



*Face the Jury*, by artist Douglas Kornfeld, at the St. Petersburg Judicial Center

## Newly Completed Public Art Project

***Face the Jury***, by artist Douglas Kornfeld, was recently installed on the lawn of the St. Petersburg Judicial Center. Symbolizing a courtroom, one of the chairs in the sculpture represents the defendant while the other twelve chairs represent the jury. Each chair is a unique sculpture—recognizing the diversity of thinking among the members of the jury.

The simple defendant chair faces out to the lawn area, a 'generic' reference that anyone could be a defendant and is placed on the corner to encourage passers-by to sit and "face the jury." The twelve oversized juror chairs (approximately 6 ft. tall) are raised on earthen mounds and face the defendant chair. Although the chair designs vary greatly, they are painted the same color, unifying them without reference to race, religion or politics.

The Arts Council would like to thank the Public Art Selection Panel, which helped guide this project by selecting Douglas Kornfeld for this commission. The panel was chaired by Attorney Greg Fisher and included: Artist, Alex Klahm; Arts Professional, Amanda Cooper; Facility Representative, Judge Anthony Rondolino; St. Petersburg Cultural Affairs Director, Ann Wykell; Community Representative, Attorney George Rahdert; and Facility Manager, Keith Royster. Project Advisors included Architect, Lisa Wannemacher and Public Art and Design Committee Member, Ron Mason.

Additional information and photos of this project can be found on Douglas Kornfeld's website: [www.awaka-inc.com](http://www.awaka-inc.com)

