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## **Greene County 31st Circuit Court Receives O'Toole Award**

31<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit Presiding Judge Michael Cordonnier is pleased to announce that Greene County Circuit Court has achieved the Daniel O'Toole Award for fiscal year 2018.

This award, which is named after the presiding judge who served St. Louis County until his death in 1998, is designed to recognize the success of circuits achieving specific processing time standards. The Supreme Court established the award and named it in honor of the late judge's service as the first chair of the time standards monitoring committee.

This is the first time the court has achieved the Daniel O'Toole Award and was one of 12 of the 46 state circuits to receive the honor. The award is a result of the teamwork between the circuit court prosecuting attorney, public defender, attorneys, circuit clerk's office, law enforcement, probation and parole, and our justice partners.

"As one of the busiest Circuit Courts in the state, we are pleased the Supreme Court has recognized the case management efficiency accomplished by the court and the team participants," said Judge Cordonnier.

Case processing time standards became effective in 1997 with Court Operating Rule 17. These serve as guidelines for the time frame various kinds of cases should take from case filing to case disposition. The case types that are measured include: circuit civil, associate civil and small claims, domestic relations, probate, circuit felony and other criminal (including associate felony, associate and circuit misdemeanor, municipal certification-trial de novo, conservation, watercraft and traffic).

To be considered for the O'Toole award a circuit must meet clearance rate standards. The court was pleased to achieve clearance rates of 90% and higher in all case categories.

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