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18th Judicial District Probation Department Economic Crime Team given Colorado Judicial Branch *Team Award*

The *Team Award* from the Colorado Judicial Branch has been given to the 18th Judicial District Probation Department's Economic Crime Team. Members of the team are probation officers Cheryl Boor and Rob Murphy, Collections Investigator Rich Gallo and Probation Supervisor Jeff Otto. The Colorado Judicial Department 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.

The 18th Judicial District Economic Crime Team supervises 140 clients convicted of offenses that may include multiple victims, high amounts of restitution and behaviors associated with repeat offending.

“This team has been instrumental in setting standards and expectations for supervising this high risk population at the local district level and contributing to the development of the same at the state level,” said 18th Judicial District Chief Probation Officer Robin Leaf. “They are a dedicated group of professionals that saw a need in our district to address a special population of offenders that are high risk yet seemed to be falling through the cracks.”

Leaf stated the team's success also comes from building collaborative relationships with the Attorney General and District Attorney's offices and with forensic accountants who review financial documents and investigate the financial activities of offenders.

"They challenged themselves to build relationships with other professionals to better supervise this population," Leaf said. "They are tenacious, highly focused as a team, and use a collaborative approach to problem solve and support one another."

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 7,300 juvenile offenders and 58,000 adult offenders. As of July 1, 2009, the Colorado Judicial Branch employed approximately 3,400 employees, which includes 311 justices, judges and magistrates. In fiscal year 2009, the latest for which full statistics are available, there were 561,374 cases filed statewide at the County Court level, 188,537 cases filed in District Court, 2,809 in the Court of Appeals and 1,643 in the Supreme Court. There were 1,268 cases filed in the water courts.