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RE: DIY Star Award

Dear Ava,

It is with great pleasure that I am able to offer my congratulations to you and your staff as the recipients of the DIY Star Award, and want to thank you for your dedicated service.

Your commitment and continuing efforts to provide those individuals who are unable to afford an attorney with a means to obtain necessary forms and instruction to use the Small Estate Program, and the support and compassion given by your staff to these individuals is most admirable.

Because of a previous commitment, I am unable to attend the ceremony today, but again, want to congratulate you and your staff for the exceptional contribution and development of this program.

Very truly yours,

Hon. James C. Tormey
Administrative Judge
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