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### **Peter M. Coyne and Thomas Reilly are Suffolk County's Co - Court Employees of the Month**

**CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y.** - Suffolk County's District Administrative Judge, Alan D. Oshrin, is pleased to announce that Peter M. Coyne and Thomas Reilly, Court Officers in Supreme Court and Family Court, respectively, are being honored on January 24, 2002, as Co-Court Employees of the Month for January in recognition of their outstanding work over the years as peer coordinators in the Unified Court System's Employee Assistance Program.

The Unified Court System's Employee Assistance Program was established in the early 1980's to provide confidential, voluntary referral services to employees facing problems in their personal lives that, if left unaddressed, may affect job performance. Volunteer Peer Coordinators, like Peter and Tom, were essential to the success of this program because they provided a safe and confidential way for employees to obtain resources that could help them address their personal

concerns.

The professionalism and dedication of the peer coordinators gave recognition to the importance of providing employees with a means to address a wide range of personal issues. The Unified Court System, together with the unions that represent its employees, determined to build upon the success of the Peer Program. In September of 2001, the Work/Life Program was introduced to provide a wider range of services through an independent professional counseling service. Accordingly, it is very appropriate at this time to honor Peter and Tom for their tireless efforts on behalf of the Employee Assistance Program and the employees which it served.

Both Peter and Tom have had long and distinguished careers in the Unified Court System. Peter began his career as a Court Officer in Suffolk County Family Court in 1979. In 1981, he was promoted to Senior Court Officer and assigned to Supreme Court in Hauppauge. Peter has been in his present position in Supreme Court in Riverhead since 1990.

Peter and his wife Peggy reside in Sound Beach and are the proud parents of (6) children, who reside on Long Island. Needless to say they are all very proud of their father.

Tom, the co-recipient of this month's award, began his career as a Court Officer in Bronx Criminal Court in 1981. He transferred to Suffolk County District Court in 1986 and thereafter, in 1987, moved on to his present assignment in Family Court in Suffolk County.

Tom and his wife Jacqueline are longtime residents of Hampton Bays, and are the proud parents of six (6) children. Tom's son Dennis, 28, is expected to join him on this special day.

Peter and Tom are being recognized for their long and distinguished service as Employee Assistance Program Coordinators. Peter began his work as a peer coordinator in 1986 and, in 1987, Tom joined him. Over the years they formed a partnership that was based on dedication, commitment and trust. The overwhelming success of the program in Suffolk County is directly attributed to Peter and Tom's genuine desire to help co-workers in need.

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Peter and Tom provided a personal touch and a genuine caring attitude toward those who sought their help. They were available to their co-workers at any time of the day or night and were vigilant in protecting the confidentiality of those who participated in the program. Peter and Tom simply did whatever was necessary to ensure that troubled employees received the help that was necessary.

The true measurement of the impact that Peter and Tom had can be found in the thousands of employees and their families who successfully participated in the program over the years. By touching so many lives Peter and Tom have shown their heartfelt compassion for their co-workers and raised the bar for all of us to strive to meet.

In sum, for their invaluable dedication and commitment to the employees of the Suffolk County courts since 1986, Peter and Tom are most deserving of this month's Employee of the Month award.

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