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Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit

October 5, 2012

Madison County Bar Members

RE: Madison County District Attorney's Office
Pre-Trial Intervention Programs

Fellow Bar Members:

Since 1994 the Madison County District Attorney's Office has offered a variety of pre-trial intervention programs (PTIPs) to certain citizens accused of criminal misconduct by which those who qualify may receive essential counseling, guidance, and supervision to avoid prosecution. On May 14, 2012, the Alabama Legislature passed a law amending and updating the 1994 laws governing the PTIPs for the Madison County District Attorney's Office. Since then we have thoroughly examined our PTIPs and have identified areas where our existing programs can be expanded while still maintaining the limited and necessary objective of diverting qualified citizens from prosecution after they have successfully completed the requirements of the PTIP.

Effective October 15, 2012, the PTIPs administered by our office will cover every offense in the Alabama Criminal Code except those crimes which are Class A felonies or those crimes which result in serious bodily injury to the victim. The discretionary powers vested in the District Attorney's Office require that all applications for admission to a PTIP be examined on a case-by-case basis. We have established a uniform system by which all persons diverted from prosecution will follow a similar set of criteria and rules. An important matter for your consideration is the legislative requirement that your eligible clients make timely application within twenty-one (21) days after appointment or retention of counsel. We anticipate that our office will be unable to accept untimely applications due to the expected high demand for admission to our PTIPs.

The newly formatted PTIP package containing the eligibility requirements, a description of the available programs, applicable fees, and an application for admission is located on our website at www.districtattorney.org. The package can also be obtained by making an appointment with one of our assistant district attorneys or with a member of the PTIP unit in our office. We hope to continue to serve the citizens of Madison County and the State of Alabama by providing services that are necessary and beneficial.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Broussard".

Robert L. Broussard
District Attorney