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### **The Board of Trustees Announce that The National Judicial College Has Selected a New President**

RENO, NV – The Board of Trustees of The National Judicial College (NJC) is pleased to announce that the Honorable Chad Schmucker of Michigan has been selected to be its 8th President. He will join the NJC in mid-November to begin working with staff and current President Hon. William F. Dressel to ensure a smooth transition. Judge Schmucker will officially start as the College’s president on January 1, 2014.

After 20 years as a Jackson County Circuit Court Judge, Judge Schmucker became the Michigan State Court Administrator in 2011. He graduated from the University of Michigan with an accounting degree and obtained his law degree from Wayne State University Law School. He entered into private law practice specializing in personal injury and insurance defense litigation. In 1991, he became a Circuit Court Judge in Michigan. During his 20 year tenure, he assisted in starting four problem solving courts in Jackson including felony drugs/alcohol, domestic violence, family dependency and mental health. As State Court Administrator, he oversaw management of the state’s 246 trial courts, implemented a Michigan version of trial court performance measures, and developed a plan for court governance to promote cooperation and efficiency among courts.

The NJC was founded in 1963 and is one of the nation’s leading providers of judicial education and justice improvement initiatives. It is housed in a state-of-the-art building on the historic 255-acre campus of the University of Nevada, Reno. This year, the College is celebrating 50 years of providing outstanding education to our nation’s judiciary.

“We are excited to bring in Judge Schmucker as NJC’s new President to head the organization at such an important time in the College’s history,” said Mark Tratos, Chair of the Board of Trustees and Transition Committee Chair. “As we commemorate 50 years of quality judicial education and collaborative efforts to advance access to justice for all, we are looking toward a bright future of providing innovative judicial education, justice improvement initiatives and programs to improve the competency and professional ability of the judiciary.”

The NJC is a Nevada not-for-profit 501(c)(3) educational entity affiliated with the American Bar Association, governed by an 18-member Board of Trustees. Please visit the NJC website at [www.judges.org](http://www.judges.org) for more information.

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