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AOC Director Byers Receives Prestigious Warren E. Burger Award for Excellence in Court Administration

PHOENIX – David K. Byers, Director of the Administrative Office of the Arizona Supreme Court, recently received the prestigious Warren E. Burger Award for excellence in court administration, one of the highest awards presented by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC.org). Byers received the award last week at the annual meeting of the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators.

Upon the award's announcement, NCSC President Mary Campbell McQueen said, "Dave Byers serves as a national role model for court leaders everywhere. He has been on the forefront of helping courts remain innovative, effective, and accessible during the recent difficult financial downturn all state courts faced. Dave has been on the forefront in court advancements on issues from implementing e-filing to improving foster care to protecting fair and impartial courts."

"The Warren E. Burger award is a well-deserved recognition of Dave's career-long efforts to improve the administration of justice. His leadership has helped Arizona courts earn a national reputation for innovation, efficiency, and fairness," said Arizona Supreme Court Chief Justice Scott Bales.

As Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, Byers is responsible for overseeing and administering a court system that employs 10,000 people and operates in more than 200 locations. The Arizona courts process more than 2.2 million cases per year and supervise 42,000 adult felons on probation. The Supreme Court also oversees the State Bar of Arizona and the discipline process for the state's more than 20,000 attorneys and 500 judges.

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Cutline for attached photo: Nebraska Chief Justice Michael Heavican presents the Burger award to Dave Byers (left) at the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators.

About the National Center for State Courts

The NCSC, headquartered in Williamsburg, Va., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice by providing leadership and service to the state courts. Founded in 1971 by the Conference of Chief Justices and Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger, NCSC provides education, training, technology, management, and research services to the nation's state courts.