

## Rachael Federico 2024 Outstanding Department Volunteer for the Marion County Justice Court

Rachael isn't able to join us this evening, but we are thrilled to recognize her as one of our volunteers whose service truly embodies both care and dedication.

Since stepping into her role as a volunteer pro tem judge, Rachael has served the citizens of Marion County with compassion and fairness - hearing small claims, eviction, and traffic cases with impartiality and thoughtful attention.

Where she shines most brightly, however, is in her work officiating weddings. Rachael brings heart to each ceremony, personalizing them with stories about each couple's journey and thoughtfully chosen readings. On Valentine's Day, when the county closed due to weather, she recruited her Rabbi and a friend to witness weddings, ensuring that couples still had a joyful, memorable celebration.

Rachael's commitment goes beyond showing up—it's about showing up with integrity and warmth. She treats everyone who appears before her bench with respect, even when tensions rise or emotions run high.

Beyond her individual work, Rachael exemplifies collaboration and generosity of spirit. She seeks out the perspectives of fellow judges, and her thoughtful, sharp legal mind has become a trusted resource for Judge Kidd.

Please join me in celebrating and thanking Rachael for her service to the Marion County Justice Court.

