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Philip Gallo, Esq. Awarded 2009 Quality Service Award New York State Unified Court System, 10th Judicial District, Suffolk County

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. - Suffolk County's District Administrative Judge, H. Patrick Leis III, is pleased to announce that Philip Gallo, Esq., Senior Court Attorney in the District Court in Central Islip, has received the New York State Unified Court System's 2009 Quality Service Award in Suffolk County.

Annually, a non-judicial employee in each judicial district throughout the state is presented with the Quality Service Award, recognizing his or her dedication, hard work and contribution to fulfilling the Unified Court System's mission to provide the public with a judicial forum for the fair and efficient resolution of disputes. For the second year in a row, the distinction has been awarded to a long time Smithtown resident. This year's recipient, Philip Gallo, a resident of Saint James, is recognized

for over thirty-two years of unsurpassed commitment and dedication to serving the public with dignity, professionalism and courtesy.

Mr. Gallo began his career with the Unified Court System as a uniformed court officer where he developed a compassionate understanding of how difficult it can be for members of the community to navigate their way through a court system that is often daunting and mystifying. After attending law school while working full time as a court officer, he was appointed to the position of court attorney in the District Court where he now serves the judges in a confidential capacity as a senior court attorney. He is known for his "behind the scenes" efforts to help make the District Court a more fluid and productive part of the justice system and for mentoring other attorneys in the court. He has eagerly taken on new assignments such as assisting in developing policy, interfacing with community based alternatives to incarceration agencies and outside law enforcement agencies. Mr. Gallo interacts with attorneys and litigants and community agencies, in a way that assures each person that his or her case is important.

In sum, Mr. Gallo is a model court employee who is known not only for his diligence and the quality of his work, but also for his willingness to help his fellow workers, and, it should be noted, his pleasant and reassuring demeanor. He is truly a credit to the legal profession and is most deserving of this award.

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