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COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY HOSTS BULGARIAN DELEGATION

The Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) will host a delegation of Bulgarian Judges who are visiting the United States under the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' International Visitor Program to study different aspects of the American legal system. Paul A. Quander Jr., Director of CSOSA will host the delegation on March 13, 2003 at its headquarters at 633 Indiana Avenue, N.W. The delegation will be introduced to the mission of CSOSA, involving probation, parole and supervised release.

The delegation's meeting at CSOSA will focus on the process of probation, which is being introduced into the Bulgarian legal system in the coming year. The delegation will travel across the United States meeting professional counterparts involved in post-conviction sanctions. Its ultimate goal is to introduce a newly trained core of judges to the benefits of probation and its use within the Bulgarian Ministry of Justice. "Post-conviction sanctions play a very important role in the United States legal system. They promote accountability and foster behavioral change, thereby improving the safety of all our citizens," said Paul A. Quander Jr.

CSOSA was created as a result of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997. It is charged with the supervision of men and women on parole, probation, supervised release and pre-trial release in the District of Columbia. CSOSA's mission is to increase public safety, prevent crime, reduce recidivism, and support the fair administration of justice in close collaboration with the community.