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Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Employee of the Year Recognized

"There is no one more deserving to receive the Employee of the Year Award for 2009 than Keith Coopriders," announced Chief Judge James Booras. "He is highly respected by his co-workers and the judiciary, and he is recognized for his professionalism, expertise and dedication in the field of probation."

Keith is a Principal Probation Officer and Unit Coordinator in Adult Pretrial Services. He has been a staff member for over 26 years, having begun his career with the 19th Judicial Circuit on October 3, 1983. He received his undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University and an M.A. degree from Loyola University in 1984.

In June 2009, Keith's written work, entitled "Pretrial Risk Assessment and Case Classification—a Case Study," was published in an edition of Federal Probation. Keith is a certified member of the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies and serves as co-chair of the Pretrial Committee of Illinois Probation and Court Services Association.

The Employee of the Year is selected from all of the employees of the months of a calendar year and is chosen by the Employee Recognition Committee based on the quality of service demonstrated to the public and the court system, competency, and efficiency of overall performance.

Keith Coopriders was nominated and selected as the May employee of the month for 2009. Others chosen as employees of the month for 2009 included: January-Anselmo Magana, Adult Probation Public Service Clerk; February-Sue Hrycyniak, Kids' Korner Aide; March-Timothy Ulrich, Senior Juvenile Probation Officer; April-Elizabeth Braun, Senior Probation Officer; June-Darrin Taylor, Senior Juvenile Counselor; July-Shannon LeFevour, Senior Juvenile Probation Officer; August-Lori Carrier, Adult Probation Officer; September-Robert (Rob) Zastany, Jr., Senior Adult Probation Officer; October-Beth Ahrens, Adult Probation Officer; November-Camille Laitmark, Senior Adult Probation Officer; and December-Jennifer Zakaras, Juvenile Counselor.

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