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Douglas B. Marlowe, J.D., Ph.D. Joins NADCP
Senior Scientist and Criminal Justice Expert will Maintain Affiliation with TRI

A. Thomas McLellan, Ph.D., CEO of the Treatment Research Institute, announced today that Senior Scientist Douglas Marlowe, J.D., Ph.D. has been appointed Chief of Science, Law and Policy at the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP). Marlowe will continue his affiliation with TRI as Senior Scientist Consultant.

“Doug’s move to NADCP augurs well for even more evidence-based drug court practices and policies and, possibly, application to other problem-solving areas,” McLellan said. “His new position also meshes with his important TRI initiatives with states and local governments - developing evidence-based dispositional policies and sentencing statutes and translational development of tools for the corrections field,” he said.

Dr. Marlowe’s research at TRI involved controlled studies assessing offender criminogenic risk and clinical needs, and their roles in predicting substance use and incarceration outcomes among drug offenders. His findings led to a simple but compelling method for judges to evaluate their sentencing options based on potential risk to the community and benefit for the offender. The Risk and Needs Triage (RANT) - an electronic, web-based decision support tool for court personnel – is due for release this Spring based on years of development work by Marlowe and others in TRI’s Section on Law and Ethics.

Dr. Marlowe joined TRI in 1999 as Senior Scientist, later becoming Director of its Section on Law and Ethics Research. In 2003 his research produced the first-ever findings on the necessary “active ingredients” required for effective drug courts, and in 2006 those findings became instrumental in reforming California’s alternatives to corrections program.

“Doug personifies the TRI mission,” McLellan said. “TRI stands for exemplary research translated into practice-improving policies, services and products in addiction. Even as he is serving NADCP and its important portfolio - which he will do well - TRI looks forward to many more years of collaborating with him to advance evidence-based decision making for the drug-involved offender.”

The Treatment Research Institute is a research and development group specializing in science-driven reform of policy and practice in addiction.