

Media Advisory

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Senior New York Justice to Present Public Event for Kansas Problem Gambling Awareness Week

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) is partnering with the Kansas Coalition for Problem Gambling (KCPG) to present an event in conjunction with National Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

Judge Mark G. Farrell, senior justice in the Amherst, New York, Criminal and Civil Court, will present his program on “Therapeutic Justice and Problem Gambling” at a Kansas Bar Association luncheon Thursday. Judge Farrell is the founder of the nation’s first and only Gambling Treatment Court and also services as an adjunct professor of law at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law.

The program will cover, in depth, the historical background, planning components implementation, operation and experiential results of the Gambling Treatment Court.

Event: “Therapeutic Justice and Problem Gambling”

WHO: Judge Mark G. Farrell, Amherst, NY, Criminal and Civil Court

- Senior justice Criminal and Civil Court, Amherst, NY
- Adjunct professor of law, State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law
- Research associate professor, School of Social Work, State University of New York at Buffalo
- Founder of first suburban drug court in 1996
- Founder of first domestic violence court in Erie County in 1997
- Operates the nation’s only gambling treatment court established in 1991
- Graduate, State University of New York at Buffalo, National Drug Court Institute, National Judicial College

WHEN: Thursday, March 20, 2014, 11:30 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.

WHERE: Kansas Law Center, 1200 SW Harrison Street, Topeka

This program is free of charge and lunch will be provided, but attendees must pre-register. For more information and to register to attend, please visit http://ksbar.org/event/therapeutic_justice_2014.

This program has been approved for 1.0 Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit hour in both Kansas and Missouri.

The event is open to the media. Please contact Cassandra Blackwell with any questions at (785) 234-5696.

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