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During the court awards ceremony Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the County Administration Building in Kingman, officials from each court division presented 'Making a Difference' awards to individuals who 'demonstrated outstanding job performance, exemplary customer service and have made noteworthy accomplishments that have improved court operations.' Pictured (from left) are Chief Probation Officer Friend Walker and award-winner Bridget Long, Justice of the Peace Tom Brady and award-winner Daniel Meister, award-winner Barry Kudera and Municipal Court Judge Michael Slovek, Award-winners Christine Cornman and Lorrie Back with Chief Deputy Clerk of the Court Audrey MacDonald and Superior Court Administrator Kip Anderson.

Mohave County Courts employees honored

KINGMAN – During the 15th Annual Mohave County Court and Probation Conference, court employees received honors for outstanding service.

Presiding Mohave County Superior Court Judge Randolph Bartlett began the two-day conference by listing achievements and presenting awards Tuesday morning, Jan. 12, at the County Administration Building in Kingman. He said the Probation Department's move into a newly remodeled facility will take place in February. He discussed a variety of accomplishments and programs and commended Chief Probation Officer Friend Walker and his department, Clerk of the Superior Court Virlynn Tinnell and her staff, Superior Court Administrator Kip Anderson and the Limited Jurisdiction Court judges and employees and Information Technology staff for hard work and achievements.



Recipients of the Mohave County Courts TEAM (Together Employees Achieve More) award for 2010 pose with Superior Court Judge Richard Weiss Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the County Administration Building in Kingman. Pictured are (from left) Caseflow Manager Lorrie Back, Court Team Mental Health Coordinator Tonya Ford, Superior Court Administrator Kip Anderson and Weiss.



Presiding Mohave County Superior Court Judge Randolph Bartlett presented service milestone certificates to court employees who have achieved five years of service to the citizens of the county. Honored employees pictured at the County Administration Building in Kingman on Tuesday, Jan. 12, are (not in order of appearance) Alicia Richardson, Daniel Meister, Peggy McCoy, Justice of the Peace Richard Lambert, Angela Jackson, Crystal Richards, Sue Saunders, Jeri Bundy, Travis Heaton, Justice of the Peace Mitchell Kalauli, Susan Fellows, J.J. Klein, Stacy McClellan, Kyle Smith, John Somma, Robert Stefick, Dianna Waller, Joette Engan and Norma DeLong.



Service milestone certificates were presented to court employees who have achieved 10 years of service to the citizens of the county. Honored employees pictured at the County Administration Building in Kingman on Tuesday, Jan. 12, are (not in order of appearance) Elaine Grissom, Kathy Matson, Sue Ulrich, Pamela Gonzales, Tara Newman, Bunnie Morey, Judy Diaz, Kathrine Barhydt and Arlyn Valentine.

Service milestone certificates were presented to employees “to recognize them for their hard work, dedication and service to the citizens of Mohave County.”

Five-year service certificates were presented to Alicia Richardson, Daniel Meister, Peggy McCoy, Justice of the Peace Richard Lambert, Angela Jackson, Crystal Richards, Sue

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Ten-year service certificates were presented to Elaine Grissom, Kathy Matson, Sue Ulrich, Pamela Gonzales, Tara Newman, Bunnie Morey, Judy



Service milestone certificates were presented to court employees who have achieved twenty years of service to the citizens of the county. Honored employees pictured are (from left) Art Mayo, Nancy 'Diann' Lee and Cynthia Bracy.

Diaz, Kathrine Barhydt and Arlyn Valentine.

Art Mayo, Nancy 'Diann' Lee and Cynthia Bracy were all recognized for 20 years of service while Alan Chamberlain was honored for 25 years.

Five individuals were recognized with "Making a Difference" awards by their court division officials.

Bullhead City Justice of the Peace Tom Brady presented the first award to Justice Court Services Assistant Daniel Meister.

"Dan's main duty is working with the public at the front window," Brady said. "Nobody is more suited for the job than Dan.... He exhibits good judgment, hard work, efficiency and caring for both the customers and his fellow workers."

Bullhead City Municipal Court Judge Michael Slovek presented a "Making a Difference" award to Court Manager Barry Kudera. He said Kudera, who also teaches a class at Mohave Community College, has worked his



Presiding Mohave County Superior Court Judge Randolph Bartlett (center) poses with Deputy Probation Officer Senior Alan Chamberlain (left) who was honored with a service milestone certificate for having achieved twenty-five years of service to the citizens of the county. Superior Court Law Librarian Lori Linn (pictured next to Bartlett) assisted during the court awards presentations.

way up to court manager, having done virtually every job in the court.

"He goes out of his way to make sure everyone knows what is going on," Slovek said. "In addition to what he does for the court, afterhours he is a member of the county emergency services volunteer group.... He is cheerful, helpful and an incredible employee. He cannot retire until I do."

Chief Deputy Clerk of the Court Audrey MacDonald honored Court Services Assistant Christine Cornman.

Cornman has "come in, learned her stuff and learned other jobs," MacDonald said. "You can see that drive in her to do the best job she can do and get it right the first time."

Chief Probation Officer Friend Walker presented a "Making a Difference" award to Deputy Probation Officer Senior Bridget Long.

Long "fills one of our most



Committee on Judicial Education and Training (COJET) Chairperson Cheryn Brewer (left) is honored for her 2009-2010 service by Presiding Mohave County Superior Court Judge Randolph Bartlett.

critical positions in helping us fulfill our mission, especially in the area of giving people the opportunity to change lives,” Walker said. “In this tight economic time, she has found us no-cost and low-cost treatment programs for our probationers. She has truly made a difference in their lives and for our courts.”

Superior Court Administrator Kip Anderson presented Caseflow Manager Lorrie Back with the individual honor. He said Back had taken on several extra responsibilities during the last couple of years and has spent a lot of time cleaning up data for the new case management (AJACS) system. She has also been working with Judge Richard Weiss on a new grant-funded program,



Mohave County Superior Court Judge Randolph Bartlett (left) receives a plaque of appreciation for his service as presiding judge from Superior Court Administrator Kip Anderson.

and “if you can keep up with Judge Weiss, you deserve an award,” he said.

Bartlett said the type of people who are being honored all share three traits.

“They do what they are supposed to do. They do it when they are supposed to do it. They do it right the first time,” he said. He described the next award, the TEAM (Together Employees Achieve More) award for 2010, as being created to honor “a team of employees who worked together to achieve a goal, critical project or outcome that greatly improved customer service and/or court operations.”

Weiss then presented the TEAM award to Caseflow Manager Lorrie Back, Court Team Mental Health Coordinator Tonya Ford and Superior Court Administrator Kip Anderson. Weiss explained that the court team

approach grew to be recognized by First Things First, and eventually funded by the organization, to assist the 0 to 5 population. That approach is there because of the hard work of “Kip, Lorrie and Tonya,” he said.

“We take pride in our court’s history in placing significant emphasis on high-quality, cost-effective, judicial employee education,” Bartlett said concerning the conference. “It takes a considerable amount of time and behind-the-scenes effort to put on this annual conference. We are very fortunate to have a local COJET committee made up of employees who volunteer their time to plan, organize and sponsor this conference. Behind every great committee, there is a chairperson who has the added responsibility to motivate, guide and lead the efforts....”

Bartlett presented COJET Chair Cheryn Brewer to the audience and showed the Chair Perpetual Plaque which contains her name with those of prior chairs.

Anderson then announced there would be one more award presented. He honored Bartlett with a plaque of appreciation for his work as presiding judge. Bartlett’s term as presiding judge would be over at the end of January, Anderson said.

“I wish to thank you all for this recognition,” Bartlett said. “What we’ve been able to accomplish was because of the court administration staff, the individual employees, the judges and members of the public. I accept this award in that it was not my achievement; it was our achievement.”