

## **Expert Generalists – Doing It All as a Rural Probation Officer**

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**John Klavins** is currently the Director and Chief Probation Officer for Carver County Court Services in Chaska, MN. He was appointed to this position in 2003 by the Chief Judge of Minnesota's First Judicial District. He has held multiple positions in the field of community corrections since 1985, including police reserve officer, volunteer probation officer, community corrections worker, senior probation officer, program manager, cognitive interventions coordinator, community corrections supervisor, and director. John worked with the Ramsey County Community Corrections Department in St. Paul, MN for three years, and he served for 15 years with the Washington County Community Corrections Department in Stillwater, MN.

John holds a BA degree in sociology: criminology, law and deviance, from the University of Minnesota, and an MS degree in human services planning and administration from the sociology and corrections department at Minnesota State University, Mankato. John is also an adjunct professor/instructor with the Minnesota State University in Mankato, teaching in the sociology and corrections department. Since 1995, John has conducted numerous training sessions for correctional practitioners and completed several research projects related to evidence-based practices in corrections. Since 2004, John has participated on and chaired (2005-2007) the statewide Evidence-Based Practices Policy Team in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Corrections and the Commissioner of Corrections.

**Eric D. Johnson** is currently the Court Services Supervisor for Carver County Court Services in Chaska, MN. He was appointed to this position in 2002 by the Chief Judge of Minnesota's First Judicial District. Eric has been employed by Carver County Court Services for the past 15 years, and has prior field probation experience with juvenile and adult caseloads as well as program implementation.

Eric holds a BA degree in corrections from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and an MS degree in leadership from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN. Eric is also an adjunct professor/instructor with the Minnesota State University in Mankato, teaching in the sociology and corrections department. Eric has facilitated numerous training events in Minnesota in the general area of evidence-based practices, but more specifically in the use of risk/needs assessment tools and effective case management. Eric is involved in numerous statewide committees in Minnesota that encourage and support evidence-based correctional interventions.