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## **Daviess County Attorney Claud Porter honored for excellence in juvenile justice**

Daviess County Attorney Claud Porter was honored for his work in juvenile justice during the Kentucky County Attorneys Association's (KCAA) Winter Conference in Lexington on Feb. 21.

Porter, who received the KCAA 2008 Juvenile Justice Award, was the only prosecutor in the state honored for juvenile justice by the KCAA this year.

Juvenile justice is defined as any case involving a minor, including truancy, child abuse and crimes committed by minors, according to KCAA Awards Chairperson Jennifer Hutchison-Corbin.

Hutchison-Corbin said the awards committee considered several attributes of prosecutors across the state in making their decision, including caseload, case type, efficiency and county location.

"This award goes beyond caseloads and numbers and gets to the heart of the matter—emphasizing the human element of juvenile justice," Hutchison-Corbin said. "This award recognizes that juvenile justice is about more than convictions and caseloads for Claud Porter," Hutchison-Corbin said. "He is working diligently and using innovative means not only to combat juvenile crime, but also to discourage juveniles from breaking the law in the first place."

The selection committee was particularly impressed with Porter's community involvement in the area of juvenile justice, such as the multi-disciplinary team for the prevention of sexual abuse, the SAFE Children's Foundation, the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Council and Fathers Matter.

"Mr. Porter obviously takes his job seriously," said Hutchison-Corbin. "He sees his job not only as a prosecutorial duty, but also as a responsibility to his community and the youth within it."

Porter said, "We must do everything we can to reach children early and offer some positive alternatives to bad behavior before crime becomes a way of life," Porter

said. “The odds of successfully changing bad habits decreases with age. We all share a responsibility to our youth to help them work toward safe and productive lives. This award acknowledges our court’s efforts in Daviess County to meet our young people’s needs.”

Porter served the Daviess County Attorney’s office for 20 years as the assistant county attorney before being elected county attorney in November 2006.

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