



MARK A. SORSAIA
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

PUTNAM COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
Putnam County Judicial Building
3389 Winfield Road
Winfield, West Virginia 25213

Phone: (304) 586-0205
Fax: (304) 586-0269

PRESS RELEASE:

Date: August 23, 2007

Putnam County Prosecuting Attorney Mark A. Sorsaia, has been appointed by the President of the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), to serve on the Board of Regents of the National College of District Attorneys. The announcement of the appointment was made at a recent Board of Directors Meeting of the National District Attorneys Association. Mr. Sorsaia who is a member of the Board of Directors, was also awarded the National District Attorneys Associations, 2007 Presidential Award, in recognition of his past support and work for the National College of District Attorneys.

The National College of District Attorneys is often referred to as the America's School for Prosecutors. The College's headquarters is located at the University of South Carolina. The goal of the National College is to help prosecutors fulfill their responsibilities efficiently, effectively and ethically. The College accomplishes this goal through the national, state, local courses it offers or coordinates. The College conducts approximately 20-25 national courses a year; these are courses offered at various locations around the United States. These four- and five-day courses provide prosecutors, their investigators and administrative personnel with specialized training. They cover a variety of topics such as trial advocacy, civil law and management, forensic evidence, rules of evidence, white collar crime, and issues related to or arising in the prosecution of drug, homicide, white collar crime, sexual assault and other violent crimes.

The College is also responsible for administering the state and local prosecutor training programs at the National Advocacy Center located on the campus of the University of South Carolina. This is a federal facility that is maintained by the United State Dept. of Justice, and is training facility designed to provide trial advocacy training for both Federal and State Prosecutors. Mr Sorsaia has in the past regularly served as facility at the center for trail advocacy training programs.

Recently the National College of District Attorneys has opened the National Center for Prosecution Ethics. The National Center is available to America's Prosecutors as a resource to provide guidance and information regarding ethical issues that may arise, as well as providing useful publications dealing with Prosecution Ethics Issues.