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**PROBATION ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY
HONORS BRAMNICK AS 2013 LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR**

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Atlantic City -- New Jersey Assembly Republican Leader Jon M. Bramnick was honored by the Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) as the organization's 2013 Legislator of the Year. Over the past several years, Bramnick has demonstrated strong support for the community supervision community and has served as an influential advocate for probation officers in the New Jersey Legislature.

Brad Fairchild, president of PANJ, thanked Bramnick for his support of probation officers and lauded him on his dedication to all New Jersey citizens during his political tenure.

"We are proud to have the ongoing support of Assembly Republican Leader Bramnick," said Fairchild. "As the number of responsibilities of the state's community supervision system expands, it is critical we have the support of our state lawmakers in our efforts to provide safety and security more efficiently in our neighborhoods. His unrelenting determination to further the well-being of the citizens of New Jersey as well as his understanding of the importance of our mission makes him a valued friend and ally."

Bramnick is serving his fifth term in the New Jersey General Assembly representing Union, Somerset and Morris Counties in the 21st District. Bramnick was elected by his colleagues in January 2012 to serve as the Assembly Minority Leader, making him the highest-ranking member of the Republican Caucus in the Assembly. He previously served as Conference Leader, Republican Whip, and chairman of the Assembly Republican Policy Committee. He also served as a ranking member on the Law and Public Safety and Consumer Affairs Committees and as a member of the State House Commission and the Bipartisan Leadership Committee.

"New Jersey's probation officers are on the frontlines in protecting our communities by fighting recidivism and helping offenders re-enter society as law-abiding citizens," Fairchild continued. "Working with Leader Bramnick, we look forward to strengthening our ability to serve New Jersey residents by increasing standards for comprehensive training and providing much-needed protections for officers in the most dangerous neighborhoods."

Bramnick received the award at this year's 71st annual PANJ Educational Foundation training institute entitled "***Information-Interaction-Innovation***" which addresses new techniques and tools afforded to probation officers in the technological age.

At the gathering, outstanding leaders among probation officers and court supervisors received awards for their commitment and dedication to supervising offenders.

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.

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