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Judge Larry Long and Attorney General Marty Jackley receive the Justice Management Institute Award for Excellence

(Sioux Falls, SD) – Judge Larry Long, Presiding Judge of the 2nd Judicial Circuit, South Dakota and South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley have been selected by the Justice Management Institute (JMI) as the recipients of its Award for Excellence in Justice System Innovation and Improvement to recognize their leadership and achievements in enhancing and improving the administration of justice.

The JMI award recognizes Judge Long and Attorney General Jackley for their implementation and continued support of South Dakota's 24/7 Sobriety Program. This innovative sobriety program has reduced the likelihood for alcohol re-offenses by implementing drug and/or alcohol testing for first-time DUI offenders with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.17 or greater and any repeat DUI offenders. Two studies of the program have been done and have shown favorable results in reducing problem drinking and improving public health outcomes. The 24/7 Sobriety Program exists in 60 of South Dakota's 66 counties and due to the success of the program, it has been replicated statewide in North Dakota and Montana and is at different stages of implementation in 11 more states.

The JMI award was presented to Judge Long and Attorney General Jackley at the 32nd Annual South Dakota Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner & Children's Charities on November 13, 2013. JMI's President Elaine Nugent-Borakove noted, "Judge Long's and Attorney General Jackley's work on the 24/7 Sobriety Program is a critical step forward in finding effective justice system responses to DUI offenses that will have an impact far beyond the State of South Dakota. As President of JMI, I am thrilled to be able to recognize both Judge Long's and Attorney General Jackley's important contribution to the overall administration of justice with this year's award."

When presented with the JMI award, Judge Long remarked, "I am honored to receive the JMI award and believe that the 24/7 Sobriety Program increases public safety in South Dakota, daily, by holding offenders accountable and ensuring compliance."

Attorney General Jackley commented, “The 24/7 Sobriety Program is truly making a difference in our communities through the efforts of local sheriff’s offices and our program coordinator Art Mabry. An offender pay program that addresses addiction and reduces the likelihood of further criminal activity deserves this recognition.”

During its 20 year history, JMI has conducted more than 300 projects designed to improve the administration of justice, nationally and internationally. JMI is guided by three principles—Think, Inspire, Change—that represent a holistic approach to change management and overall justice system improvement. JMI *thinks* about emerging and pressing issues by conducting original research and evaluation designed to both understand the nature of the problems facing justice systems and practitioners and to test the effectiveness of various approaches to responding to these issues. JMI *inspires* justice practitioners and policymakers through our education and training programs. Finally, JMI helps bring *change* to the administration of justice by providing on-site specialized services to help local justice systems and individual stakeholders within the systems design and implement different approaches to improve their overall effectiveness.

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