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On November 14, 2018, the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department hosted the Eighth Annual Milton Mollen Commitment to Excellence Award ceremony. This annual award, established in 2011, is named in honor of former Presiding Justice Milton Mollen, to recognize the achievements and efforts of the employees of the Unified Court System within the Second Judicial Department who have demonstrated professionalism, dedication and extraordinary service to their court or agency. The award ceremony, held in the Second Department courthouse in Brooklyn Heights, New York, was presided over by Presiding Justice Alan D. Scheinkman and the Associate Justices of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department. Also in attendance were the Administrative Judges in the judicial districts that make up the Second Department, who presented the awards, as well as former Presiding Justice Mollen's son, Scott Mollen, who is himself an accomplished attorney.

The eight award winners are: **Joe Leddo**, Court Clerk Specialist, Supreme Court, Kings County (2nd Judicial District), **John Hussey**, Chief Clerk IV, Supreme and County Courts, Rockland County (9th Judicial District), **Jean McNee**, Case Management Coordinator, Nassau County (10th Judicial District - Nassau), **Michael Scardino**, Chief Clerk IV, Supreme Court, Suffolk County (10th Judicial District - Suffolk), **Michael Cheung**, Technical Manager, Supreme Court, Queens County (11th Judicial District), **Michael Bisceglie**, Court Officer (13th Judicial District), **Haydee Mason**, Secretary (Mental Hygiene Legal Service, Second Judicial Department) and the Second Department's own **Gregory Edwards**, Senior Local Area Network Administrator. Brigadier General John F. Hussey's award was presented via Skype, as he is currently deployed with the United States military in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In announcing the names of the eight award recipients, Presiding Justice Scheinkman said, "It is my privilege to continue the tradition started by Former Presiding Justice Prudenti to recognize the dedicated and committed court employees in the Second Judicial Department with this honor. The recipients of this award, indeed, all those who were nominated, are the people who work on the front lines, so to speak, providing much needed assistance to the members of the bar and the public who depend upon our courts. We in the court system are fortunate to have such extraordinary individuals serving the public on our behalf."

Presiding Justice Scheinkman expressed his deepest appreciation to the members of the Executive Selection Committee, and, in particular, to its Chairperson, the Honorable Reinaldo E. Rivera, for their hard work in evaluating the nominations received and in choosing this year's recipients. In addition to Justice Rivera, this year's Executive Selection Committee was comprised of the Honorable Mark C. Dillon, the Honorable Ruth C. Balkin, and the Honorable Cheryl E. Chambers, all of whom are Associate Justices of the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, and Aprilanne Agostino, Clerk of the Court.

