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White House to Visit 17th Judicial Circuit's Mentor Drug Court Wednesday

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL – The General Counsel for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy will visit the 17th Judicial Circuit's Mentor Drug Court on Wednesday to observe Judge Michel Davis's afternoon docket. The media is invited to attend.

General Counsel Dario Camacho confirmed his visit this week after Judge Davis reached out to the White House following the January issuance of an executive order titled, "Addressing Addiction Through the Great American Recovery Initiative." This problem-solving court is one of only 10 drug courts in the nation to receive the designation of "mentor" court.

"This is a really big deal," Judge Davis said. "This visit shines a spotlight on the important work the 17th Judicial Circuit is doing to address the addiction crisis in America. As a national mentor court Broward is proud to help lead the way in helping citizens regain their sobriety and dignity."

Judge Davis presides in courtroom 6810 in the North Wing. His afternoon docket on Wednesday will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Broward's Adult Felony Drug Court program is a standout among problem-solving courts because of its pro-active efforts to connect participants to services and move cases through the system quickly, which in turn saves lives by eliminating unnecessary delays in essential substance abuse treatments. The process also eliminates the need to spend money housing potential participants in jail.

Chief Judge Carol-Lisa Phillips said the visit reflects recognition of the important work done by the court, past and present drug court judges, treatment providers, court staff and community providers.

"We are proud to showcase the impact Drug Court continues to have on changing lives and strengthening our community," Judge Phillips said.

ABOUT THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

The Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida is the court for Broward County, headquartered in Fort Lauderdale, FL. It is the second largest circuit court in the state. Broward County has 90 judges. Of those, 32 are county court judges and 58 are circuit judges. Four courthouses comprise the 17th circuit and include the Broward County Courthouse in Fort Lauderdale, and three satellite courthouses: the North Regional Courthouse in Deerfield Beach, the West Regional Courthouse in Plantation and the South Regional Courthouse in Hollywood.

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