



CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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JUDGE

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Dear Participant,

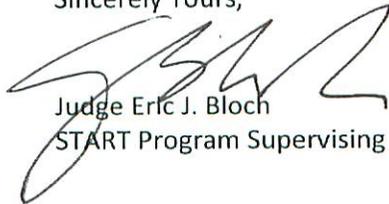
The purpose of the Success Through Accountability, Restitution and Treatment Program, what we call **START** for short, is truly that: an opportunity for a fresh start toward the goal of establishing and maintaining a life free of substance abuse and crime for the duration of your probation and beyond. We strongly believe that by working hard to achieve this goal, you will greatly improve the quality of your life, as well as the safety and security of our community.

Everything that **START** requires of you will contribute to your success at remaining free from the grip of drugs, alcohol and crime. Everyone who offers their work and effort to **START** – the court and its staff, attorneys, probation officers, law enforcement and treatment providers – have your success as their goal, and will do all they can do to support your positive efforts. But ultimately it will be your hard work, your determination, and your willingness to honestly confront your past that will determine whether you will be successful in making a better future.

As the program name indicates, you will be held fully **accountable** for your actions, with sanctions imposed for bad conduct and rewards available for the good that you achieve. Everyone in the program will be supervised by a skilled and experienced probation officer who will be available to answer your questions and help you deal successfully with the situations and challenges you may face in complying with the **START** program requirements, including paying whatever restitution you may owe as a consequence of your criminal behavior. You will also be participating in high quality, long-term **treatment**, which you will find an incredible resource in your effort to get clean and sober and into recovery.

The restoration and renewal process you are about to begin will benefit you, your loved ones and your community. We look forward to working with you toward the worthy goal of a life that is happier, healthier, and free of substance abuse and criminal activity.

Sincerely Yours,



Judge Eric J. Bloch  
START Program Supervising Judge