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Three from Camden Vicinage Probation Division Honored with CPONJ Awards

Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz announced that three members of the Camden Vicinage's probation division are receiving awards from the Chief Probation Officers of New Jersey (CPONJ). The awards will be presented on July 22 during a statewide recognition ceremony at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market St., Trenton.

"We sincerely thank and congratulate these employees and the probation division as a whole for the important and challenging work they do. Probation officers play a vital role in helping to supervise and rehabilitate adult and juvenile offenders and in enforcing court orders, and we are grateful to CPONJ for giving us this platform to recognize their outstanding service," said Judge Silverman Katz.

Senior Probation Officer Patricia Ryan will receive a certificate of outstanding achievement. Ryan has been a member of the pre-trial intervention unit for the majority of her career. Her expertise and knowledge of the program are relied upon daily, and she continues to be a mentor to her peers and colleagues.

Randal Yorker, a court services supervisor 2 in the adult unit, also will receive a certificate of outstanding achievement. His selection is based on his contribution to his team's consistently high percentage of community service compliance and percentage of probationers who have paid or are paying their fines and restitution. Yorker is a strong leader who inspires his employees to strive continually for excellence.

Holly Kay will receive a career achievement award. Kay, a court services supervisor 2 in the child support enforcement unit, has devoted 38 years of faithful and progressive service to the probation division. In the absence of the assistant chief probation officer, she has often assumed a leadership role to ensure that court orders are enforced in a timely manner and with due diligence. Kay understands fully the demands of the child support enforcement program and is always ready to assist court users, both internal and external.

CPONJ is a professional association of chief and assistant chief probation officers from across the state. Each year, probation division staff who distinguish themselves for outstanding achievements, meritorious service, or career accomplishments are nominated for recognition.

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