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JUDGE CAROLYN M. CAIETTI AWARDED 2016 WILMONT SWEENEY JUVENILE COURT JUDGE OF THE YEAR

Garden Grove, CA - Judge Carolyn M. Caietti is the Wilmont Sweeney Juvenile Court Judge of the Year for 2016. She was awarded the honor December 6, 2016 by the Juvenile Court Judges of California, a section of the California Judges Association, during the *Juvenile Law Institute* program in Garden Grove, California.

Appointed in 2006 to the San Diego Superior Court, Judge Caietti has served since 2008. She served as Assistant Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court from 2011 to 2013, and has served since 2013 as Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court.

Judge Caietti has received recognition for her work with youth by the Juvenile Justice Commission and San Diego County Bar Association as "Outstanding Jurist of the Year". She is an instructor with CJER on Juvenile Delinquency. Judge Caietti developed curricula for and frequently presents on juvenile justice issues at local schools and organizations, including helping to create the "Passport to Life" program, which now serves 700 probation-involved youth, teaching them about opportunities available to them as they transition from being a youth on probation into adulthood with adult responsibilities. Judge Caietti also developed prevention curriculum for "Justice 101 for Students" and "Justice 101 for Parents" and has vigorously pursued the goal of enlightening youth and parents about the juvenile justice system.

Judge Caietti works tirelessly and creatively for the improvement of everything important to juvenile judges and the youth they serve. One of her colleagues had this to say about her: "*Judge Caietti's dedication to the juvenile court system is evident in her work both locally and statewide. She eagerly and generously shares her knowledge and insight with other bench officers around the state.*"

The Wilmont Sweeney Juvenile Court Judge of the Year Award is presented annually to a California Juvenile Court Judge who exemplifies innovative dedication to California's youth. Judge Wilmont Sweeney was a longtime advocate of finding alternatives to detention centers for juveniles, such as rehabilitation and counseling, thus the award is presented to a judge who exhibits the same dedication as Judge Sweeney.

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