 2010.

## GARRY METCALFE

Garry Metcalfe, B.S., has worked in the field of toxicology for over 16 years. He began his career working postmortem toxicology cases with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the state of Oklahoma. He spent his time at the medical examiner's office testing a variety of specimens like blood, liver urine, gastric contents, bile and vitreous humor. After 12 years there he transitioned to working for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI). Here his focus switched to antimortem toxicology. Here he tested mostly blood and urine for the presence of drugs in suspected DUI cases. He has been deemed an expert witness in the state of Oklahoma. While at the OSBI, he took over the administration of the Forensic Science Academy. This program was designed by the OSBI, to provide a better understanding of the test performed, at the OSBI, to judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys in the state of Oklahoma. Garry is a board member and past President of the Southwestern Association of Forensic Toxicology (SAT). He has also attended the Borkenstein Drug Course, DEA Forensic Chemist Seminar and the Midwest Forensic Resource Training Program.

## GRADY MOORE

Grady Moore is a native of Griffin, Georgia and a 1996 graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Law. He began his legal career in 1996 with the District Attorney's Office in Nashville, Tennessee, where he worked as an Assistant District Attorney until 2001. After briefly practicing bankruptcy and civil litigation, he joined the District Attorney's Office of the Tallapoosa Circuit as the designated drug prosecutor. In 2003 he moved to the Cobb Judicial Circuit and remained until November of 2014 as a Senior ADA and as Director of Accountability Courts. He worked continuously with Drug Treatment Court, Mental Health Court, and Veterans Court from the inception of those programs in Cobb County. He now operates a private law practice, specializing in criminal defense, and serves as the defense representative on the management teams of the Mental Health Court and Veteran's Accountability and Treatment Court programs.

## ERLE J. NEWTON III

Assistant District Attorney Erle J. Newton III is the designated drug prosecutor for the Cherokee Judicial Circuit (Bartow and Gordon counties) and serves as the prosecutor for the Cherokee Circuit Drug Court. Erle is a graduate of The University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. After a short stint with an engineering firm, Erle attended law school and graduated from the Walter F. George School of Law in Macon. After graduation, Erle was a civil litigator and bankruptcy attorney before landing his dream job as a prosecutor beginning in the Alcovy Judicial Circuit. Cherokee Circuit District Attorney Rosemary Greene hired him in 2013 and Erle resides with his wife and daughter in Cartersville. Erle has served with the Cherokee Circuit Drug Court since July 1, 2014.

Erle is an outdoorsman, a history buff, and a fan of blues music.

## DR. BRIDGETT E. ORTEGA

Dr. Bridgett E. Ortega is a lawyer and Assistant Dean of Experiential Learning at Atlanta's John Marshall Law School. She is the Past President and Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Juvenile Defender Center and is currently the Equity and Inclusion Officer for the Georgia affiliate of the ACLU. Bridgett has spent over 30 years working for criminal and juvenile justice reform. Bridgett was formerly Deputy Director for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Reclaiming Futures Initiative, a juvenile justice reform initiative aimed at creating strategies for intervening in the lives of young people with substance abuse and other issues that bring them into the criminal justice system. Bridgett was featured in the ABC Nightline "Kids in Court" series and the Frontline Juvenile Justice documentary, and in 1998 she was awarded the ABA Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award for outstanding advocacy in juvenile justice. In 2013 she received the NAACP Freedom Fund Civil and Human Rights Award. In December of 2017, she was recognized by the National Juvenile Defender Center as a champion for juvenile justice for her work in defending youth rights. She co-founded the Santa Clara County California Juvenile Treatment Court with the Honorable Judge Thomas Edwards. She is a national trainer on issues impacting juvenile and adult drug courts and she is also on the National Institute on Domestic Violence training team. Bridgett is a J.D., Ph.D., and also holds graduate degrees in Organizational Management and Leadership. Her doctoral dissertation is entitled, Compassionate Jurisprudence: A Praxis for Justice.

## VANESSA PRICE

Vanessa Price was employed as a police officer with The City of Oklahoma City from October 1990 through January 2012. She retired at the rank of Inspector and was assigned to Operations Administration as the Interim Executive Director for Weed and Seed Programs. Mrs. Price held that position from September 2009 through January 2012. Her prior assignment from May of 1998 to September 2009 was with the Oklahoma County Drug Court. She was instrumental in the development of The Oklahoma County Drug Court Program, including policy manual development, budgeting, and staff training. Training presentations and curriculum development include recognizing the signs of mental illness, identification of a subject under the influence of drugs, effectively communicating with consumers, strengths-based interviewing, team building, drug testing, program planning and development, grant writing, community supervision, cultural proficiency for consumers served, ethics & confidentiality in treatment programs, psychopharmacology of drugs for first responders, community resource identification and development. In May 2014, Mrs. Price was appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma to serve on the Oklahoma Pardon and Parole Board. In January 2015 she was reappointed to a four-year term and elected to serve as Chair of organization. Mrs. Price joined the staff of NADCP in

August of 2016 to serve as the Director of NDCI. Mrs. Price has an Associate Degree from Oklahoma State University in Applied Police Science; a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Central Oklahoma, in Criminal Justice.

## JOHN PURSLEY

John Pursley is a Senior Assistant District Attorney and full time accountability court prosecutor from Cobb County. John began practicing law as an ADA in the Western Judicial Circuit in 1994 after graduating from the University Of Georgia School Of Law. He remained a prosecutor until 2003 when he opened a criminal defense firm. In 2009 he returned to prosecution when he was hired by the Cobb County District Attorney. During his prosecution career he has prosecuted most types of felonies. He has been the full time accountability court prosecutor in Cobb County Superior Court for 2 and a half years.

## TOMMY ROBERTSON

Thomas M. Robertson began his career with the Department of Community Supervision on December 16, 2013 after 20 years in the engineering field. He became the Drug Court Officer and Lab Technician for the Cherokee Judicial Circuit in August 2016. In this capacity, Thomas supervises the drug court participants, handles all aspects of drug testing, and is an integral part of the approval and revocation process. Thomas always had a desire to be in law enforcement and felt a calling to be able to enact change for individuals in his community. Thomas is very devoted to his job and enjoys watching soccer and the Georgia Bulldogs in his spare time.

## DR. KENNETH ROBINSON

Dr. Kenneth Robinson received his Doctor of Education Degree in Educational Psychology and Counseling, and a Master of Science Degree in Psychology from the University of Memphis. He is the President of Correctional Counseling, Inc. and is the co-developer of Moral Reconation Therapy™ (MRT), which is listed on SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidence-based Programs. He was Director of Clinical Services and Crisis Stabilization for the Midtown Mental Health Center in Memphis, Tennessee. He worked in Mental Health Services for the Shelby County Correction Center and with Project CERCE at the State Regional Prison in Memphis. Dr. Robinson conducts frequent training and workshops in MRT throughout the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Scotland and Puerto Rico. He has published and presented numerous professional articles in the areas of psychopharmacology and mental health. He is co-author of all of the MRT treatment materials and other books. Dr. Robinson received the Presidential Citation from the American Psychological Association in May 2009 for Innovative Practice Strategies to Address Social and Behavioral Problems of At-Risk Youth. He is on the faculty of the National Judicial College, National Drug Court Institute, and National DWI Treatment Staff Training for NTSHA.

## HONORABLE ROBERT RUSSELL

Judge Robert Russell is an Associate Judge for Buffalo City Court and serves by appointment, as an Erie County Court Judge. Judge Russell has been presiding over Treatment Courts since December of 1995, having created during the course of his tenure, Buffalo's Drug Treatment Court, its' Mental Health Treatment Court, and its Veterans Treatment Court. In January of 2008, he created and began presiding over this Country's first "Veterans' Treatment Court". His work in the Treatment Court field led to his induction into the "Hall of Fame" of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, and the "Hall of Fame" of Justice for Vets. He is the recipient of the "2014 White House Advocates for Action Award", presented by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and is the recipient of Awards of Merit from the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, and the Erie County Bar Association.

## ANNIE SCHACHAR

Annie Schachar serves as the deputy director of Treatment Court Programs at the Center for Court Innovation. In this role, Ms. Schachar advises attorneys, judges, and other practitioners on legal issues relevant to veterans justice and drug courts. Previously, Ms. Schachar served as director of the Center's Kings County Court-Based Intervention and Resource Team, an alternative-to-incarceration program in Brooklyn for offenders with mental health disorders. Before joining the Center, Ms. Schachar practiced law as a defense attorney with Legal Aid Ontario in Toronto, where she represented clients in drug treatment court, mental health court, and aboriginal court. Prior to this, she was an Assistant Crown Attorney for the Ministry of the Attorney General, prosecuting defendants in both the appeals office and the trial office. Ms. Schachar is a graduate of the University of Toronto's criminology department and Osgoode Hall Law School at York University.

## HONORABLE D. SCOTT SMITH

Judge D. Scott Smith is the presiding Judge over the Cherokee Judicial Circuit Felony Drug Court. He has been the sole presiding Judge for this program since its creation in July of 2008. To date the program has graduated over 200 participants. Judge Smith has been a Superior Court Judge since January 2006. Before being appointed to the bench, Judge Smith served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Atlanta, Piedmont and Cherokee Judicial Circuits from 1991 until 1996. He was a partner in the firm of Akin & Tate, LLC, from 1996 until 1999. He became a Special Drug Prosecutor for the Cherokee Judicial Circuit and served in this capacity until he was appointed to the bench. He has also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney where he received the Department of Justice Directors Award in 1996. He is currently serving his fourth term on the Executive Committee of the Council of Accountability Court Judges where he serves as

Chairman of the Training and Education Committee. Judge Smith was honored to receive the Judicial Star Award from this organization in 2017.

## DAYNA SOLOMON

Dayna Solomon is the Coordinator for the Adult Drug Court in Muscogee County, GA. She is responsible for the administrative oversight of the Court to include: fiscal management, personnel, team management, court proceedings, adherence with best practices and state standards. For the 2016-2018 fiscal years, Mrs. Solomon served as the advisory Coordinator to the Executive Board of the CACJ. Her previous work includes serving State and Superior courts as a misdemeanor and felony Probation Officer, serving as the Specialized Probation Supervisor, Director of Midtown Recovery Center (IOP) and Project Director over several SAMHSA funded grant programs. In 2016, the Muscogee County Adult Drug Court received a competitive grant award from SAMHSA. Using these funds, the program has opened a transitional housing unit and began the process of incorporating MAT as a treatment modality. Dayna received her undergraduate degree from Georgia Southern University and holds a Master of Public Administration from Columbus State University.

## KEN TAYLOR

Ken Taylor has over 20 years of experience designing and developing software solutions for businesses, nonprofits, and governmental organizations in both the United States and abroad. His unique skill of providing clear and insightful thinking as well as bringing high-energy and candor results in positive collaborative solutions for today's organizational challenges. Ken is passionate about Specialty Courts and has put in place the "No Court Left Behind" program that is

## TERRENCE WALTON

Terrence D. Walton, Chief Operating Officer (COO) for the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), is among the nation's leading experts in providing training and technical assistance to drug courts and other problem-solving courts. Prior to being named COO in October 2015, Terrence Walton was the NADCP Chief of Standards. In addition to being responsible for the daily operation of NADCP and planning the national conference, he retains his responsibility for establishing and implementing best practice standards nationwide. Previously, Terrence Walton was Director of Treatment for the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia (PSA), in Washington, D.C. During his nearly 15 years at PSA, he was responsible for directing the PSA operations that provide substance use disorder and mental health assessment, treatment, and social services for all adults released under PSA supervision in the District of Columbia. His responsibilities included overseeing the city's adult Drug Court, the DWI Initiative, the Mental Health units and various other programs for assessing, treating and supervising justice system involved men and women. Previously, he excelled as

the director of what was then the District of Columbia's leading adolescent outpatient substance abuse treatment center. Terrence Walton has directed programs in Dayton, Ohio and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has helped evaluate a multi-million-dollar White House Anti-Drug Media Campaign and served on the substance abuse task force as a part of the White House Best Practices Collaborative. In addition to his extensive work domestically, he has assisted addiction treatment programs in Bangladesh, Barbados, Guam, Mexico and Bermuda. Terrence Walton is an internationally certified alcohol and other drug abuse counselor with over twenty-five years of experience helping individuals and organizations champion positive change. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and a Master of Social Work degree with specializations in program administration and substance abuse. Noted for his practical strength-based approaches to complex issues, Terrence Walton is actively sought out for insight on treating and supervising justice system involved individuals who are living with substance use and mental health disorders. Terrence Walton is a member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT). A gifted and entertaining speaker, Terrence Walton travels extensively informing and inspiring audiences across the globe.

## MEGAN WARD

Megan Ward is a Program Associate at American University's Justice Programs Office (JPO), working on the National Drug Court Resource Center and Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Initiative. Prior to joining JPO, she worked as a researcher for the Center for Technology and Civic Life, where she deepened her passion for working with local governments. Megan has also held positions as a program manager at a criminal justice advocacy non-profit and as an Intake Coordinator at a legal aid clinic in Mobile, Alabama. Today, Megan enjoys volunteering for the Washington Council of Lawyers. She earned a BS in sociology from Saint Joseph's University.

## BRUCE WOOD

Since 2015, Bruce Wood has served as a mentor with the Veterans Treatment Court in the Appalachian Judicial Circuit, which includes Pickens, Gilmer, and Fannin counties. He has been Veterans Mentor Coordinator for the past year. Bruce retired from the US Army as an infantry colonel in 2008, after retiring earlier from his parallel career as a public schoolteacher in Oklahoma City and in Smyrna, Georgia. While teaching between periods of active duty, he served with the Army National Guard in Oklahoma and Georgia. Bruce served overseas in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia, Bosnia, Liberia, and two tours in Afghanistan. He has two Master's Degrees, one in Education and another in Business Administration.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

CACJ has obtained pre - approval for Continuing Education Units (CEUs) from the following disciplines: POST, GACA, LPCA, MCLE, ADABCBA, NASW, and MCJE. Please check the CACJ website for the number of hours that have been pre-approved.

You should receive by email, one email for sessions on both Monday and Tuesday. Final accreditation by all organizations will not be given until the surveys are complete and the links closed. Please submit your session feedback before the deadline of Tuesday, October 2, 2018.

Credit will be awarded based on the session selections made during registration. **IMPORTANT:** If you attend a session other than what was selected during registration, you must complete and submit the On-site Change Form which is available at the ICJE table located outside Athena A-E (Exhibitor Hall).

After the conference, each court coordinator will be emailed a link to access Certificates of Attendance for each attendee that registered to attend the training. From there, each attendee will submit their *Certificate of Attendance* to their respective disciplines to obtain their POST, GACA, LPCA, MCLE, ADABCBA, NSAW, and MCJE credits.

## TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

We ask that all team members seek reimbursements for mileage, meals (please refer to the state allowances), and lodging directly from your program/county. Once attendees receive the reimbursement from the county, court coordinators should *then* submit this expense with the grant reimbursement request (SER) to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), based on the awarded funds from your court's FY19 Grant.

## RESOURCE ROOM: GRAND HALL 1

Please visit the Resource Room located in Grand Hall 1. Publications and handouts from our national supporters, facilitators, and other important documents can be found here.

## ART EXHIBIT

Please check out the art exhibit located in the Resource Room by the Grand Hall and CACJ Information Table. All artwork was submitted by accountability court participants. They were asked to create artwork that was reflective of moving toward their goal, path, and journey. Thank you to all of our team members who brought art from their participants!

## HAVE QUESTIONS?

The Council of Accountability Court Judges Information Table will be located outside of Athena A-E (Exhibitor Hall).



**To receive conference attendance and/or CEU credit you MUST complete a conference evaluation.**

**Session feedback is essential for conference planning and continued support from our national partners.**

**A conference evaluation email will be delivered to attendees on Wednesday September 19, 2018.**

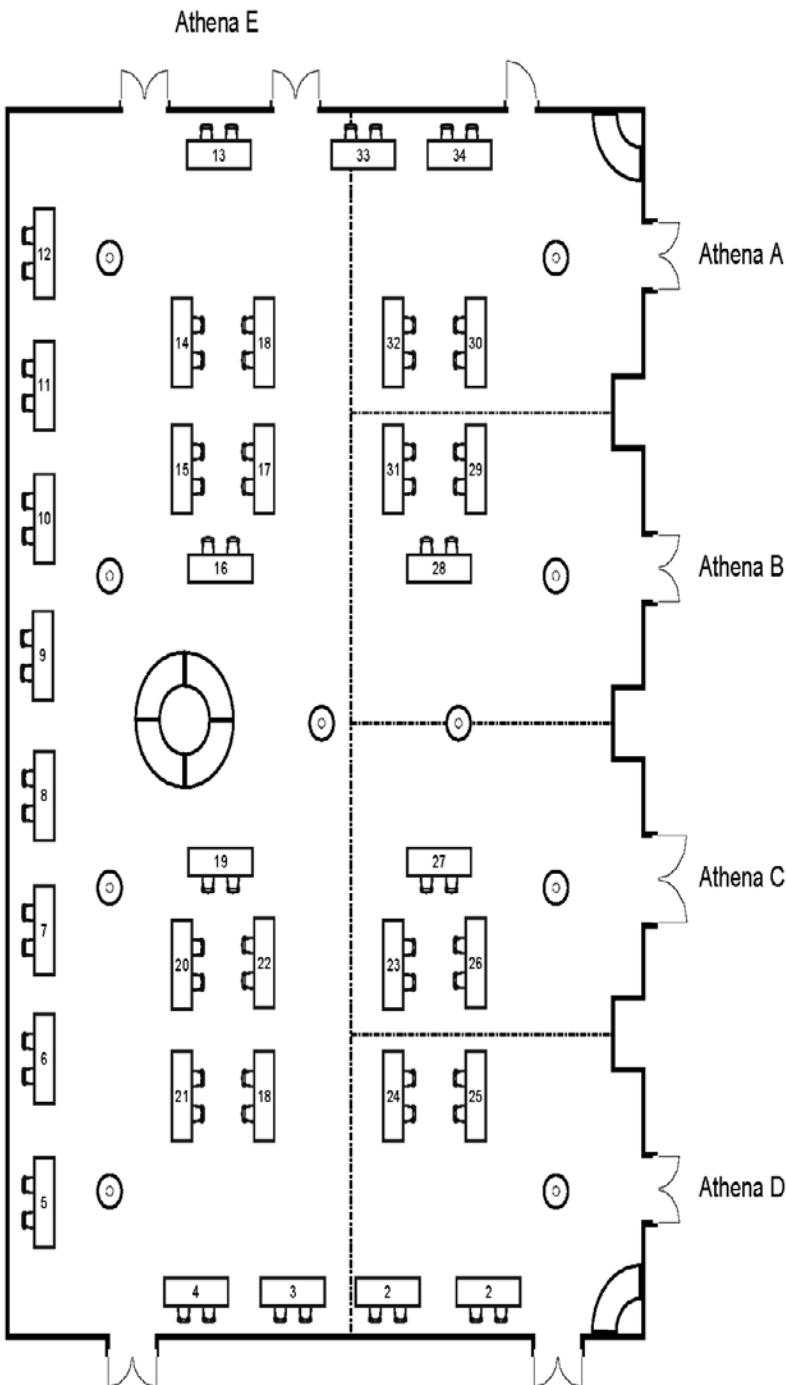
**This year one evaluation email will be sent to the attendee's email address.**

**Please do not forward the email. Attendees must complete session evaluations using the email address input during registration.**

**Conference evaluations are due by Tuesday, October 2, 2018.**

## EXHIBITOR HALL

Make sure to visit the Exhibitor Hall located in Athena A-E.



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1	Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
2	Georgia Addiction Counselors Association
3	Department of Veterans Service
4	The Carter Treatment Center
5	Department of Community Supervision
6	Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
7	Department of Community Affairs
8	NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
9	Department of Driver Services
10	Foundations Recovery Network
11	Siemens Healthineers
12	Foundation for a Drug Free World
13	Technical College System of Georgia
14	Georgia Commission on Family Violence
15	Alcohol and Drug Abuse Certification Board of Georgia
16	BI Incorporated
17	ProntoTrak Monitoring Solutions
18	Correctional Counseling, Inc.
19	Averhealth
20	Thermo Fisher
21	UGA School of Social Work
22	Advanced Computer Technologies
23	Department of Human Services Division of Child Support Services
24	Integrated Management Solutions, Inc.
25	Drug Testing Program Management
26	Corrisoft
27	TestDay Corporation
28	Alkermes, Inc
29	FivePoint Solutions
30	Acceptance Recovery Center, Inc
31	eRAMx
32	The Golden Rule, Inc.
33	Georgia Association of Community Service Boards (GACSB)
34	Smart Start

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