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NCSC Selects Judge Gayle A. Nachtigal for Warren E. Burger Society Induction Recognizes Commitment to National Nonprofit Court Reform Organization

Williamsburg, Va. (Nov. 16, 2009) — Judge Gayle A. Nachtigal of the Circuit Court of Washington County, Ore., will be inducted into the National Center for State Courts' Warren E. Burger Society during NCSC's Annual Recognition Luncheon on Friday, Nov. 20. The luncheon, which will be held at the Mandarin Oriental hotel in Washington, D.C., will be hosted by Utah's Chief Justice Christine M. Durham, chair of NCSC's Board of Directors.

The Warren E. Burger Society honors individuals who have volunteered their time, talent, and support to the National Center in exceptional ways. It is named for the former Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court who helped found the NCSC in 1971.

Judge Nachtigal was appointed to Washington County's Circuit Court bench in 1991, and served as the court's presiding judge from 1996-2002. She also was a pro temp judge in Washington County Circuit and District Court from 1989-91. Prior to her judicial service, Judge Nachtigal was an attorney in private practice for three years and with the Oregon Department of Justice for five years. She began her legal career as the sole deputy district attorney in the Juvenile Department of the Washington County District Attorney's Office in 1979.

Throughout her career, Judge Nachtigal has lent her time and expertise to a number of professional organizations, including the American Judges Association, which she served as president, first vice president, second vice president, and secretary, the American Judges Foundation, and the Oregon and Washington County Women Lawyer's associations. She also served on the National Center's Board of Directors from 1999-2005.

Judge Nachtigal received her juris doctor from Northwest School of Law at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore., and her bachelor's from Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

Burger Society inductees are selected by a committee chaired by Texas attorney Charles M. Noteboom, who commissioned a portrait of Chief Justice Burger that hangs in the National Center's headquarters in Williamsburg, Va. Each inductee receives a limited edition of that portrait, which is signed and numbered by the artist, Fran Di Giacomo.

There are 1,986 prints of the portrait, the first two of which are owned by the Chief Justice's children and the last of which was owned by the late U.S. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, who took his oath from the retiring Chief Justice Burger in 1986.

The National Center for State Courts, headquartered in Williamsburg, Va., is a nonprofit court reform 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.

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