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Coordinator of problem-solving courts wins Judicial Department Award *Colorado Judicial Department recognizes outstanding employees*

DENVER – The 2010 Colorado Judicial Department *State Court Administrator’s Office Employee of the Year* award went to Shane Bahr. 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.

Bahr, program coordinator for the state’s problem-solving courts, joined the Judicial Department in 2007. Since then, he has succeeded in securing grant funding for problem-solving courts such as drug court, truancy court and DUI court; helped develop their data-gathering capabilities; and has helped lead annual conferences attended by hundreds of professionals.

“Treatment courts were proliferating all over the state without much guidance, technical support, or consistency. Shane changed all that by bringing his significant expertise and calm guidance to programs around the state,” the Hon. Roxanne Bailin, chief judge of the 20th Judicial District and chairman of the State Problem-Solving Court Advisory Committee, wrote in a nomination letter. “Instead of 50 different ‘islands’ each doing its own work, the treatment courts have become a community that interacts and communicates.”

State Court Administrator Gerald A. Marroney wrote in a nomination letter that Bahr has “worked tirelessly to ensure the successful implementation and maintenance of these courts throughout the state.”

In a joint nomination letter, Bahr’s coworkers in the Planning and Analysis Division of the State Court Administrator’s Office noted his “values of holding offenders accountable while offering them the best chance at rehabilitation.

“We in Planning and Analysis can attest to Shane’s generous spirit, industrious work ethic, dedication to team, and sense of humor,” the letter said. “He is a genuine civil servant and his presence not only enhances our professional lives, but more importantly, serves to improve the quality of life for the people of Colorado.”

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 nearly 900 probation supervisors and officers. The department’s officers are responsible for supervising approximately 6,400 juvenile offenders and 55,500 adult offenders. As of July 1, 2010, the Colorado Judicial Branch employed approximately 3,400 employees, which includes 316 justices, judges and magistrates. In fiscal year 2010, the latest for which full statistics are available, there were 541,591 cases filed statewide at the County Court level, 236,671 cases filed in District Court, 2,890 in the Court of Appeals and 1,518 in the Supreme Court. There were 1,215 cases filed in the water courts.