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## **Department of Justice recognizes employees with Awards of Excellence**

WHITEHORSE—The Department of Justice has recognized the achievements of two staff members and one project team at its annual Awards of Excellence ceremony.

"These awards recognize and celebrate the significant efforts made by our departmental staff this year," Minister of Justice Brad Cathers said. "The 2015 recipients have been recognized by their peers as key contributors to the department by serving Yukoners and improving access to justice programs and services."

This year's recipients are:

- Sylvie Bellefontaine, court technologist
- Denise Dollin, land titles registrar
- The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Prevalence Study team: Shelley Halverson, Tracy Illerbrun, Kailey LeMoel, Allison McNeil, Natasha Phillips, Loree Stewart, and Anya Zimmerman.

Bellefontaine was honoured for increasing access to justice via courtroom video conferencing and closed-circuit television. Thanks to her work, witness and victim testimonies can be heard from any location, coroner's inquests can be live-streamed from Yukon communities, and large-scale court hearings can be simulcast to overflow courtrooms.

Dollin was recognized for nearly 30 years of government service, 15 of them as land titles registrar. In addition to her extensive expertise with Yukon's land titles system, Dollin has been an integral part of the Land Titles Modernization Project, while continuing to provide exceptional service to land titles clients.

The FASD Prevalence Study team was honoured for its dedication to this challenging research topic, and for the care and compassion exhibited when working with study participants. Their ground-breaking study has won well-deserved national recognition.

The Department of Justice Awards of Excellence are presented each December to individuals or groups who perform their duties in an exceptional manner and whose efforts serve as a model for the rest of the department. Nominations are assessed based on the criteria of quality service, leadership, innovation and a demonstrated understanding of organizational goals, objectives and values.

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