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From: Hon. Anne Minihan
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Good afternoon, Ninth!

I am so pleased to be able to share some good news with you all today. The Westchester County Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Westchester County Bar Association, selected 6 outstanding non-judicial employees in the District to receive the prestigious Joseph F. Gagliardi Award for Excellence. This award was established 29 years ago by the WCBF in honor of Judge Gagliardi to recognize the exemplary service given by non-judicial employees of the Unified Court System in the Ninth Judicial District. What makes this year unusually special is that the WCBF has decided to present awards for 2020, 2021, and 2022. In light of all of the difficulties that we in the Courts and our colleagues in the legal community have had during these years when Covid has impacted not only the functioning of the Courts but has taken its toll on our personal and professional lives, it is wonderful to know that the sacrifice and service of our dedicated non-judicial employees can be acknowledged this way. I am gratified, but not at all surprised, to have learned that there were many nominees from all over the District and that it was a very difficult task to select those upon whom this award for distinguished service should be conferred.

On November 17, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in the Joseph F. Gagliardi Courtroom (200) of the Westchester County Courthouse (Annex, 2nd floor), we, together with the WCBF, will recognize and celebrate the exemplary service of these wonderful Court employees from the District:

2020

***Valerie Buzzell, Principal LAN Administrator, Ninth Judicial District
Sara Beaty, Principal Law Clerk to Hon. Thomas P. Zugibe, J.S.C.***

2021

***Lynn McKelvey, Chief Clerk of Orange Supreme and County Courts
Melissa Benjamin, Principal Law Clerk to Hon. James A. McCarty***

2022

***Sheronica McClamb, Court Assistant, Yonkers City Court
Anna Kosoyvch, Chief Clerk of Rockland County Family Court***

I encourage all Court employees (with the permission of their supervisors) to attend this event. For Judges who are planning to come, I ask that you assemble (in robes) in the jury room behind Courtroom 200 at 2:45 p.m. If you will be attending from somewhere other than White Plains, please contact Melissa Mangal to arrange parking.

Congratulations to our award winners. I am proud of the work you and your colleagues in the Ninth do every day and I am grateful to be able to work with you.

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