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DWI-Documentary Is Double EMMY Winner!

“Enduring Regret” Brings Drunk Driver’s Horror Story to TV; Segment on DWI Courts included in Documentary

The Georgia Governor’s Office of Highway Safety was awarded two EMMY’s Saturday, June 27, 2009, for Best Documentary coverage of a Georgia story featuring inmate “Chris Sandy’s story” and highlighting effective interventions with Georgia’s DWI Courts.

The DWI-documentary film entitled, “*Enduring Regret*”, won EMMY Awards for Best Documentary for a television presentation with dramatic impact and Best Director from the [Southeast Chapter](#)

[of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.](#)

“We produced this compelling Prime Time Special to remind Georgia drivers of all ages about the devastating consequences of one of the deadliest high-risk teen behaviors. Drinking and driving,” says GOHS Director Bob Dallas. “Enduring Regret” premiered in September 2008.

Chris Sandy’s story vividly describes how a young



man’s drunk driving days lead him down the road to cause a DWI-crash death of an elderly Georgia couple.

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New Website Unveiled for NADCP!!

“I wonder where I can get a past edition of the [DWI Court Reporter](#)?” “Where can I get a copy of the 2010 DWI Court Training Application?” “Is there a website that I can get more [information about DWI Courts](#)?” The answer to all of these questions, and more,



The new NADCP website—a page on the NCDC section.

can now be found on the web. NADCP has done a major revision to its website – www.allrise.org and it now includes among other things, a section specifically for the [National Center for DWI Courts](#) and DWI Courts in general.

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Judge Michael Kavanaugh Honored at NADCP Conference

The [NADCP 15th Annual Training Conference](#) in June provided the chance to learn more about DWI Courts, as well as recognize leaders in the DWI Court field. This year, the National Center for DWI Courts recognized Judge Michael Kavanaugh with the **DWI Court Leadership Award**. This award is given to those persons that demonstrate significant personal leadership and exemplary performance in the advancement of DWI Courts either in a local or regional jurisdiction or beyond at the state and national level. Judge Kavanaugh, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, personified that expectation.

As noted by NADCP CEO West Huddleston during the award presentation: “A courageous man that took the Drug Court model that seemed to be so effective with drug offenders in his community, and applied it to a problem he saw was robbing innocent victims on the highways of his town, county, and state.” Mr. Huddleston declared at the end of his remarks, Judge Michael Kavanaugh is “the grandfather of DWI Courts and my hero.”

Judge Kavanaugh had one of the first DWI Courts in the nation, and was the first chairperson of the then newly established DWI Court Committee, and



Judge Kavanaugh as he receives the DWI Court Leadership Award

has been a strong proponent of DWI Courts speaking at conferences and meetings across the country.

National Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. Crackdown

Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest. (August 21 through September 7, 2009) is an annual nationwide enforcement effort to crack down on impaired driving and reduce roadway fatalities. The program organized by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\)](#) focuses on combining high-visibility enforcement with heightened public awareness through advertising and publicity. The law enforcement effort is supported by \$31 million in national and state advertisements funded directly or indirectly through Congress. The national ads, produced by NHTSA in English and Spanish, are targeted at young male drivers and motorcycle

riders, who are the most common perpetrators of this deadly crime.

In the last decade, the alcohol-impaired fatality numbers have been essentially stagnant. In 2007 alone, the latest year for which there is data, nearly 13,000 people died in crashes in which a driver or motorcycle rider was legally drunk (BAC of .08 g/dL or higher).

A promotional planner has been developed which provides marketing materials, earned media tools, and marketing ideas to distribute and to fit the local needs and objectives while at the same time partnering with other states, communities, and organizations all across the country on this program. DWI Courts should consider obtaining the material, add information on the local court, and distribute it to the local media.

For the promotion planner or more information, go to:

www.stopimpaireddriving.org.

Have you tried to increase public awareness of your DWI Court in the community? Here is something to consider:

Each year, NHTSA has the “Over the Limit. Under Arrest.” mobilization to reduce impaired driving. And each year, State Highway Safety Offices (SHSO) working with NHTSA are doing publicity for that “crackdown.”

To get the media interested each year, these offices look for a new “hook” for the story, while keeping a similar message on stopping impaired driving.

Consider working with your SHSO to let them know about your DWI Court. The Michigan SHSO used DWI Courts last year as their “hook” to bring in the media and at the same time raise the awareness of local DWI Courts and what they had achieved.



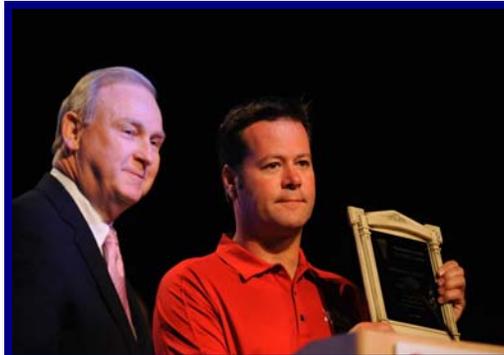
BEAM Global Spirits & Wine, Inc., and Robby Gordon Receive NADCP Ambassador Awards

At the 15th Annual National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) Training Conference held in Anaheim, California, [Beam Global Spirits & Wine, Inc.](#), and [Robby Gordon](#), NASCAR® driver and team owner of the No. 7 Jim Beam® Toyota® car were awarded the NADCP Ambassador Award. Beam Global and Robby Gordon have partnered with NCDC since 2007 to bring national attention to the effectiveness of DWI Courts in addressing hardcore drunk driving.

The NADCP Ambassador Award is given to public figures who have used their celebrity or public position to raise awareness about Drug Courts or DWI Courts. Martin Sheen also received a 2009 NADCP Ambassador Award.

“Beam Global and Robby Gordon have been invaluable partners in the fight against hardcore drunk driving,” said David Wallace, director of the National Center for DWI Courts.

“Since we began this partnership, more than 130 new DWI Courts have been established in the United States, a result of Beam Global’s support and efforts to raise awareness of DWI Courts.”



Judge Kent Lawrence and NASCAR Driver and Team Owner, Robby Gordon as Robby Gordon receives the NADCP Ambassador Award.

“We are honored by the recognition given to us by the National Center for DWI Courts and the National Association of Drug Court

Professionals,” stated Bill Newlands, president of Beam Global U.S. “As the founding partner of NCDC, Beam Global has worked to educate the public about these life-saving courts. We have challenged states to establish 365 more DWI Courts in five years and will work with NCDC to help achieve that goal.”

Hardcore drunk drivers have a blood alcohol concentration of .15 or more and/or are repeat offenders. These drunk drivers are responsible for 57 percent of alcohol-related traffic fatalities and are 20 times more likely to be involved in a crash. The innovative DWI Court system goes beyond traditional discipline and provides long-term, ongoing accountability and rehabilitation, in addition to a conviction for hardcore drunk drivers. These courts have become the model for getting the most dangerous drunk drivers off the roads. As DWI Courts are launched throughout the country, NCDC provides training and research to the personnel needed to operate them.

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The new NADCP website is designed for the Drug Court practitioner, as well as the casual web-surfer to provide the answers and material that are needed by each of these individuals. Someone that goes to the website can now:

- Learn all about the [All Rise](#) philosophy and the effort to put a drug court within reach of every American in need;

- See the [new PSAs](#) with the **All Rise** message;
- [Learn what Drug Courts](#) are;
- Find out the latest news and events for Drug Courts;
- [Locate a Drug or DWI Court](#) anywhere in the nation;
- Obtain material to share with congress or [share your own Drug Court story](#);

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In April of 2000, while speeding from one party to the next, the impact of his DWI crash ripped his victims' vehicle in half, pinning an elderly couple inside. His destructive decision behind the wheel killed innocent grandparents and put Chris Sandy behind bars at the age of twenty-two. He was sentenced to thirteen years in prison followed by another seventeen years of probation.



Chris Sandy speaking to some students

Over the past four years inmate Chris Sandy has delivered his personal anti-impaired driving message while dressed out in shackles and prison stripes to over a hundred-thousand Georgia high school students. Chris Sandy is currently serving his 13 year prison sentence.

The DVD documentary also includes a segment on effective interventions for high risk repeat drunk drivers who are participants in Georgia's DWI Court accountability programs. Program participants are held accountable through: (1) enhanced supervision; (2) extended counseling and treatment; (3) frequent and

random alcohol and other drug testing; and (4) continued monitoring by a judge on a bi-weekly basis. Participants receive a sanction for all non-compliant acts; and incentives, benefits and rewards for complaint behavior. The Athens-Clarke County DWI/Drug Court is one of **four national DWI Academy Court programs** providing training and technical assistance to other courts implementing DWI court programs across the county.

The EMMY-Award-Winning documentary is available at no cost from the GOHS "Safety Store" and delivered free of charge. To order this compelling impaired driving tool, viewers and readers only have to visit the GOHS website at www.gahighwaysafety.org.

DWI Court Evaluations Need to be Done Properly and Thoroughly

In June of 2009, the latest NDCI Drug Court Review (Volume VI, Issue 2) was distributed. In it, there are two articles of interest for DWI Court practitioners. First, an article by Dr. Doug Marlowe and others discusses the importance of a proper and thorough evaluation for DWI Courts.

The abstract provides the following description of the article: A systematic literature review was conducted of published and unpublished DWI Court program evaluations released through April 30, 2007, with an Addendum for a **subsequent evaluation released in October, 2007**. Each evaluation report was scored for methodological rigor by at least two trained, independent raters according to established scientific

criteria. One evaluation exceeded 80% of recommended criteria (deemed methodologically "good") and an additional four evaluations exceeded 65% of recommended criteria (deemed "marginally acceptable"). Many of the evaluations had serious methodological shortcomings, including reporting outcomes only for graduates, failing to account for participant dropout, employing inadequate statistical techniques, and evaluating potentially immature programs. Although the results hint at emerging evidence potentially favoring the effects of DWI Courts, it is not possible to reach scientifically defensible conclusions about the effects of DWI Courts due to the inadequate state of the evaluation literature. It is hoped the methodological criteria outlined in this review article will influence future DWI

Court program evaluations and assist practitioners and policymakers to become competent and effective consumers of evaluation findings.

The second article of interest discusses the results of a preliminary study on how the transdermal alcohol-detection bracelet device, the **Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitor (SCRAM)** might affect recidivism.

To get a copy of the recent Drug Court Review, go to the NDCI section of the NADCP website under Publications at: www.ndci.org or **click here**.



NABCA Comes Out in Support of DWI Courts

[The National Alcohol Beverage Control Association \(NABCA\)](#) is the latest national organization to officially support DWI Courts. The 72 year old organization represents the interests of alcohol beverage control agencies for states across the nation – those in jurisdictions that directly control the distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages within their borders. NABCA ensures that economic incentives for maximum sales remain eliminated and supports policies of moderate



consumption. **In supporting DWI Courts, the NABCA joins a growing list of national leaders in recognizing the public health and economic crisis that impaired driving represents, and the tremendous impact DWI Courts are having in eliminating impaired driving and its tragic consequences.**

"[The National Center for DWI Courts \(NCDC\)](#) is thrilled to have the support of the NABCA," said NCDC Director David Wallace. "DWI Courts are fast becoming our nation's most effective strategy for dealing with impaired driving. It is the responsibility of the courts to ensure that those drivers are held accountable for their actions, treated for their addiction and are never arrested for impaired driving again. **The NABCA has played a vital role in ensuring that states employ sensible alcohol policies, and their support sends a strong message that DWI Courts should be part of those policies. This is a perfect partnership."**

There are currently 526 DWI Courts designed specifically to address hardcore drivers and their addiction. The rapid expansion of these courts across the country and their proven effectiveness is changing the mindset of criminal justice

professionals and affecting how DWI offenders are handled. Most importantly they mean fewer hardcore impaired drivers on the road. **"The NABCA is proud to support DWI Courts because we are committed to eliminating hardcore impaired driving," said President and CEO James Sgueo. "Research has found the strategy**

of DWI Courts, patterned after successful Drug Court models, is successful in changing the behavior of hardcore drivers. As DWI Courts continue to spread across the country we can say confidently that they are having a tremendous impact on making our roads safer."

Hardcore drunk drivers are drivers with a blood alcohol concentration of .15 and above and/or are repeat offenders. Throughout the country there are 2 million people with three or more DWI convictions and a staggering 400,000 with five or more. DWI Courts system go beyond

traditional discipline and deal with hardcore drunk driving offenders by providing long-term, ongoing accountability and rehabilitation, in addition to a conviction. **According to a [2007 study by the Michigan Supreme Court](#), DWI court participants are nineteen times less likely to be re-arrested for a DWI charge than those who have been through traditional sentencing. The study also found that DWI Courts saved**

the criminal justice system time and money by getting the impaired driver into the program quicker and using sanctions, such as jail, more strategically.

DWI Courts have become the model for getting the most dangerous drunk drivers off the roads. As DWI Courts are launched throughout the country, **[NCDC provides training](#) and research to the personnel needed to operate them.**

"We know that conviction, unaccompanied by accountability and treatment, especially in the case of hardcore drivers, is an ineffectual deterrent for the repeat offender," added David Wallace. "We cannot keep asking our nation's law enforcement to continue expending valuable resources arresting the same individuals over and over again. The National Center for DWI Courts is dedicated to expanding DWI Courts to serve every hardcore driver on the road today.

In supporting DWI Courts, the NABCA joins a growing list of national leaders in recognizing the public health and economic crisis that impaired driving represents, and the tremendous impact DWI Courts are having in eliminating impaired driving and its tragic consequences.

The endorsement of the NABCA is critical in building a coalition of national organizations committed to this end."

Click here to learn more about DWI Courts: **www.duicourts.org**

To visit the online home of NABCA, click here: **www.nabca.org**



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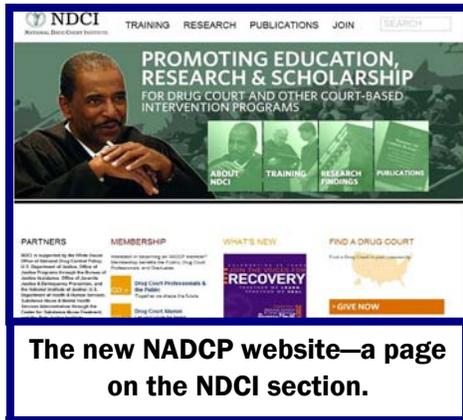
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- Obtain information on [training programs](#) held by NDCI and NCDC;
- Understand what DWI Courts are and how they differ from Drug Courts;
- Get publications from NADCP, including past editions of [The DWI Court Reporter](#) newsletter;
- See who has endorsed DWI Courts;
- Learn about the [DWI Court Task Force](#).

The list can go on and on. To really see what it is all about, go to:

www.Allrise.org.

That will take you to the All Rise page and from there you can explore the NADCP site, the NDCI site, and the NCDC site. Happy exploring!



Applications Being Taken for DWI Court Training in 2010

The National Center for DWI Courts (NCDC) and the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration \(NHTSA\)](#) are taking applications for next year's DWI Court training programs. The deadline for applications is **September 15, 2009**, unless the court is going through the State's Highway Safety Office (SHSO) for travel costs, then the deadline is **August 28, 2009** to the SHSO.

This solicitation has been sent to State Drug Court points of contact and the Drug Court Coordinators in each State, and it is on the NCDC website. The application is specific as to the types of training program offered. Please note the following:

- Courts that are currently Drug Courts can apply – they will only need the one day training as opposed to the 3 ½ day training for new DWI Courts that are not already Drug Courts.

• The application procedure is similar to last year's application. When a jurisdiction is applying for the training, they should coordinate with their State Highway Safety Office (SHSO) by applying for the training through them. The SHSO may support the team with the costs for travel to the training location.

• The closing date for the Application is **August 28, 2009** to the local State Highway Safety Office.

• Each SHSO will determine which teams will be provided with funding to attend the training and then forward this information to NHTSA, Enforcement and Justice Services Division, by facsimile or email by **September 15, 2009**.

• The Application requests that the judge of the team provide a Letter of Commitment. The SHSO should provide this information in the Application.

The SHSO should also provide the person and address to where the Applications should be sent.

NCDC will be working with NHTSA to coordinate the logistics for the training sessions. NCDC is providing all of the training material and faculty for the program. The Teams that are selected for the training will be notified in the Fall of 2009, in order to make plans on their court calendars and travel arrangements. The training sessions are slated to begin in March 2010 and conclude in October 2010.

If you have any questions about the [DWI Court training](#), or want an application, please contact Brian Chodrow at the NHTSA, Enforcement and Justice Services Division at (202) 366-9765 or Cliff Jacobs at NCDC – (703) 575-9400 ext. 34, or email him at cjacobs@nadcp.org, or go to the NCDC website at: www.dwicourts.org.