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“Probation Officer of the Year” Awarded in Celebration of National Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week

The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) recognizes the efforts of community corrections professionals in a week-long celebration every year. July 17-23 marks the 2022 National Pretrial, Probation, and Parole Supervision Week. Kane County Court Services participates in the APPA event by providing luncheons, team-building festivities, and often a service event that benefits residents of the local community. The department also recognizes one staff member whose service record goes above and beyond the normal call of duty. This individual is presented with the “Probation Officer of the Year” award.

This year, Krista Larson was recognized as Probation Officer of the Year in a majority vote by her peers. Since beginning her career with Court Services in 2007, Ms. Larson has continually stepped beyond the typical duties of her position. She voluntarily facilitated “Thinking for a Change” – a cognitive-behavioral treatment group – on a weekly basis for both adults and juveniles. Ms. Larson also *trained* some of her fellow probation officers as well as detention staff on how to facilitate this type of therapy. This required her to successfully complete a highly selective and intensive program in Colorado that ultimately certified her as a “Trainer of Trainers” by the National Institute of Corrections.

Presently, Ms. Larson supervises nearly 60 adults on probation for a sexually motivated offense. She started in the sex offender program in 2014 and is the longest tenured staff in that unit. As such, she is routinely shadowed by new officers, especially when meeting with clients out in the community and inside their homes. Ms. Larson is extremely resourceful when it comes to connecting people to the help they need and is passionate about working with the local homeless population. Court Services is proud of her contributions both in and out of the office.

She was recognized before the Judicial and Public Safety Committee of the Kane County Board on July 14, 2022. The Honorable Clint Hull, Chief Judge of the 16th Circuit and Lisa Aust, Executive Director of Kane County Court Services presented her with this award.

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