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### TENTH CIRCUIT IS AWARDS RECIPIENT

The Prudential-Davis Productivity Awards Program has named the Tenth Judicial Circuit as an awards recipient in two categories. The Polk County DUI Court received the Notable Team Award and will be honored at a lunch in Tampa in June and will receive a \$500.00 cash award. The Polk County DUI Court was recognized for its enhancement of public safety and was the first DUI Drug Court selected by the National Drug Court Institute to begin in Florida. It was started in December, 2006 by Circuit Judge Randall G. McDonald, who was the Drug Court and DUI Court judge at the time. The DUI Court is an intensive out-patient program serving multiple time offenders and has an 86% success rate. It also has resulted in a significant savings to the taxpayers of Polk County. Drug Court Director Jim Hornsby said, "This program's success is a result of a partnership between community leaders and the courts to provide relief to the jail population and an intensive treatment program for multiple DUI offender."

The Tenth Circuit also received a Certificate of Commendation in the 2009 Awards Program as a result of improving communication with local bar associations. Through the leadership of Polk County Judge Anne Kaylor and her Judicial Assistant, Gail Sanders, an electronic listserv has been set up for the circuit that enables instant messaging to be distributed to the bar members in the circuit that have registered their email addresses with court administration. Announcements, meeting notices, administrative orders and other pertinent documents are disseminated to the bar as soon as they are promulgated. This has resulted in a cost avoidance for the State of Florida and more efficiency for the circuit and the bar.

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