

*The Newport News
Drug Treatment Court Program
Fifteenth Graduation*



*Friday, November 13, 2015
1:00 PM*

*Newport News
City Council Chambers – City Hall
2400 Washington Avenue
Newport News, Virginia*

*“Changing Lives and Improving our
Community”*

GRADUATES

Alexandra H.

Anitra D.

Charles J.

Jason P.

Jessie A.

Kenneth T.

Kevin G.

Loan H.

Drug Treatment Court Team Members

Judges of the Seventh Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Timothy S. Fisher
(Presiding Drug Court Judge)

The Honorable David F. Pugh

The Honorable Bryant L. Sugg

The Honorable Charles P. Tench, Chief Judge

Kim Kurkjian
Deputy Commonwealth Attorney

Edward Webb
Public Defender



JUDGE MARGARET POLES SPENCER

retired from the Virginia judiciary in 2014, after serving over 20 years. She was the first female Circuit Court Judge in central Virginia. She served as presiding Judge of the Richmond Adult Drug Court and the Multi-Jurisdiction Grand Jury, and as Chief Judge of the Richmond Circuit Court.

Currently, she presides as a retired recall Judge in Circuit Courts throughout the state. She also currently serves as a Judicial Performance Evaluation Facilitator, a faculty member at the National Judicial College (where she teaches Advanced Evidence to Judges from all states), and a faculty member for the Virginia judiciary (teaching the Sentencing and Capital Litigation courses to Virginia Judges). She is also a consultant with the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the U.S. Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Administration. She was an Associate Professor at Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary, a Virginia Assistant Attorney General, and an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia.

A graduate of Howard University, she received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. She is an elected member of several organizations, including the American Law Institute [Fellow] and the Virginia Bar Foundation [Fellow], and a Board Member of the National Justice Management Institute. Her prior state gubernatorial and legislative appointments include service on the Virginia Board of Corrections, the Virginia Legislative Commission on Sentencing and Parole Reform, and the Virginia Criminal Justice Services Board.

She has received several awards, including the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities 2015 Distinguished Virginian Award, YWCA's Outstanding Woman (in Law) Award, the Oliver W. Hill Award (from Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Alpha Beta Boule), the John Jasper Award for Public Service, a Virginia Lawyer's Weekly Influential Women Award, a 2015 Richmond Times Dispatch People of the Year nomination award, and the College of William and Mary's Drum Major for Justice Award. Judge Spencer also published law review articles in the Connecticut and Villanova Law Reviews.

Schedule of Events

Opening of Court

Invocation

Pastor James T. Elam, Jr.
Dunamis Christian Center

Welcome and Introductions

Overview of the Drug Court Program
The Honorable Timothy S. Fisher

Graduation Requirements

Ms. Kim Kurkjian

Introduction of Speaker

Mr. Edward Webb

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Margaret Spencer

Graduate Speaker

Jason P.

Family Speaker

Ron H.

Presentation of Certificates

The Honorable Timothy S. Fisher
Mr. Reginald Baines and Mr. Edward Webb

Special recognitions

Ms. Sherry Glasgow and Ms. Gloria Eley-Epps

Concluding Remarks

The Honorable Timothy S. Fisher

Benediction

Pastor James T. Elam, Jr.
Dunamis Christian Center

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY

Newport News
Drug Treatment Court Staff

Sherry Glasgow	Program Administrator
Gloria Eley-Epps	Clinical Supervisor
Tashima Harris	Therapist
Alfred Bridges	Therapist
Mary Fowler	Administrative Assistant
Reginald Baines	Probation Officer

Newport News
Drug Treatment Court
Advisory Committee

Alan Archer	Erma Torrance
Andy Warriner	Libby Green
Chamie Riley	Edward Webb
Natale Ward	David Ambrose
Gabriel Morgan	Timothy Fisher
Howard Gwynn	Valla Olliver, II
Sherry Glasgow	Dwight Stallings
Keith Langford	Cherrye Bell-Dorsey

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