

## **News Release**

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## **Charleston County Adult Drug Court Graduation Ceremony**

Judge Irv Condon and Judge Tamara Curry are honored to have Anita Zucker, Chair and CEO of The InterTech Group, Inc., deliver the Ninth Judicial Circuit Adult Drug Court commencement address on Wednesday, April 4, at 4:00 p.m., in courtroom 4B, at the Charleston County Judicial Center located at 100 Broad Street, Charleston, South Carolina.

Drug Courts, nationwide, have proven to be an innovative alternative for individuals caught up in the cycle of re-arrests due to an addiction to drugs and alcohol. The Ninth Judicial Circuit (Charleston and Berkeley Counties) Adult Drug Court, which started in 1998, provides a cost-effective alternative to traditional prosecution and incarceration of nonviolent offenders with substance abuse problems. The program is designed to promote self-sufficiency and personal responsibility through accountability. Participants plea to an average prison term of five years before entering the program which takes at least a fifteen months to complete. To graduate from the program, participants must have a job and/or studying to complete their education, pay restitution, attend weekly counseling sessions, meet treatment goals, be subject to random daily drug testing, pay thirty dollars weekly toward the cost of the program, have a sponsor, and attend self-help meetings. Incentives and sanctions are used to mold behavior.

For more information or if you have any questions please contact Debbie Walker, Drug Court Coordinator, at (843) 958-5189 or dwalker@charlestoncounty.org.

For more information on the Adult Drug Court: https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/probate/drug-court.php

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