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## **PRESTIGIOUS SUPERVISOR AWARD GIVEN TO ATLANTIC COUNTY PROBATION SUPERVISOR**

*Bond Honored for Work with Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage Probation Officers*

**Egg Harbor, N.J.** – Egg Harbor Township resident John Bond has been chosen by the Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) as this year's recipient of the Supervisor of the Year award after being nominated by his team of fellow officers.

George P. Christie, president of PANJ, congratulated Bond on winning this prestigious award, which is a testament of the respect he has earned from probation officers on his team that works in the Drug Court in the Atlantic/Cape May vicinage.

“When the concept of dealing with a specialized mental health caseload was first introduction into the Drug Court system, John was the first Atlantic County probation officer chosen to oversee these offenders,” said Christie. “John has been committed to the creation of a specialized caseload for clients diagnosed with mental health disorders, and as a result has led the way in effectively managing offenders who struggle with an illness or dual diagnosis.”

As the Drug Court case program has grown, John has gained the admiration, cooperation and commitment of the probation officers assigned to work on his team. In nominating Mr. Bond for the award, members of his team cite his willingness to perform any and all necessary tasks needed to support their supervision efforts; his resolution in providing guidance and reinforcement; and their confidence that they can rely upon when difficult situations are encountered. John routinely mentors and coaches members of his Atlantic and Cape May County team while communicating on best practices with his colleagues in other New Jersey counties.

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Bond was honored with the award at the recent 67<sup>th</sup> annual PANJ Educational Foundation training institute, "Tackling Tough Times in 2009" which focused on addressing new and growing issues in the supervision system.

At the group's annual conference, outstanding leaders among probation officers and State Senator Sean Kean (D-Monmouth) received awards for their commitment and dedication to supervising offenders and serving and leaders in their respective divisions. In addition, six scholarships were presented to deserving students continuing their college education.

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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