

JUDICIAL BRANCH EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED



Erika Bradley, a Security Officer for **Superior Court**, was named as the 2017 Judicial Branch Employee of the Year. In addition, Erika was also recognized as one of five recipients of the Governor’s Award for Excellence and Commitment in State Service for 2018, marking the first time in recent memory that a Judicial Branch employee has been recognized with the Governor’s Award for Excellence and Commitment in State Service. Erika, who has worked for Superior Court for 18 years, was cited for her professional yet friendly manner with jurors and litigants alike. Last year, following a long and difficult trial, the first thing jurors told the trial judge at a post-trial meeting was how much they appreciated Erika and her pleasant and professional demeanor. On another occasion, jurors presented Erika with a signed card. “Erika served with a great deal

of professionalism and at the same time she treated us with kindness and respect,” wrote the jurors. “We would like to commend her.”

“Erika has consistently demonstrated the utmost professionalism and dedication,” said Superior Court President Judge Jan R. Jurden, who attended the May 7, 2018 breakfast where Ms. Bradley was honored. “Not only does Erika provide safety and security in the courtroom for members of the public, litigants, staff and judges, the court frequently receives feedback from jurors about Erika’s excellent customer service and helpfulness. She is richly deserving of this recognition and honor.”

Other employees nominated for the Branch Employee of the Year award and who were honored as Employee of the Year for their respective courts include:

Barbara Carroll, Judicial Case Processor III, Family Court. Barbara, who first worked for the Court of Common Pleas before joining Family Court, was cited for her exceptional customer service, dedication, innovation on the job, and willingness to help whether it is a co-worker or member of the public. “Barbara epitomizes a team player on the Family Court Team,” said Fran Spinelli, her supervisor. “Barbara is always willing to assist both staff and litigants. She exhibits a can-do attitude and willingness to do what it takes to get the job done.”

Rachel DeColli, Management Analyst II/Information Security Officer, Court of Common Pleas. During a particularly challenging year for the Court of Common Pleas, Rachel DeColli demonstrated a work ethic and willingness to take the initiative to handle large projects confronting the Court including the conversion of the Court’s new e-filing system and addressing an issue with court notices. Rachel took the lead and worked tirelessly to address the situations and coordinate efforts to execute timely responses.

Kevin Jackson, Constable, Justice of the Peace Court. An invaluable asset to Justice of the Peace Court, Kevin not only maintains the regular job duties of a constable at a high level of proficiency, he has stepped up to become the leading firearms instructor. Recently, he assumed greater responsibility in the training and certifying of new hires and has reworked parts of the training program, giving new life to the instruction process.

Ashley Tucker, Staff Attorney, Administrative Office of the Courts. Ashley is known in the Administrative Office as a hard-working, honest and wise person who demonstrates a common-sense and down-to-earth attitude that makes her a great co-worker and attorney. In particular, Ashley was cited for her work over the past year organizing and carrying out a new set of agreements for the court interpreter program. ♦