



Texas Association of County Auditors

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Julie Kiley
Williamson First Assistant County Auditor
Denise Linch Assistant Auditor Award Recipient
TACA 2009-2010

Dear Julie:

It is my privilege and an honor to select you to receive TACA's prestigious Denise Linch Assistant County Auditor Award for 2009-2010. Congratulations!

County Auditor offices across this state are full of dedicated and hard working Assistants who support their Auditor ensuring that the duties and responsibilities of the office are fulfilled. In fact, based on statewide county auditor staffing data there are approximately 1,200 plus assistants, of which 305 are registered as TACA Members, all of which support 191 County Auditors. These assistants furthermore routinely handle their duties at the highest professional level and support their County Auditor in an outstanding fashion. Singling out just one from among the outstanding Assistants out there is far from an easy task.

I singled YOU out as this year's recipient because I believe that your career exemplifies the level of sustained excellence that this award was created to recognize. As an Assistant County Auditor for the past 16 years, you have served diligently in your county in the areas of Internal Auditor, Accounts Payable, and Payroll and promoted to Internal Auditor Manager and Financial Manager. Counterparts in your County say you are a person that adapts quickly and who has become the go to person to get things done in Williamson County. Due to your outstanding performance, you were initially recognized in October 2005 when you were promoted to the position of First Assistant. That promotion was validated by the fact that you are still there.

To expand on this further, in Williamson County, you continually play an instrumental role in successes locally such as achieving awards and recognition by receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for your Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of which 2008 marked the 18th consecutive year of this prestigious award. Furthermore, you assisted your county in excelling even further with the publication of the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) of which this award has been maintained for 4 consecutive years 2005-2008.

Of late, your County received the Texas Comptroller's "Gold" Leadership Circle Award for its success in implementing financial transparency online. The "Gold" designation highlights those entities that are setting the bar in their transparency efforts. Without a doubt, from scanning your website and the information online, I am sure your county is extremely proud of your contributions and accomplishments.

What does David Flores, Williamson County Auditor have to say about Julie Kiley? "Julie brings the combination of intellect and passion to what we do as Auditors. She is a true warrior for

what is right, because she is committed to the highest principles of integrity. She does this courageously without blinking an eye because she believes and cares about our role as auditors in county government. I appreciate the association for recognizing Julie because she is truly a deserving individual who makes a difference and continues to raise the bar on professionalism."

During the 81st Legislative Session, in an effort to stop several pieces of bad legislation like HB 561 and HB 2320, along with many other TACA members, you rallied with the TACA Legislative Committee making your County's and TACA's presence known in response to the call for testimony in Austin which contributed to TACA's unprecedented success.

You were elected by the membership to serve on the TACA Board of Directors and without hesitation you stepped up and took charge as the TACA Comments Committee Chair and have done a commendable job. Furthermore, you represented TACA well in your active role throughout the year serving on the CIRA Criminal Justice Information Technology Steering Committee as a Subject Matter Expert. You are an individual that without a doubt exhibits an unending willingness to help others and shines through in everything that you do. When TACA needs help, you step right up and we thank you!

On behalf of the TACA membership, please accept the prestigious Denise Linch Assistant County Auditor Award for 2009-2010 for your exceptional contributions, outstanding service for the betterment of Texas County Government, and especially for being such a superb role model for all Assistant County Auditors and I am very proud to know you.

Respectfully,



Edward A. Dion

TACA President 2009-2010