

*******Press Release*******

**U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia
Announces the Implementation of the Western District's Drug
Treatment Court Program**

Roanoke, Virginia, November 13, 2018. The United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia announced today that it will commence a Drug Treatment Court Program. A meeting concerning the program will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 15, 2018, in the first floor courtroom of the Poff Federal Building, 210 Franklin Rd., SW, Roanoke, VA. At that time, representatives of the United States District Court, United States Probation Office, United States Attorney's Office, and the Federal Public Defender's Office will sign the Memorandum of Understanding implementing the program, provide an overview of the program, and answer questions. Members of the press and public are invited to attend.

The Drug Treatment Court Program for the Western District of Virginia is a cooperative effort between the U.S. District Court, U.S. Probation Office, Federal Public Defender's Office, and U.S. Attorney's Office to break the cycle of substance abuse in Western Virginia and provide rehabilitative services to individuals with substance abuse problems who are involved in the federal criminal justice system. It is founded on the premise that many substance abusers are repeatedly arrested for behavior related to their drug or alcohol addictions, and that, but for those addictions, they may be able to live law-abiding, productive lives. The goals of the program are to promote community safety, reduce recidivism, and assist with offender rehabilitation by implementing a blend of treatment and sanction alternatives.

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