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**Probation employee Vaunette Stull recognized for exemplary work**  
*Twentieth Judicial District employee receives award from Colorado Judicial Branch*

The *Outstanding Probation Office Employee* in the Colorado Judicial Branch is Vaunette Stull, an administrative secretary in the Twentieth Judicial District (Boulder 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.

Seven of Stull's coworkers in the probation department nominated her for the award and all pointed to Stull's positive attitude, years of experience and professionalism as reasons why she is the ideal choice for the award.

"Vaunette is the ultimate employee as she has years of experience within the Judicial Department and is a valuable resource when it comes to answering questions about a variety of situations," said Pamela Schilhab, a probation officer in the Twentieth Judicial District. "She is courteous, humble, kind and respectful. She provides a stable atmosphere for both probationers and coworkers and she can be counted on to consistently provide any kind of support needed."

Stull has been with the department for more than 20 years and is responsible for organizing pre-sentence investigation report material, reports for the Community Corrections

Board, working the front desk, managing the phones and training new probation officers about the office's administrative workings.

Stull is also a member of the Judicial Support Staff Association and the Probation Department's Activities Committee.

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.