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## **16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District probation supervisor wins Judicial Branch award** *Colorado Judicial Department recognizes outstanding employees*

DENVER – The 2011 Colorado Judicial Branch *Manager of the Year* award went to David Book, a probation supervisor in La Junta in the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Bent, Crowley and Otero counties). 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.

Book was nominated for the award by 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Chief Probation Officer Tobin Wright, Chief Judge Jon Kolomitz, other members of the probation department, and Joseph Carrica III, assistant executive director for the Southeast Behavioral Health Group.

“David becomes a better and more effective supervisor with each passing year due to his dedication to the position and his belief that what he does is more than just a job,” Wright stated in a letter of recommendation.

“In the past when he appeared before me as a probation officer, I found him to be prepared and informed,” Chief Judge Kolomitz wrote in a letter of recommendation. “I believe that David’s supervisory and administrative skills are significant factor in raising the level of performance and success of our department. He has proven to be particularly adept at putting theory into practice.”

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 approximately 900 probation supervisors and officers. The department's officers are responsible for supervising more than 6,000 juvenile offenders and more than 54,000 adult offenders.

As of July 1, 2011, the Colorado Judicial Branch employed approximately 3,400 employees, which includes 374 justices, judges and magistrates. In fiscal year 2011, the latest for which full statistics are available, there were 505,265 cases filed statewide at the County Court level, 246,728 filed in District Court, 2,742 in the Court of Appeals and 1,387 in the Supreme Court. There were an additional 956 cases filed in the Water Courts.