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## **Pueblo juvenile probation team wins Judicial Department Award** *Colorado Judicial Department recognizes outstanding employees*

DENVER – The 2010 Colorado Judicial Department *Team Award* went to the six-member juvenile probation team in the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District (Pueblo County). 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.

Michael Arriaga, Grace Cozzetto, Amanda McGowan, Lisa Padilla, Mike Ramirez and Janet Sisneros were the team members recognized for the award. The team was nominated for the award by Tenth Judicial District Chief Judge Dennis Maes.

Chief Judge Maes commended all of the team members for their dedication to children and the program, collaborative approach within the community to problem solving and professionalism.

“It is clearly understood among those who deal with children in this particular venue that the reasons children become involved in criminal activity must be addressed with a sense of urgency and immediacy while clearly respecting due process,” Chief Judge Maes said. “The unit works together in a very collaborative manner and takes special pride in their reports to the Court.”

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.