



# Full Court Press

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## In This Issue: Elections

By Mark S. Thompson, District Court Administrator

By the time you read this issue, the 2006 election season will be over. This year, elections were marked by numerous negative political campaign ads. Are we headed this way with partisan judicial elections? Minnesotans are already partway down the path of slick partial-truths and shades of grey rhetoric during general elections.

In states that have partisan elections, many judicial candidates raise millions of dollars just to run. They often get large contributions from business groups, trial lawyers or other groups that regularly appear before them in court. This is a dangerous path to follow. Political endorsements in judicial elections are all about partisanship, influence and big money. Fair, impartial justice needs to remain above the "party" label.

Judges should be deciding their cases based on only the facts of a particular case, existing law and legal precedents--this is judicial impartiality. It is how we get a fair trial. If a judge has promised to rule on cases in accordance with a political party platform, a case will be "pre-judged" before either party arrives in court. A fair trial isn't possible if the judge has already

declared how they will rule to keep a political party happy. That would be like an umpire calling the pitch before it's thrown.

The American constitution preserves people's rights and liberties through a judicial branch that is not subject to the outside pressures and influences--so they can make fair decisions based only on the facts and the law.

What will you say when a neighbor or family member asks you if partisan elections are a good idea or not? What kind of judge do YOU want if you go to court? What kind of system best preserves those qualities? As we reflect on the 2006 election, did the political ad campaigns help us to determine the facts, or was it a scavenger hunt for the real truth?

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### Fourth Judicial District

**Mission:** To provide a system of Justice that assures equal access for the fair and timely resolution of cases and controversies.

**Vision:** To be recognized as providing an accessible, fair, courteous, efficient and innovative system of Justice.

### Susan Ledray named 2005 Anne V. Simonett Excellence in Service Award Winner

On November 3, 2006, Susan Ledray, Pro Se Services Manager, was named the recipient of the 2005 Anne V. Simonett Excellence in Service Award. Several members of Judge Anne V. Simonett's family were in attendance, including her parents Doris and John (retired MN Supreme Court Justice), brother Paul, sister Martha (a judge) and husband Hank Shea.

Judge James Swenson, winner of the 2004 Anne V. Simonett Excellence in Service Award, offered his reflections on the award and the nominees before naming Susan Ledray as this year's honoree. As she accepted the award, Susan noted that she "...could not have done it without the cooperation and support of the outstanding staff of the two Self Help Centers."

*The nominees were:*

**Tammy Halonen:** Tammy's contribution to the Court Record Project resulted in the creation of the Court Monitor Room on the 8th floor for court proceedings to be recorded by court reporters. This unprecedented accomplishment in Minnesota included equipment research, installation, testing and court reporter training throughout the Fourth Judicial District. Tammy was nominated by Lynne Johnston.

**Susan Ledray:** Susan effectively manages the 33,000 annual visitors to the Self Help Centers in Family and Civil, which are important components of the court's commitment to public service and access to justice. Recognized nationally as a leader in the delivery of pro se services, Susan's level of partnering, stakeholder satisfaction and effectiveness reaches both English and non-English speaking citizens. Susan's position requires the ability to be very creative in finding resources. She is the backbone of a statewide pro se access program, including leading in the development of online dissolution forms using the I-CAN! program. Susan was nominated by Judge Bruce Peterson, Judge Francis Connolly and Katie Brey.

**Mary Kay Long:** Mary Kay's key role is to greet the tens-of-thousands of court participants on the PSL and direct them to the correct courtroom or location. Mary Kay personifies the ideals of the award with her friendly smile, compassion, thoughtfulness and helpful manner--making her our court's best ambassador. She cares enough to remember the important details of a person's life whether it is a public defender, county attorney, court clerk, private counsel or judge. She cares about everyone. Mary Kay was nominated by Judge Lloyd Zimmerman.

**Vicki Villalpando:** Vicki is the sixth floor "go-to" person for everything in the criminal division. Whenever a unique circumstance occurs, she always knows the answer, or goes the extra mile to help find the answer. She also serves as a key person in supporting court administration. As judicial clerk to the Chief Judge, Vicki consistently listens and provides assistance to frustrated customers with patience and courtesy. Her kind nature and concerted efforts portray to the public the image that the Fourth Judicial District strives to maintain. Vicki was nominated by Toni Rahn and Andrea Martin.



1: Mark Thompson, Judge Bruce Peterson, Susan Ledray, Chief Judge Lucy Wieland and Assistant Chief Judge James Swenson.

2: Nominees Susan Ledray, Tammy Halonen, Mary Kay Long and Vicki Villalpando.

3: Paul Simonett, Doris Simonett, Tammy Halonen, Judge Martha Simonett, Former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice John Simonett and Henry (Hank) Shea after the ceremony. Tammy worked for Anne V. Simonett when she served on the bench in the Fourth District.

4: Paul Simonett, Doris Simonett, Judge Martha Simonett and retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice John Simonett attend the ceremony in honor of Anne Simonett.

### The Employee Appreciation and Recognition Committee honors the Domestic Abuse Service Center with the 2006 Division Award



*Front row, left to right: Kathy DiCicco (District Court Receptionist), Mary Zetzman (District Court Writer), Nicole Loffman (District Court Writer). Samantha Freeman (District Court Writer), and Janet Miemietz (District Court Receptionist). Back row, left to right: Faughn Ramisch-Church (Human Services Representative III), Sue Fite (County Attorney Advocate), Melanie Terwey (Probation Officer), Nicki Slick (Principle Support Services Supervisor), Sue Striker (District Court Writer), Katie Brey (Court Operations Manager), Judy Mathison (Court Operations Supervisor) and Deqa Hussen (Advocate from the Brian Coyle Center).*

Early in the morning on October 17, 2006, before the doors to the Domestic Abuse Service Center opened, the EAR Committee presented the District Court employees of DASC with the 2006 Division Award. In addition to a plaque commemorating the honor, the EAR Committee hosted a full breakfast for DASC staff and stakeholders.

Each year, the EAR Committee seeks nominations for the division who demonstrates worthwhile efforts to support District Court's mission and vision. In evaluating nominees, the EAR Committee considers accomplishments of the divisions nominated. Committee members also give weight to how the division benefits

and motivates others.

There were two nominations submitted for the Domestic Abuse Service Center in recognition of its numerous collaborations with other agencies in order to provide better customer service.

The holistic approach to domestic violence embraced by DASC has created a place where "...customers now have more options than just meeting with District Court staff to write a restraining order. Now they can also file charges, obtain information about housing and shelters, apply for Economic Assistance, and speak with representatives from Child Protection, Probation and community agencies housed right in the DASC office." Another

aspect of the holistic approach employed by DASC is that domestic violence is a community problem, not just a problem of an individual.

These collaborations have helped DASC give court customers the resources to increase their safety in the future.

DASC is a national model of collaborative assistance to domestic abuse victims and is often visited and consulted by other counties, states and countries seeking to implement a similar service center in their own jurisdiction.

This honor follows DASC's National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award from last month.



Above: Some of the hosting EAR Committee members pictured left to right: Dawn Nyberg (TVB), Rosemarie Lascala (TVB), Nancy Ellingson (Southdale) and Elizabeth Dold (Civil Intake/PSL).



At left: dozens of the 150 Ovations received from internal and external customers noting thanks and appreciation for District Court employees hang on display at the celebration hosted by the EAR Committee on October 26, 2006.

At right: Sophia Boschulte & Krista Sandhofer, both from Housing Court, smile for the camera.



Below: Dawn Nyberg (TVB) moderates the Pictionary match while Rob Martin (HR) draws a scary monster.



Number of Court employees recognized by Ovations in the 3rd quarter of 2006 .....	150
3 economy-sized cans of chili.....	\$18
Playing Pictionary with your coworkers over lunch.....	Priceless

### Housing Court hosts a Mediator Appreciation Lunch and Training at Ridgedale

By The Honorable Mark Labine, District Court Referee

On October 6, 2006, Housing Court hosted a Mediator Appreciation Lunch and Training at the Ridgedale library conference room for mediators who volunteer their time at Housing Court, Conciliation Court and Harassment Court. Forty-one volunteer mediators attended the lunch and training.

The Minneapolis Mediation Program and Community Mediation Services together provide Housing Court, Conciliation Court and Harassment Court with volunteer mediators to help the court manage its large caseloads for these calendars. Michelle Gullickson Moore serves as the Executive Director of the Minneapolis Mediation Program and Beth Bailey-Allen serves as the Executive Director of Community Mediation Services.

The two non-profit mediation programs receive funding from District Court to administer these programs.

Many of the mediators who participate are, for the most part, volunteers. Many of the mediators who participate have been doing these cases for years. One mediator has done over 3400 housing court cases since the program began.

Statistics show that in 2004, volunteer mediators handled 883 cases, settling 737 of those. In 2005, they handled 1032 cases, settling 863. From January to August of 2006, they have assisted with 970 cases, settling 792 so far this year. This is an 83% settlement rate.

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The Appreciation Lunch and Training was hosted by District Court as a way to show its appreciation for the services provided by the volunteer mediators who come to Housing, Conciliation and Harassment Courts.

The skills, dedication and professionalism they bring with them are an invaluable part of the Housing Court in Hennepin County.

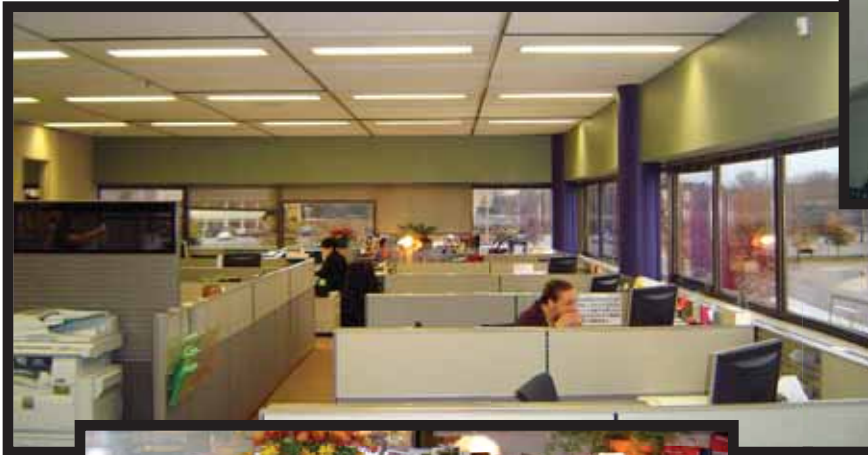
Presenters included: Referee Mark Labine, Kay Richards (Court Operations Supervisor), Jessica Kutcha-Miller (Minneapolis Mediation Program), Doug Turner (landlord attorney), Larry McDonough (managing attorney of the housing unit of the Legal Aid Society), and Referee Linda Gallant.

Lynn Fuchs (Civil/PSL Court Operation Manager), Fred Hendrickson (Housing Court Operations Supervisor), and Kay Richards (Conciliation Court Operations Supervisor) organized the program.



*From left: Referee Mark Labine, Referee Linda Gallant with Jim Campbell, a mediator from the Minneapolis Mediation Program.*

### A new look for Ridgedale



**New phones, too!**



**Before remodel**



**Enjoying the new workstations (Deb Feltis)**

Rhoda Daggett, Court Operations Supervisor at Ridgedale, reported that Ridgedale received a facelift in September. The new VoIP phones were installed the first week in September, replacing the old 10-key 1950's style phones. In addition to looking nicer, the new phones function much better than the old phones. Callers now enjoy music when put on hold and the ring tones are much more pleasant. The new phones also feature more current technology enabling users to employ the speaker phone feature and speed dialing.

The new workstations arrived the second week in September. Prior to the new workstations, staff rotated from desk to desk. Now employees have their own ergonomically correct workstations and the work rotates. Two mini stations were also added new the front counter to provide additional accessible work space.

Dan Goede served as the staff representative to Facilities and helped choose the color scheme, among other things, used in the new workstations.



## Recently completed and on-going projects

- ViOP telephone conversion at Ridgedale completed (see photo on page 6)
- New workstations at Ridgedale completed (see photos on page 6)
- C12 Conference Room planning
- Juvenile Justice Center capital improvement project-continued space planning
- Southdale-continued space planning
- C3 abatement started

## Committee updates

- Newly formed Security Committee
- Facility Committee to meet to discuss courtroom design at JJC

## Capital Projects 2007

The following projects were recommended to the County Board by the Capital Budget Task Force on October 12th, 2006.

- Juvenile Justice Center remodel
- Southdale service counter improvements
- Courtroom communications systems upgrades
- Furniture/space efficiency modifications
- Probate/Mental Health C4 remodel
- C12 changes
- C11 changes



### **A volunteer experience: someone, hand me a chain saw!**

By The Honorable Donna Fredkove, District Court Referee

Nechama is a Minnesota volunteer disaster relief organization that I have been doing volunteer work with for a few years now. It started out helping people clean up after floods, tornadoes, and other storms in Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Dakotas; and just after Hurricane Katrina struck, Nechama started sending volunteers outside of the Midwest.

Nechama trained me to use a chain saw, and has assigned me to work from cleaning up flooded basements in Apple Valley and Howard Lake to cleaning up tornado damage in Siren, Wisconsin and various parts of Minnesota. I learned how to use tools safely, how to dress and what kind of tools to use for various disaster relief tasks. Nechama provides tools and training, and loans the tools to other organizations, such as churches, that send volunteers to a disaster site.

Although Nechama is funded by the Twin Cities Jewish community, there are no religious criteria for volunteers or recipients of the disaster relief services. I have met many interesting people doing volunteer work for Nechama. Most of the volunteers are people who work in offices or medical facilities in their careers, and many had no manual labor skills before joining Nechama.

You do not need to be big, strong,

or use power tools to volunteer with Nechama. You do need to be willing to get up early on Sunday mornings to take long bus rides or drive your car to disaster sites, and you have to be willing to get your hands FILTHY.

Some of the work is the kind of thing you would have thought was fun when you were a kid, like tearing down walls and throwing away sheetrock. A lot of the work is de-construction (not exactly destruction) of damaged buildings and trees. It is kind of the reverse of what I do for another organization, Habitat for Humanity, where I have helped build a four-plex. The Nechama work is physically easier than the building for Habitat, but emotionally it is harder because I have felt the pain of those who have lost all or part of their homes and farms.



### District Court reaches out to families at the PICA Headstart Fall Family Festival



*DeVetta McInstosh of the Traffic Violations Bureau hands out candy to some of the families who stopped to ask questions about traffic tickets.*



*Virginia Kuberski, Staff Attorney at the Self Help Center, chats with a mother at the Resource Fair.*



*Armando Vilchez, of the Criminal Division, uses his Spanish-speaking skills to help answer questions.*

On Saturday, October 21, 2006, several District Court employees spent the day assisting families at the annual Parents in Community Action-Headstart Fall Family Festival. District Court volunteers included: Armando Vilchez (Criminal), DeVetta McIntosh (TVB), Virginia Kuberski (Self Help Center), Walter Burk (Self Help Center-Family), Janet Miemietz (DASC) and Judy Mathison (DASC). Staff provided brochures, website information, informational videos and answers to questions people had about many areas of the court. Thank you to the staff who volunteered their time and expertise at this community outreach event!

# SAVE THE DATE



national  
adoption day

[www.nationaladoptionday.org](http://www.nationaladoptionday.org)

NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2006.

IT IS A COLLECTIVE NATIONAL EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE 119,000 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE WAITING TO FIND PERMANENT, LOVING FAMILIES. SINCE 1997, HENNEPIN COUNTY HAS PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT.

THIS YEAR THE CELEBRATION WILL INCLUDE: ADOPTION FINALIZATION HEARINGS, A PROGRAM AND FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER.

CONTACT INFORMATION: ANA DEAN-PODRATZ (HPHSD) AT 612-348-4341 OR SHELDYN HIMLE (JUVENILE COURT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR) AT 612-348-9678.

# SAVE THE DATE

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR  
MARY GAGNE

NOVEMBER 30, 2006  
12:00 - 1:30 P.M.

PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS ON THE LOCATION

## 2007 Open Enrollment is Underway

**Open enrollment is your opportunity to change your benefits selection for the upcoming calendar year!**

### Open Enrollment for Hennepin County Paid and Benefited Employees: November 6-22, 2006

The 2007 open enrollment period for health and dental coverage and flexible spending accounts is Nov. 6 - 22. Important information (electronic 2007 open enrollment guide, health and dental plan and rate changes, employee meetings, health assessment information, flexible spending account details, and more) and form links are available on the intranet. The same information is also on the internet (click on Employment and Volunteering, then Benefits Information). Need a paper copy of the program book or an enrollment form? Send e-mail to Employee Benefits (include your department and mail code). Questions? Send e-mail to Employee Benefits or call 612-348-3530. Please call Candace if you have any questions 612-348-5181.

### Open Enrollment for State Paid and Benefited Employees - November 1-14, 2006

## What is Open?

### Health Insurance

Employees may add or drop family coverage

Employees may change insurance carriers

### Long Term Disability

Employees can enroll in or add to your LTD coverage

### Pre tax Accounts

Employees must re-enroll for 2007 for Dependent Care Expense Account, Medical/Dental Expense Account and/or the Transit Expense Account.

**If you choose to not make any changes to your health plan, the only considerations would be to re-enroll in the pre-tax accounts.**

**Take the health assessment to receive the \$5.00 off your co-pays.**

## What is Not Open?

Dental Insurance- (Open every other year, will be open for plan year 2008). Do check your dental primary care clinic to ensure participation for Plan Year 2007.

Additional Life Insurance - May apply for coverage anytime with evidence of good health

Short Term Disability – may apply for coverage any time with evidence of good health

**How to Get More Information? DOER HOME PAGE at [www.doer.state.mn.us](http://www.doer.state.mn.us)**

**DOER CALL CENTER at 651-355-0100**

## EMPLOYEE MEETINGS

**View the DOER Home Page for a schedule of meetings**

**\*Special Information Meetings for Fourth District State Employees  
November 9, 2006 10:00-11:30 a.m C-2300 Conference Room**

**Questions? Call HR Staff:**

**Chris Matimba at 612-348-5754**

**Deb Morse at 612-348-3317**

**Candace Albers at 612-348-5181**

**Rob Martin at 612-596-8814**

# Events

Monthly meeting calendar at a glance

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	<p><b>Bench Meeting</b> 12:15-1:15 p.m. C2300</p>	<p><b>Critical Issues</b> 12:15-1:15 p.m. C12</p>	<p><b>Criminal Justice Task Force</b> 12:15-1:15 p.m. A2300</p>	<p><b>Senior Managers Team</b> 8:30-10:00 a.m. C1400</p> <p><b>Court Operations Supervisors</b> 10:00-11:30 a.m. C1257</p> <p><b>Jnt Committee on Corrections</b> 12-1:30 p.m. C2300</p> <p><b>Equal Justice Committee</b> 12:15-1:30 p.m. JJC 3C</p> <p><b>Mental Health Committee</b> 12:15-1:30 p.m. C400</p>	<p><b>Judges' Networking</b> 7:30-9:00 a.m. C1400</p>
<b>Week 2</b>		<p><b>Administrative Staff</b> 9:30-11:00 a.m. C1400</p> <p><b>Criminal Committee</b> 12:15-1:30 p.m. C1400</p>	<p><b>Executive Committee</b> 7:15-9:00 a.m. C1400</p>		<p><b>Judges' Networking</b> 7:30-9:00 a.m. C1400</p>
<b>Week 3</b>	<p><b>Civil Committee</b> 12:15-1:30 p.m. C1400</p>	<p><b>Critical Issues</b> 12:15-1:15 p.m. C12</p> <p><b>Family Court Bench</b> 12:15-1:30 p.m. FJC 172</p>	<p><b>Senior Managers Team</b> 1:30-3:00 p.m. C1400</p>	<p><b>Juvenile Court Bench</b> 12:15-1:30 p.m. JJC 3A</p> <p><b>Court Operations Managers</b> 2:00-3:30 p.m. C400</p>	<p><b>Judges' Networking</b> 7:30-9:00 a.m. C1400</p> <p><b>Landlord/Tenant Bench &amp; Bar</b> 12:15-1:15 p.m. A1744</p>
<b>Week 4</b>	<p><b>Presiding Judges</b> 12:15-1:30 p.m. C1400</p>	<p><b>EAR Committee</b> 7:30-9:00 a.m. C400</p> <p><b>Bench &amp; Bar Committee</b> 12:00-1:00 p.m. C957 or HCBA</p>	<p><b>Executive Committee</b> 7:15-9:00 a.m. C1400</p> <p><b>Public Trust &amp; Confidence</b> 12:15-1:30 p.m. C1059</p>	<p><b>Court Operations Leadworkers</b> 2:00-3:30 p.m. C1400</p>	<p><b>Judges' Networking</b> 7:30-9:00 a.m. C1400</p>

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**Bench Meeting**

Chief Judge Lucy Wieland  
Agenda and Minutes: Deb Morse  
1st Monday of Month  
C2300, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

**Bench and Bar**

Judge TBA  
4th Tuesday of Month  
C957 or HCBA, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

**Civil Committee**

Judge Frank Connolly  
Minutes: Lynn Fuchs  
3rd Monday of Month  
C1400, 12:15 p.m.

**Criminal Committee**

Judge Stephen Swanson  
Minutes: Donna Badje  
2nd Tuesday of Month  
C1400, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

**Criminal Justice Task Force**

Judge Stephen Swanson  
Minutes: Donna Badje  
1st Wednesday of Month  
A2300, 12:15 p.m.

**Critical Issues**

Marsha Unthank  
Agenda: Deb Morse  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of Month  
C12, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

**Drug Court Steering Committee**

Judge Gary Larson  
Quarterly Basis  
C641, 7:30-9:00 a.m.

**Equal Justice Committee**

Judge Pamela Alexander  
Minutes: Jamie Smith  
1st Thursday of Month  
JJC 3C, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

**Executive Committee**

Chief Judge Lucy Wieland  
Agenda and Minutes: Deb Morse  
2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month  
C1400, 7:15-9:00 a.m.

**Family Court Bench**

Judge Bruce Peterson  
3rd Tuesday of Month  
FJC172, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

**Joint Committee on  
Community Corrections**

Board/Bench  
Chief Judge Lucy Wieland  
1st Thursday of Month  
C2300, 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.

**Juvenile Court Bench**

Judge Tanya Bransford  
3rd Thursday of Month  
JJC 3A, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

**Landlord/Tenant Bench and Bar**

Referee Mark Labine  
3rd Friday of Month  
A1744 (*settlement rm*), 12:15-1:15 p.m.

**Mental Health Court Committee**

Judge Richard Hopper  
Agenda and Minutes: Manette Chineth  
1st Thursday of Month  
C400, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

**Presiding Judges**

Agenda and Minutes: Deb Morse  
4th Monday of Month  
C1400, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

**Public Trust & Confidence**

Judge Kevin Burke  
Minutes: Jamie Smith  
4th Wednesday of Month  
C1059, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

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**Administrative Staff Meeting**

Mike Kelley  
Agenda and Minutes: Cheri Sayre  
2nd Tuesday of Month  
C1400, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**Court Operations Managers**

Katie Brey  
3rd Thursday of Month  
C400, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

**Court Op. Leadworkers**

Human Resources Specialist  
4th Thursday of Month  
C1400, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

**Employee Appreciation & Recognition**

Liz Dold & Amanda Bloodsaw  
4th Tuesday of Month  
C400, 7:30-9:00 a.m.

**4th Ct Op. Supervisors**

Jason Kujanen  
1st Thursday of Month  
C1257, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Senior Admin Managers  
Team Meeting**

Mike Kelley  
Agenda & Minutes: Cheri Sayre  
1st Thursday of Month  
C1400, 8:30-10:00 a.m. &  
3rd Wednesday of Month  
C1400, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

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**Staff Photo of the Month**

Congratulations to Leo Willey, Court Operations Supervisor in the Criminal Division, for being the first to correctly identify Rita Weimar in last month's Staff Photo of the Month.

Who is in the photo on the right and what is she doing?

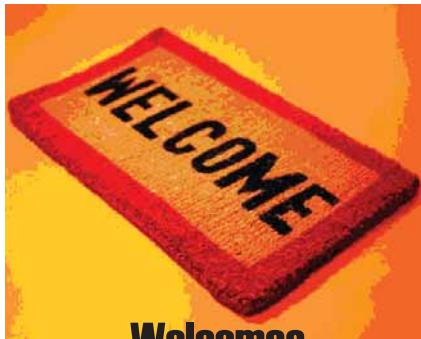
The first person to correctly identify this information will win a prize. The winner will appear in the next issue of the *Full Court Press*.

Please email your answer to Public Affairs at [Jamie.Smith@courts.state.mn.us](mailto:Jamie.Smith@courts.state.mn.us). Good luck!



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**Welcomes**

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Sana Ansari  
*Judicial Clerk*  
Judge Robiner

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Jennafer Hernandez  
*Judicial Clerk*  
Judge Swenson

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Jessica Vosejпка  
*Judicial Clerk*  
Judge Wernick

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Erin Rellias  
*Law Clerk Trainee*  
Judge Pihlaja



**Farewells**

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Lisa Bachmeier  
*Judicial Clerk*  
Judge Swenson

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Jennifer Nodes  
*Law Clerk*  
Judge Pihlaja

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Amanda Hagen  
*Attorney*  
Self Help Center

\*

Omboga Omanwa  
*Office Asst. II*  
Probate

\*

Pamela Monson  
*Senior Court Clerk*  
Criminal



**Promotions**

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Rebecca Lee  
*Senior Court Clerk*  
Housing

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Deb Morse  
*HR Specialist*  
Human Resources

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Alfredo Trinidad  
*ITSIV*  
Information Technology

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DeAnn Hallberg  
*Hearing Officer*  
Hearing Office

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Rob Martin  
*HR Assistant*  
Human Resources

# NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

*Thank You for Your Years of Service*

## 40+ Years

Jerome Gardner	Court Reporter	41
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## 30+ Years

Kathleen Mattson	Sr. Court Clerk	33
Mary Gilligan	Adm. Hearing Officer	30

## 25+ Years

Patricia Olive	Sr. Court Clerk	29
Jill Nelson	Judicial Clerk	29
Nancy Adams	Ct. Clk. Leadworker	27
Deborah Hedlund	Judge	26
Julie Schoenborn	Ct. Clk. Leadworker	26
Candace Johnson	Sr. Court Clerk	26

## 20+ Years

Velann Andersen	Adm. Hearing Off.	24
Leana Reese	Ct. Ops Analyst	23
Burdette Gillespie	Judicial Clerk	23
John Sommerville	Judge	23
Michael Steinbring	Sr. Court Clerk	21

## 15+ Years

Rhoda Daggett	Ct. Ops Supervisor	17
Lisa McCollough	Sr. Court Clerk	16

## 10+ Years

DeVetta McIntosh	Sr. Court Clerk	14
Markeitha Wilson	Judicial Clerk	13
Jack Nelson	Sr. Court Clerk	13
Laurie Middleton	Sr. Court Clerk	12
Beverly Goldman	Sr. Court Clerk	12
Sheryl Franklin	Sr. Court Clerk	12
Kathleen Feldman	Court Reporter	11
George Zissos	Clerk II	11

## 5+ Years

Denise Reilly	Judge	9
Francis Connolly	Judge	8
Gayle Brooks	Sr. Court Clerk	8
Sheri McGruder	Judicial Clerk	7
Warren Sagstuen	Judge	6
Matt Clementson	Law Clerk	6
Cara Nasi	Court Reporter	6
Nancy Schneider	Law Clerk	5

## 3+ Years

Suzanne McCollor	Court Clerk	4
Mark Wernick	Judge	4
Armando Vilchez	Sr. Court Clerk	4
Christa Block	Court Reporter	4
Sondra Davison	Sr. Court Clerk	4
Toni Jean Rahn	Law Clerk	3

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