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## **SOUTH JERSEY PROBATION OFFICERS, COURT SUPERVISOR RECEIVE PRESITIGIOUS PROBATION AWARD**

*Recipients Honored for Dedication to Bettering Community*

**Atlantic City, N.J.** – Senior Probation Officers Stephen McMullen (Ocean Viciniage), Drew Celentano (Bergen Vicinage), Vicki Kroger (Atlantic Vicinage) and Dane Baratti (Camden Vicinage) along with Court Service Supervisor II Gergory Wolf (Salem Vicinage) were honored by the Probation Association of New Jersey (PANJ) with the organization's "Presidential Award", considered one of the highest honors within the community supervision system. The recipients were chosen as the representation of PANJ's mission and its dedication to improving the safety of the community in their respective vicinages.

George P. Christie, president of PANJ, praised the recipients for their dedicated service to their vicinages and their colleagues

"I am honored to present each of these fine individuals with this award. Through their diligence, patience and respect for their jobs and their co-workers, they earned their nomination," said Christie. "They uphold the highest standards of our organization and are truly determined to keep their respective communities safe and secure."

The honorees received their award at 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.

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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.