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19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUVENILE AND ADULT PROBATION OFFICERS HONORED

At this years’ fall conference, the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association recognized several Lake County probation officers for excellence in their profession. The Illinois Probation and Court Services Association serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas and strategies regarding probation and court services for both juvenile and adult offenders. Today the Association has grown to over 1400 members including probation officers, detention officers, judges, and related professionals.



Darrin Taylor received the **Gene Hughes Award- Highest Standards of Profession**. This award is presented to the probation officer who has best exemplified the highest standards of the profession. Nominees must have a minimum of seven years of experience within the profession to be eligible.

Jennifer Zakaras received the **Connie Kaiser Restorative Justice Award**. This award is presented to the individual exemplifies the highest standards of the profession in promoting restorative justice principles, practices, and activities for youth in the juvenile justice system.



Members of the 19th Judicial Circuit’s Juvenile Probation Department were also honored with the 2021 Illinois Probation and Court Services Association Distinguished Service Award. Pictured left to right: Christopher Kasten, Earl Miller, Grant Deal, Jawan Straughter, Kelvin Lyon, Kevin Lampi, Kyle Anderson, Mario Tellez, not pictured Delores Green.

And from the 19th Judicial Circuit's Adult Probation Department, honored with the 2021 Illinois Probation and Court Services Association Distinguished Service Award: pictured left to right, Andrew Ruck, Angela Seballos, Angenette Guzman, Krista Wolfer and Thomas Wolfer, not pictured is Gil Rojas.



“It is incredibly rewarding to be able to acknowledge and honor the hard work and dedication of our Probation Officers. These individuals provide resources that positively impact our community. Recognition of their exemplary work by their peers is high praise. Congratulations to all the winners, these are well-deserved honors” said Chief Judge Diane E. Winter.

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