

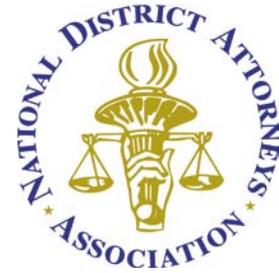
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## **Criminal Justice and Highway Safety Coalition Applauds NHTSA Nomination**

**December 7, 2009, (Washington, D.C.)** - A coalition comprised of the nation's top judges, prosecutors, community corrections officials and traffic safety advocates are applauding President Obama's nomination of David L. Strickland to be the new Administrator for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The nomination was announced today by the White House.

According to Stephen K. Talpins, coalition spokesperson and chief executive officer of the [National Partnership for Alcohol Misuse and Crime \(NPAMC\)](#), Strickland is known for his long history as a leader on highway safety issues, and he's written many of the nation's most important laws on drunk driving and underage drinking. "David has a tremendous

understanding of the importance of combining law enforcement, technologies, treatment and behavioral strategies in order to tackle these critical issues,” says Talpins. “We believe this nomination sends a clear message about the Obama Administration’s commitment to reducing death and injury on our nation’s roadways.”

Strickland has served on the staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation for eight years. As Senior Counsel of the Consumer Protection Subcommittee, Strickland is currently the lead staff person for NHTSA oversight. He is a recognized expert in vehicle fuel economy, vehicle safety and driver behavior factors.

The coalition is comprised of seven influential organizations that focus either exclusively or in part on drunk driving. The coalition includes the Century Council, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators (NAPC) and NPAMC.

“We have enjoyed the opportunity to work with David in the reauthorization of multiple highway bills,” says Talpins. “As a coalition committed to the many issues related to impaired driving, we look forward to his Senate confirmation and the opportunity to continue our work together to save lives.”

### **About the National Association of Drug Court Professionals**

The National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP), a not-for-profit organization located in the Nation’s Capitol, was founded in 1994 by a group of judicial visionaries to reverse the growing impact of drug-related crime. They created a court model using a combination of accountability and treatment to compel and support drug-using offenders to change their lives. From that vision came the Drug Court movement and NADCP. In 1997, NADCP and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) then partnered to create the National Drug Court Institute (NDCI), the professional services branch of NADCP.

Today, NADCP is the premier national membership, training and advocacy organization for Drug Courts, representing over 22,000 multi-disciplinary Drug Court professionals. NADCP hosts the largest annual training conference on drugs and crime in the nation and provides 130 Drug Court training and technical assistance events benefiting tens of thousands of drug court professionals each year. NADCP/NDCI continues to write, publish and disseminate scholastic and practical publications that are critical to the ongoing growth and fidelity of the Drug Court model and works tirelessly on Capitol Hill and in state legislatures to transform the American justice system through policy, legislation and appropriations.

### **About The Century Council**

The Century Council is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to fighting drunk driving and underage drinking and is funded by distillers including Bacardi U.S.A., Inc.; Beam Global Spirits & Wine, Inc.; Brown-Forman; Constellation Brands, Inc.; DIAGEO; Hood River Distillers, Inc. and Sidney Frank Importing Co. Inc. Headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, and chaired by Susan Molinari, The Century Council is a leader in the fight to eliminate drunk driving and underage drinking and promotes responsible decision-making regarding beverage alcohol. The Century Council develops and implements innovative programs and public awareness campaigns and promotes action through strategic partnerships. Established in 1991, The Century Council's initiatives are highlighted on its website at [www.centurycouncil.org](http://www.centurycouncil.org).

### **About the American Probation and Parole Association**

The American Probation and Parole Association is an international association composed primarily of individuals from the United States and Canada actively involved with probation, parole and community-based corrections, in both adult and juvenile sectors. All levels of government including local, state/provincial, legislative, executive, judicial and federal agencies are counted among its constituents. By taking the initiative, APPA has grown to represent approximately 35,000 probation and parole practitioners including line staff, supervisors and administrators. Educators, volunteers and concerned citizens with an interest in criminal and juvenile justice are also among APPA's members. The association represents a strong, unified voice for the field of community corrections whose mission is to serve, challenge and empower its members and constituents by educating, communicating and training; advocating and influencing; acting as a resource and conduit for information, ideas and support; developing standards and models; and collaborating with other disciplines.

### **About the National District Attorneys Association**

The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) is the largest and primary professional association of prosecuting attorneys in the United States. The association presently has approximately 7, 000 members, including most of the nation's local prosecutors as well as assistant prosecutors, investigators, victim witness advocates and paralegals. NDAA's members come from the offices of District Attorneys, State's Attorneys, Attorneys General and county and city prosecutors with responsibility for prosecuting criminal violations in every State and territory in the United States. In carrying out its mission, "To be the voice of America's prosecutors and to support their efforts to protect the rights and safety of the people," NDAA provides professional guidance and support to its members, serves as a resource and education center, and follows public policy issues involving criminal justice and law enforcement.

### **About National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators**

Prosecutor Coordinators are the professional individuals in each state who serve the state prosecutors by assisting them in the administration of their offices, providing training and monitoring and developing legislation. Most NACP members are former state prosecutors experienced in training prosecutors. The National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators (NAPC) consists of 50 member states and meets at a minimum of twice a year to share and exchange ideas, information and trends that impact state prosecutors. The association is based in Alexandria, Virginia.

### **About the National Partnership on Alcohol Misuse and Crime**

The [National Partnership on Alcohol Misuse and Crime](http://www.alcoholandcrime.org) is a public-private partnership established to bring together stakeholders in the issue of alcohol misuse and crime in order to effectively change the way the U.S. justice system manages and rehabilitates offenders who misuse alcohol. Established in April 2008, NPAMC is comprised of 50 Participating Organizations and their representatives, including scientists and researchers, justice professionals, victims groups, treatment professionals, the corrections industry, pharmaceutical and technology companies, policy experts and distilleries. Based in Washington, D.C., NPAMC operates with two voluntary staff members and is funded by both private donations and sponsorships from its Participating Organizations. For more information, please visit the NPAMC website at [www.alcoholandcrime.org](http://www.alcoholandcrime.org).

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