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**PRESS ADVISORY:**

**Judicial Branch Announces First Round of Courthouse Closings**

Chief Court Administrator Patrick L. Carroll III today announced the first round of courthouse closings that will occur as a result of a \$77 million reduction in the Judicial Branch's budget for FY 17. The courts that will be closed are: Juvenile Matters at Danbury, Juvenile Matters at Torrington, Juvenile Matters at Stamford and the Judicial District Courthouse in Willimantic. *Please note that the Stamford Judicial District Courthouse located at 123 Hoyt St. in Stamford will remain open, and all other court business will continue to be heard.*

Current plans are that cases from Juvenile Matters at Danbury will be transferred to Juvenile Matters at Bridgeport and Waterbury; cases from Juvenile Matters at Torrington will be transferred to Juvenile Matters at Waterbury and New Britain; Juvenile Matters at Stamford will be transferred to Juvenile Matters at Bridgeport; and cases heard at the Judicial District Courthouse in Willimantic will be heard at the Putnam Judicial District Courthouse or the Geographical Area Courthouse No. 11 in Danielson. It is anticipated that this first round will be completed by the end of the calendar year.

"It is unfortunate that these courthouse closings must occur," Judge Carroll said. "They will be disruptive and will impact many people. I want to stress that the closure of courthouses is not driven by savings generated by closing the facilities. Rather, these closings are required because of the loss of staff, through attrition, a strict hiring freeze and layoffs that have already been announced."

"However," he added, "we are doing the best that we can to position the Judicial Branch so that we can continue to meet the needs of the people we serve, despite significantly fewer resources."

Full Text of Judge Carroll's statement

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