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Sarpy County Court Judge Todd Hutton Awarded Distinguished Judge for Service to the Community

County Court Judge Todd Hutton of Papillion was awarded the Distinguished Judge for Service to the Community Award on Thursday, October 18, 2007. The award, presented by Chief Justice Mike Heavican, is the highest honor given by the Nebraska Supreme Court recognizing members of the judiciary for meritorious projects and exemplary accomplishments that enhance the vision of justice within Nebraska communities.

Judge Hutton was nominated for his determination in the establishment of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation's PEOPLE committee and his leadership of its Media Subcommittee. The Public Education Outreach Promoting the Law & Equity (PEOPLE) Committee was established to help judges and lawyers develop skills in public outreach, community collaboration, community leadership, and public service.

The committee is structured to include equal numbers of attorneys and judges working together to meet the educational needs of the public regarding the Judicial Branch.

In establishing the committee, Judge Hutton formulated a plan to focus on outreach to teachers and news reporters as the two groups who have the greatest ability to impart knowledge to a large segment of Nebraskans.

Judge Hutton, who has less than 10 years on the bench, has volunteered many of his evenings and weekends designing various law-related projects including the establishment of the PEOPLE committee.

In presenting the award, Chief Justice Heavican thanked Judge Hutton for his dedication to the legal profession and his creativity in public outreach.

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