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## **PRESTIGIOUS PROBATION AWARD GIVEN TO CUMBERLAND COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER**

*Ramos Honored for Diligence and Professionalism*

***Atlantic City, N.J.*** – Gloucester County Court Probation Officer Elizabeth Ramos was honored by the Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) as the organization's "Probation Officer of the Year", considered one of the highest honors within the community supervision system.

George P. Christie, president of PANJ, praised Ramos for her extraordinary professionalism and her years of devoted service to Cumberland County.

"We are honored to present this award to such a deserving individual. Elizabeth has shown, through her expertise and attention to detail, what someone with a passion for bettering the safety and security of the community can accomplish," said Christie. "She meets each challenge given to her with admirable professionalism and compassion. It is these traits that her peers chose to illustrate through their nomination."

Ms. Ramos, who currently handles two critical assignments for Juvenile Probation, has been lauded by her peers for her intellect and competency, especially during her time supervising juveniles that have mental health issues that require a higher level of supervision and expertise. In addition, even though Ms. Ramos has an increasing caseload and more responsibilities, she goes out of her way to mentor new staff and officers. She is also commended on her modesty, grace and compassion by all that she comes in contact with, which, according to her co-workers, makes her one of the most highly regarded and popular employees in Cumberland Court House.

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This year's 69<sup>th</sup> annual PANJ Educational Foundation training institute, "Net-Working: The New Frontier", deals with new techniques and tools afforded to probation officers in the technological age. At the gathering, outstanding leaders among probation officers and court supervisors as well as Assemblyman Thomas Giblin received awards for their commitment and dedication to supervising offenders in addition to serving and leading their respective divisions.

With an estimated 139,000 adults and 20,000 juveniles under probation system, New Jersey is the nation's ninth largest adult probation system. There are approximately 2,800 probation officers and supervisors in New Jersey.