

State of Minnesota

District Court

Fifth Judicial District

**Administrative Order No. 16, 2nd Series
Problem Solving Courts**

Date of Implementation: December 2, 2009

In Re: Fifth Judicial District Problem Solving Courts

WHEREAS, Administrative Order #2 – 2nd series dated March 26, 2008 encourages the development of specialty courts in the Fifth Judicial District and that assignment districts would determine whether joint programs and/or specialty courts would be feasible;

WHEREAS, The Fifth Judicial District is making increasing use of innovative “problem solving courts,” within its assignment districts, and

WHEREAS, the need exists for coordination, communication and collaboration between the Fifth Judicial District’s various existing problem solving courts and/or potential problem solving courts to best utilize the existing and future resources available and to provide technical support;

WHEREAS, the need exists for policy recommendations to be made to the Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial District by and on behalf of the judges presiding over the various problem solving courts within the Fifth Judicial District;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

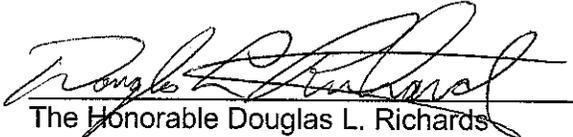
A. That a new committee shall be formed, and comprised of each judge who is currently assigned to preside over a problem solving court within the Fifth Judicial District, problem solving courts coordinators and district staff. The committee is to be chaired by a problem solving courts judge.

B. The committee shall be identified as the Fifth District Problem Solving Court Committee. It shall meet as needed. The committee’s responsibilities shall include:

1. Facilitate the coordination, communication and collaboration between the various existing problem solving courts and potential problem solving courts to best utilize the existing and future resources available and to provide technical support to existing problem solving courts and to persons interested in creating new problem solving courts within the district.
2. Recommend policy decisions and considerations to the Chief Judge of the District regarding problem solving courts.
3. Determine and recommend training needs for professionals involved with problem solving courts.
4. Research and investigate ongoing funding alternatives for current and future problem solving courts in the district.
5. Make recommendations regarding the distribution of state drug court funds allocated to the district.
6. Review and approve new or expansion plans for problem solving courts in the district.
7. Receive advice from local problem solving courts teams regarding gaps and/or barriers at the local level that need state level assistance or policy development.

8. Oversee compliance with the Minnesota Drug Court standards and support the incorporation of evidence based practices into problem solving courts operations.
9. Review and/or approve district drug court grant applications.
10. Investigate the development of a district drug court association or foundation.

Date: Dec. 8th, 2009



The Honorable Douglas L. Richards
Chief Judge
Fifth Judicial District