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Roane and Calhoun Counties to get Adult Drug Court

For immediate release

SPENCER, W.Va. – Supreme Court Justice Brent D. Benjamin will attend the opening ceremony an adult drug court serving Roane and Calhoun Counties at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 1, at the Roane County Courthouse in Spencer.

Rigorous evaluation and research has demonstrated that, where adult drug courts are implemented consistent with models and procedures developed based on objective studies, they significantly reduce recidivism and substance abuse among high-risk substance abusing offenders.

Properly implemented adult drug courts increase the likelihood of successful rehabilitation while simultaneously reducing the cost to the public below the historic costs of addressing these problems in the criminal justice system.

In 2009 and 2011 respectively, the West Virginia Legislature enacted legislation which codified adult and juvenile drug courts in West Virginia under the administration, control and responsibility of the Supreme Court. As part of the Justice Reinvestment Act passed in 2014, adult drug courts should be established in all of West Virginia's counties by July 1, 2016.

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