



**FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
CITY OF NEW YORK**

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MEMORANDUM

To: All NYC Family Court Personnel

From: Edwina G. Richardson-Mendelson
George Cafasso

Date: July 25, 2013

Re: DIY Star Awards

We are overjoyed to report to you that the DIY Star Awards have been bestowed on New York County Family Court Assistant Deputy Chief Clerk Nick Rapallo, Court Assistant Juntel Sheard, and the entire staff of the New York County Family Court Help Center and Petition Room.

The DIY Star Award was established by the New York State Courts Access to Justice Program, under the direction of Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Fern A. Fisher, and is presented from time to time to UCS personnel and courts who have made exceptional contributions to the successful development and implementation of the DIY Form programs.

We are thrilled to congratulate Nick Rapallo, Juntel Sheard, and the New York County Help Center and Petition Room staffs. Their hard work and dedication to providing exceptional service to the public have earned them this high recognition. Their work is all the more remarkable because they have maintained their extraordinary determination to serve the public well despite the difficulty of working with fewer resources under the current budget restrictions.

Judge Fisher will present the awards in Manhattan Family Court on August 8 at 1:00 P.M. We applaud the honorees, along with their supervising judge, the Honorable Douglas Hoffman, and their Clerk of Court, Evelyn Hasanoeddin, who have both vigorously promoted the efforts of the DIY program.