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Judicial Branch Expanding Probation Department Statewide *Recruitment efforts to continue through summer*

The Colorado Judicial Branch announced today that it will be expanding its probation services department by approximately 13 percent with the addition of probation supervisors, officers and administrative staff by summer's end.

"We are pleased to be expanding probation services throughout Colorado," said Tom Quinn, Director of Probation Services for the State Court Administrator's Office. "We appreciate that Governor Ritter and the legislature recognized the need to add to our resources and provided us with the additional employees."

With the passage of the 2008 fiscal year budget bill, recruitment efforts are now under way to fill openings for 81 probation officers, 12 probation supervisors and 18 support positions.

In fiscal year 2006, the most recent year for which statistics are available, the Division of Probation Services' professional staff provided community supervision for more than 41,000 adults and juveniles, prepared more than 19,000 pre-sentence investigation reports for courts across the state and completed more than 27,000 alcohol and drug evaluations. In addition, restitution and victim assistance funds distributed to victims of crimes totaled more than \$46 million.

Probation is a relatively inexpensive and effective sentencing alternative. In fiscal 2006, the average state cost to house an inmate in the Department of Corrections was nearly \$27,600 per year. The average annual cost of maintaining state probation services at minimal levels was approximately \$750 per individual and approximately \$2,400 per individual for more intensive levels.

“This is an exciting time for the recruitment of probation professionals,” said Jeff Boylan, Staffing Analyst with the Judicial Branch. “We’re seeking the highest-quality candidates who strive to make a positive impact in the communities they serve.”

For more information on employment opportunities, please refer to the employment section of our Web site: <http://www.courts.state.co.us>.