



Colorado Justice: Celebrating 42 years of fair
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Two exemplary Fourth Judicial District employees recognized *Colorado Judicial Branch gives awards*

Sheila Colclasure-Griffin, supervisor of the public service team, and Joanna Foreman, supervisor of the records management team, both of the Fourth Judicial District (El Paso and Teller counties), have been recognized in the Colorado Judicial Branch's annual Employee Recognition and Incentive Program. Colclasure-Griffin received the *Employee of the Year* award and Foreman was named *Outstanding Supervisor/Administrative Employee*. The Colorado Judicial Branch annually recognizes a handful of outstanding employees for exemplary work contributing to the high quality of service provided throughout the state's 22 judicial districts.

"Everything that Sheila does in her capacity as supervisor of the public service team embodies the branch's vision for respectful, efficient and accurate service," said Fourth Judicial District Administrator Vicki Villalobos. "She insures, through a dedication to rigorous cross-training, that her team delivers the highest quality information and that the public is treated respectfully at all times."

Colclasure-Griffin supervises the 22 members of the public service team that staff the front counter, information booth, first appearance center and phone center. She also oversees the district's phone system and is responsible for managing and updating the district's Web pages.

Foreman has been with the branch for more than 18 years and in the past eight years has led a team of 22 employees and supervisors responsible for the successful operation of the records management team.

“Throughout the years she has shown the courts great dedication and loyalty and always strives to ensure excellence through her understanding of policies, procedures and standards of the organization,” said Richard Dockham, the court judicial assistant who nominated Foreman. “Joanna demonstrates creativity, negotiation and problem solving skills, as well as excellent interpersonal skills, emphasizing the team approach, which has contributed to the successful completion of projects.”

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.