

**MINNESOTA STATEWIDE DRUG COURT EVALUATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEMBER DIRECTORY**

*The Minnesota State Court Administrator's Office convened a group of experts in evaluation and drug court operations in 2006. The Committee reviews and assists design evaluation plans for evaluating the implementation, impact, and efficiency of Minnesota's specialty courts. The group played a significant role in defining and implementing the evaluation plan of the Minnesota Statewide Drug Court Evaluation completed in May 2012.*

*Below is a list of the members, their contact information, and their experience related to drug courts.*

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As the Director of the Juvenile Division for Ramsey County Community Corrections in 2000, Chris was involved in planning and implementing a juvenile drug court. Since 2003 she has represented the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC), Office of the Commissioner in the Drug Court Initiative from the time it first began as the State Planning Group under the leadership of Honorable Joanne Smith. She continues to represent the DOC on the Drug Court Advisory and the Drug Court Evaluation Committees.

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Grant joined the committee in early 2008 and previously participated on the "liaison committee" for the evaluation conducted by NPC Research.

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In 2004, Jim began serving as the Coordinator for the Koochiching County DUI/Substance Abuse Court. Over the next two years, his role extended to the Lake of the Woods DWI Court and a planning Family Dependency Treatment Court in Koochiching County. Jim accepted a position as drug court staff with the State Court Administrator's Office in December 2007. He has been involved on the Statewide Evaluation Committee since its inception.

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Evaluator for Chicago County Juvenile Substance Abuse Court (since 2005). Evaluator for Hennepin County Adult Drug Court (completed 1999). Consultant to State Court Administrator's Office (gather evaluation information from individual Minnesota Drug Courts, conduct literature review, and works on measures related to statewide evaluation) (2007).

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Dan served as drug court staff for the State Court Administrators Office for over six years. He worked closely with the local drug courts and key policy makers in partnership with other key state agencies, the Office of Justice Programs and the Office of Traffic Safety, to help grow the Drug Court Initiative to a statewide program and key strategic priority of the judicial branch.

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Kelly Mitchell is Executive Director of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission. From 2007-2011, she was Manager of the Programs and Ancillary Services Unit in the State Court Administrator's Office, which provided oversight and direction for the statewide drug court initiative.

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Pam's involvement with drug courts is mainly coordinating the planning and implementation process as well as overseeing operational programs. She coordinates the Beltrami County DWI Court and provides technical assistance and district-level coordination to eight other drug/DWI courts in the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

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Since 2002, Sarah has been involved with the evaluation of drug courts initially in collaboration with the Office of Justice Programs and more recently through efforts led by State Court Administration. Sarah has also participated in the planning of a statewide MIS for drug courts. Her previous experience includes evaluation of the Hennepin County Drug Court (1999).

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