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## American Bar Association Honors San Diego Superior Court's Community Outreach Efforts

*Outreach Coordinator Julie Myres Receives National Recognition*

The American Bar Association (ABA) is presenting the *Burnham "Hod" Greeley Award* to San Diego Superior Court employee Julie Myres on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at its mid-year conference in Miami, Florida. Ms. Myres heads the San Diego Superior Court's Community Outreach and Education programs.

The ABA states, the national honor is given each year to "...a person or organization who has made a significant positive impact on public understanding of the role of the judiciary in a democratic society and its importance to the rule of law."

According to Presiding Judge Jeffrey Barton, "Julie Myres has been an innovator for the San Diego Superior Court and the legal community in creating outreach programs for the students of San Diego County. She has brought tens of thousands of students into our courts and has greatly expanded awareness of the role of the third branch of government and the rule of law."

"I am honored and thrilled to receive this award on behalf of the San Diego Superior

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Court's Community Outreach and Education program. Our Court is committed to educating our community, especially our youth, about the important role the judicial system plays in a thriving democracy. It is important for people to literally walk the halls of a courthouse and observe a court hearing. This personal contact makes a real impact," says Julie Myres.

The San Diego Superior Court's Outreach program is one of the largest in the nation. Each year approximately 15-thousand people, mainly students 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade meet with judges, sit in trials and then discuss their observations. Ms. Myres tirelessly has worked on programs such as Passport to Life, Justice 101 and the San Diego County Mock Trial competition.

The award honors the late Hawaii attorney Burnham "Hod" Greeley, a dedicated leader within the ABA who was committed to promoting public trust and confidence in our justice system.

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