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**BARR GRADUATES FROM 2016 MISSOURI COURT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE**

Springfield Mo. – Thomas R. Barr, Greene County Circuit Clerk, is one of 24 participants who graduated from the Missouri Court Management Institute in December 2016. The ceremony was held at the Supreme Court of Missouri in Jefferson City. Barr’s completion of the institute qualifies him for recognition as a Certified Court Manager by the National Center for State Courts.

The Missouri Court Management Institute is an initiative created by the Coordinating Commission for Judicial Education of the Supreme Court of Missouri and its state courts administrator's office to enhance the professionalism and expertise of the people who work for the Missouri courts.

The six-part court management program was created by the National Center for State Courts. Courses include Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts, Managing Judicial Financial Resources, Case Flow Management, Managing Human Resources, Measuring Court Performance, and Managing Technology Projects.

Participation in the institute was an opportunity provided to only the best of the Missouri judiciary. Applicants were evaluated based on their experience and an extensive essay.

“The selection process was beyond rigorous,” said Dr. Anthony Simones, manager of judicial education and programming with the state courts administrator's office. “We received so many applications for participation in this institute, and the process was incredibly competitive. That Tom was chosen for and completed this program speak volumes about his talent, commitment and promise as a leader in the judiciary of this state.”

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