



Colorado Justice: Celebrating 42 years of fair
and impartial courts through merit selection

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Two members of the State Court Administrator's Office recognized for outstanding contributions *Colorado Judicial Branch gives awards*

Two Colorado Judicial Branch employees from the State Court Administrator's Office have been recognized for exemplary work contributing to the high quality of service provided throughout the state's 22 judicial districts. Larry Davis, a trainer and education specialist for the Division of Probation Services, was named for the *Diversity Leadership* award and Rob Reilly, purchasing manager, was given the *Community Service* award as part of the Branch's Employee Recognition and Incentive Program.

"Larry is a wonderfully energetic individual whose life experiences, education and openness clearly paves the way for a culturally diverse Colorado state criminal justice workforce," said Twentieth Judicial District Probation Officer Carmel Cordova. "Larry is certainly committed to ensuring that all employees of the criminal justice system are treated fairly and respectfully."

Davis has been with the Judicial Department for 17 years working in the human resources division and probation services. He has been instrumental in developing and launching customer services and diversity awareness training for courts across the state. Through his work with the National Multi-Cultural Institute in Washington, D.C., Davis developed a cultural competency curriculum for the Colorado Judicial Branch, which has since been adopted by the State of California.

Reilly retired from the Branch in August 2008 after more than 10 years working in the Financial Services Division as an auditor and the purchasing manager. He has been praised by his co-workers for organizing charitable giving opportunities and for motivating employees to take part in those opportunities.

“Rob always manages to create enthusiasm for his ventures by carefully planning the event right down to designing signs, sending e-mails and rallying the troops in unique ways,” said Office of Dispute Resolution Business Manager Charmaine Yorty, who nominated Reilly for the award. “He has been instrumental in almost every charitable event or cause that has been held at the State Court Administrator’s Office.”

The SCAO provides administrative support and services to the trial and appellate courts to assist them in providing the citizens of Colorado meaningful, speedy and economical forums to resolve disputes. It also supports the management of probation services to enhance public protection and offender rehabilitation.

The Colorado Judicial Branch includes the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, as well as the state’s district and county trial courts. The branch is also home to the Department of Probation Services, which employs more than 1,100 people including 800 probation officers. The department’s officers are responsible for supervising approximately 7,600 juvenile offenders and 61,000 adult offenders. As of July 1, 2008, the Colorado Judicial Branch employed approximately 3,600 employees, which includes 304 justices, judges and magistrates. In fiscal year 2007, the latest for which full statistics are available, there were 551,197 cases filed statewide at the County Court level, 189,235 cases filed in District Court, 2,548 in the Court of Appeals and 1,534 in the Supreme Court. There were 1,220 cases filed in the water courts.