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Municipal Clerk Receives Clerk of the Year Honors

A Carlsbad City Clerk known for her professionalism and her extensive dedication to local volunteer organizations has been selected as the New Mexico Municipal Court Clerk of the Year, Municipal Judge Janell Whitlock announced.

Kim Hernandez, who began working for the City of Carlsbad Municipal Court in 1995, was awarded the honor at the annual New Mexico Municipal Court Clerks Conference in July. Prior Court Clerks of the Year selected the winner from this year's list of nominations.

Municipal Judge Janell Whitlock, Court Administrator Collis Johnson, Police Chief Kent Waller, Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway and Eddy County DWI Coordinator Cyndi Sharif all submitted letters in support of Hernandez, who is the court's Assistant Court Administrator.

“She has always been a team player and willing to assist others when needed and without hesitation,” Whitlock and Johnson wrote. “As well as being a dedicated court employee, she is trustworthy, talented and has donated countless hours to making Carlsbad a better place to live.”

“This is a very well-deserved honor,” said Carlsbad Mayor Dale Janway. “Kim is an excellent ambassador of the City of Carlsbad who is always helpful and knowledgeable.”

Sharif noted Hernandez’s support with the DWI Program Haunted House and a variety of programs aimed at eliminating occurrences of DWI.

“No matter the task, Kim is always dedicated, intuitive, professional and committed,” Sharif wrote.

Police Chief Kent Waller also cited Hernandez’s dedication during her 22 years of service, and mentioned her commitment to youth athletics programs.

Hernandez is a Carlsbad native who graduated from high school here in 1990. She has an Associate’s Degree in Secretarial Administration from New Mexico State University-Carlsbad.

She has served the court as a court clerk for 19 years, when she was promoted to Assistant Court Administrator. She has attended numerous court staff conferences and training sessions during her tenure.

Hernandez and her husband, Michael, have two daughters, Kelsey and Ashley. Hernandez described herself as a “Cheer, dance and softball mom,” who enjoys volunteering at car washes, trash pickups and with the Cavemen and Cavegirl booster programs. She and Michael were selected as community “Unsung Heroes” in 2003.

Caption: Kim Hernandez, Assistant Administrator with the Carlsbad Municipal Court, was honored as New Mexico Municipal Court Clerk of the Year during the annual Court Clerks Conference.