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John Hilgeman is Suffolk County's Court Employee of the Month

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. - Suffolk County's District Administrative Judge, Alan D. Oshrin, is pleased to announce that John Hilgeman, a Court Attorney/Referee in the Supreme Court/County Court Law Department located in the County Court in Riverhead, is being honored on October 1, 2002, as Employee of the Month for October.

John is a 1969 graduate of the State University at Albany. He pursued his legal education at New York Law School and obtained the degree of Juris Doctor in 1972. John's career in the Suffolk County courts began in July of 1975 as a Court Attorney in the County Court in Riverhead. Now in his 28th year of service, John is a Court Attorney/Referee assigned to the Supreme Court/County Court Law Department and is responsible for performing various research and analysis of complex legal issues in both civil and criminal matters, drafting legal opinions and memoranda,

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as well as providing supervision of other court attorneys and support staff in the department.

John, a long time resident of North Haven, will be sharing this special day with his wife, Maureen. John and Maureen are the proud parents of two (2) children, Sean, of Seattle and Christine of Boston. Needless to say, they are both very proud of their father.

John is being recognized for nearly twenty-eight (28) years of unsurpassed dedication and commitment to his job, as well as to his colleagues, in the Suffolk County courts. Over the years he has consistently performed his daily responsibilities in a superior manner.

Perhaps more important than the professional attributes that John demonstrates on a daily basis is his outlook and approach to his work. John always has a smile and a good word for everyone. He brings many endearing qualities to the law department, including his warm sense of humor. Without a doubt, the most meaningful tribute to John comes from those he works with each and every day. John has been described by his co-workers as being knowledgeable, thorough, honorable, sincere, patient, thoughtful, considerate, kind, caring and affable. Simply put, John is the type of employee that the Employee Recognition Program was designed to recognize. On a daily basis, he offers assistance to others with sincere enthusiasm, genuine kindness and unyielding patience; he is truly a team player.

In sum, John is a model public servant and a valued member of our Suffolk County court family. Without a doubt, his presence over the past twenty-seven (27) years has truly made the Suffolk County courts a better place and, for that alone, he is most deserving of October's Employee of the Month Award.

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