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Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Employees Honored

"I am very pleased to be here today to have the honor to recognize staff members of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit for their dedication and commitment to the organization and for the high quality of service that you offer to the community," stated Chief Judge John Phillips. "Whether you are a finalist today or not, I want to thank all of you for your continuous hard work and all that you do for the betterment of the organization."

The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit holds its Employee Awards ceremony annually to recognize staff members of the Circuit who are nominated and selected by their peers for the following awards: Environmental Sustainability Award; Exceptional Employee of the Year; Bonds Officer of the Year; Leadership and Excellence Award; and the Employee of the Year.

The "Environmental Sustainability Award" is presented to an employee or organization for their dedication to green practices both in the workplace and in the community that promotes recycling, waste reduction and energy conservation. This year the Public Service Unit of Adult Probation received the award. Since 1993 the Unit has participated in the Division of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway program that provides work forces to clean designated stretches of highway in Lake County.

The "Kay S. Finn and Sarah G. Anderson Exceptional Employee Award" is given to a non-sworn administrative support employee who demonstrates noteworthy support of the Circuit's mission. The recipient of this year's award was given to Susan Anderson, Executive Secretary in Juvenile Probation. Susan provides excellent customer service and projects a pleasant demeanor with court participants, related agencies and fellow co-workers. She offers to help wherever needed and willingly participates in group projects. Susan joined the 19th Circuit in May 2001.

The "Lawrence Bonds Officer of the Year Award" was presented to Anthony "Tony" Dicriscio, Principle Probation Officer at Adult Probation. This award is given to a sworn officer who supports and promotes the values and goals of the organization in terms of dedication, ethics, and delivery of service. Tony has been recognized by his co-workers for his innovative drive in program development and his determination to better serve the organization. Tony will observe his twentieth anniversary with the 19th Circuit in October.

Kathy Grzanich, Therapist in Psychological Services, Adult Probation, was named the recipient of the "Leadership and Excellence Award." The award is presented to a staff member who excels in

the areas of commitment to the organization's values and ethics as well as leadership and innovation. Kathy has taken on the leadership role of the division's training program where she is responsible for the internship/diagnostic practicum selection, orientation, and supervision process that requires interaction between area colleges and universities. She is known to volunteer on projects and accept additional responsibilities. She has been recognized by her co-workers as a team player and for her selfless contributions to the organization. Kathy joined Psychological Services in October 1997.

Each year an employee of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit is selected by co-workers as the "Employee of the Year." This award is looked upon as the highest honor bestowed on any employee. The successful contender is selected from the twelve employees who were recognized as an Employee of the Month. Nominations are made by fellow employees, with the winners selected by a committee of peers representing the divisions of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.

The employees of the month for year 2013 included: January-Norman R. Werth, Senior Staff Attorney; February-Amy Weltlich, Senior Clerk, Psychological Services; March-Matthew Bond, Unit Manager, Adult Probation; April-Timothy Craig, Juvenile Counselor; May-Nina Naus, Principal Probation Officer, Adult Probation; June-Mary Vogt, Judicial Assistant, Judicial Operations; July-Jose Fregoso, Juvenile Counselor; August-Phil Kslezak, Senior Probation Officer, Adult Probation; September-Brian Isom, Principal Probation Officer, Adult Probation; October-Danielle Rosen, Principal Probation Officer, Adult Probation; November-Angela Seballos, Principal Probation Officer, Compliance, Judicial Operations; and December-Juvenile Intake.

"On behalf of the judges and staff of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, I am very pleased to announce that the Employee of the Year for 2013 is Brian Isom," said Judge Phillips. "Brian is currently a Principal Probation Officer in the Domestic Violence Unit of Adult Probation. He is known for his dedication and professionalism and is committed to provide excellent service to his clients. Brian's outstanding performance is an invaluable asset to the organization." Brian has been with the 19th Circuit since February 1999.

A new award was added for 2014 to be known as the "Extra Mile Award." This award is presented to an employee who demonstrates excellent performance, outstanding leadership, attains highly successful accomplishments, and one who goes far beyond job expectations and achievements. "It is my honor to present the first "Extra Mile Award" to Steve Fabbri, an Assistant Director of Adult Probation," stated Judge Phillips. Next year Steve will celebrate thirty years with the organization.

Also honored at today's ceremony was Jan Mosley, an Official Court Reporter, who was recognized for her twenty five years of meritorious service.

The annual event took place in the Jury Assembly Room at the main courthouse in Waukegan.

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